



Minutes of the Regular of the Council of the Town of Bentley

September 26, 2023

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Eastman
Councillor Grimsdale (Virtual)
Councillor Valiquette
Councillor Hansen
CAO, Marc Fortais

Call to Order Mayor Rathjen called the regular meeting to order at 6:45pm

Indigenous Acknowledgement "We acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Home of Metis Nation Region 3, on land that is part of a historic agreement involving mutuality and respect. We recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands."

Read by Mayor Rathjen

Agenda

Motion 212/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the September 26, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 213/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230669 to 20230709

Motion 214/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT Cheques No. 20230669 to 20230709 be received for information.”

Carried

New Business

a) Lacombe Tourism Presentation

A presentation was given by Lacombe Tourism Board Chair Merry Kuchle and Lacombe Tourism Executive Director Austin Weaver.

Motion 215/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, “THAT Lacombe Tourism presentation and 2023 reporting be accepted as information.”

Carried

b) FCSS Presentation – Barb Carson

Manager of Community Services and FCSS provided presentation regarding the FCSS program and the services that are provided. In addition, the newsletter was discussed, and administration shared a plan to cease mailing the newsletter within Bentley for 2024 and to only mail to the RR1 addresses outside the community. As an alternative the newsletter would still be printed, and copies left at drop locations within Bentley including the Post Office. It would also be posted online and available at the Town Office. The result will be cost savings in the long run for printing, less waste and still provide availability to those residents that want to read it. There was no concern raised from council regarding this plan and no motion was made.

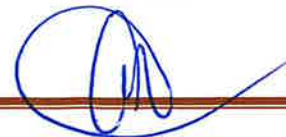
Motion 216/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT the driving happiness program that was piloted in Bentley be discontinued, due to the lack of utilization and lack of volunteers; AND

THAT Town Administration be directed to explore and implement similar services through volunteer link.”

Carried

Motion 217/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimdsdale, “THAT the report provided by FCSS – Barb Carson, be accepted as information.”

Carried



Correspondence

- a) **Lacombe County Council Highlights – September 14, 2023**
- b) **2023 International Muse Creative Design Awards – Gold for Town of Bentley for branding**
- c) **Letter of appreciation – Lacombe County – Medicine Lodge Ski Hill Masterplan**

Motion 218/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, “THAT correspondence items a) to c) be received for information.”

Carried

Other Business

- a) **Meeting with Mike Damberger (Alberta Transportation) at AM Conference – Discussion surrounding cost share of the Bentley Bike Path September 29, 2023, 8:15am**
- b) **Meeting with MLA Jason Nixon at AM Conference – Discussion regarding Council Priorities**

Mayor and Council briefly discussed the advocacy surrounding the two meetings. The meeting with AT to discuss capital costs for a lift of the bike path from Bentley to Gull Lake and the meeting with MLA Jason Nixon to discuss funding surrounding the rehab of Dick Damron Drive. Mayor and Council were all agreeable to the topics of discussion and to the position of the Town of Bentley to seek financial support regarding these two topics.

No motion was made.

- c) **An additional item was discussed by Councillor Hansen that was not added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting was regarding reporting on the David Thompson Health Authority meeting she attended.**

- AHS is struggling with health care.
- Message is – be sure to support your health care workers as they are short staffed and expected to deal with ongoing long-term issues.
- Needs to be work done to improve the moral of staff that have been hit by ongoing pandemics, staff shortages, and burn out.
- There is also increased violence in the workplace from frustrated patients who are not receiving the care that they need in a timely manner.

No motion was made.



Adjournment

Motion 219/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the September 26, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be adjourned at 8:47pm".

Carried



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais