



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

November 28, 2023

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Eastman
Councillor Grimsdale
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 240/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the November 28, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include an additional item as other business to discuss a meeting that took place at the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill on November 14, 2023, with representation from indigenous communities, medicine lodge ski club, mayor and council and town of Bentley administration as well as Alberta Culture."

Carried

Motion 241/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the amended agenda of the November 28, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 242/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Motion 243/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Organizational Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230791 to 20230874

Motion 244/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT Cheques No. 20230791 to 20230874 be received for information."

Carried

b) Mayor and Council Remuneration Listings

- **May paid in June.**
- **June paid in July.**
- **July paid in August.**
- **August paid in September.**
- **September paid in October.**
- **October paid in November.**

Motion 245/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council Remuneration Listings from May to October be received for information."

Carried

New Business

a) Arena Rental Rates 2023 to 2024 Season (frozen at 2019 rates)

Motion 246/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize CAO Marc Fortais to freeze arena rental rates for the 2023 to 2024 season at the same rate changed for the 2022 to 2023 season."

Carried

b) 2024 Water and Sewer Collection Rates – Bylaw 244/2023

Motion 247/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Bylaw No. 244/2023 being a bylaw of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta to



amend Schedule A of the Water and Sewer Bylaw No. 207/2018 to establish rates and charges for the provision of water and sewage collection for the 2024 year, be read a first time this 28th Day of November 2023.”

Carried

Motion 248/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT Bylaw No. 244/2023 be read a second time this 28th Day of November 2023.”

Carried

Motion 249/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT Bylaw No. 244/2023 be presented and considered for third and final reading this 28th Day of November 2023.”

Carried Unanimously

Motion 250/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, “THAT Bylaw No. 244/2023 be read a third and final time and passed this 28th Day of November 2023.”

Carried Unanimously

c) 2024 Garbage Rates – Bylaw 245/2023

Motion 251/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT Bylaw 245/2023 being a bylaw of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta to amend Schedule A of the Garbage Collection and Disposal Bylaw No. 100/06 to establish rates of charges for the provision of garbage collection and disposal for the 2024 year, be read a first time this 28th Day of November 2023.”

Carried

Motion 252/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT Bylaw 245/2023 be read a second time this 28th Day of November 2023.”

Carried

Motion 253/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, “THAT Bylaw 245/2023 be presented and considered for third and final reading this 28th Day of November 2023.”

Carried Unanimously



Motion 254/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Bylaw 245/2023 be read a third and final time and passed this 28th Day of November 2023."

Carried Unanimously

d) 2023 3rd Quarter Financial Report and Goals Update

Motion 255/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the 2023 3rd quarter financial report and goals update as presented by CAO Marc Fortais be accepted as information."

Carried

d) Bentley Library Board Appointments

Motion 256/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Mayor and Council appoint the following persons to the Town of Bentley Library Board for the term specified as follows:

Alan Wilson term from November 1, 2023, to June 27, 2025

Pam Hansen term from October 24, 2023, to October 22, 2024

Carried

Correspondence

a) Lacombe County Council Highlights – November 14, 2023

Motion 257/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT correspondence item a) be accepted as information."

Carried

Other Business

a) Medicine Lodge Ski Hill Site Visit with Medicine Lodge Ski Club and First Nations Representation from O'Chiese, Samson, Asini Wachi, Metis Nation, and others.

- Mayor Rathjen and Councillor Hansen provided an overview of a meeting that took place at the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill with representation from the Medicine Lodge Ski Club, Alberta Culture, O'Chiese First Nation, Samson First Nation, Asini Wachi, Metis Nation and other representation from Chief Joseph Piche, Chief Alvin Larocque, Chief Bobtail, chief Papaschase, Chief Peeyasis, Dumont senior hereditary family, Mooswa Letendre hereditary family, Daychief hereditary family.

- The intent and purpose of the meeting was to continue meaningful and good faith dialogue with the nations regarding the future of the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill, and to find ways to work collaboratively to protect culturally significant sites that may exist in and around the hill.
- It was a good meeting with great conversation. It was also made clear by O'Chiese elders and representatives that only O'Chiese speaks for O'Chiese, and that this area was within their territory.
- Mayor and Council are committed to continuing the dialogue with the nations ensuring that O'Chiese stays informed and is included in discussions regarding activity at the hill.

Council Reports

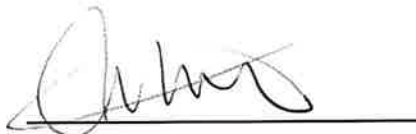
- a) **Greg Rathjen**
- b) **Deputy Mayor Valiquette**
- c) **Councillor Hansen**
- d) **Councillor Eastman**
- e) **Councillor Grimsdale**

Motion 258/2023 Moved by Councillor Hanse, "THAT the council reports for October be accepted as information."

Carried

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais