



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

January 23, 2024

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

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

Call to Order Mayor Rathjen called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm

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 26/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 27/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the minutes of the January 9, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be amended to reflect that prior to motion 13/2024 being passed that both Mayor Rathjen **"and Councillor Eastman"** declared a potential conflict of interest due to their roles on the community van society. It was inadvertently missed in the minutes that Councillor Eastman also declared the conflict and left the room."

Carried

Motion 28/2024 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the amended minutes of the January 9, 2024, Council Meeting be accepted as amended."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20240012 to 20240032

Motion 29/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT Cheques No. 20240012 to 20240032 be received for information."

Carried

Unfinished Business

a) Bentley Community Hall request for funding stair project (Municipal Historic Building) (Delegation Bentley Community Hall Board)

- Presentation was made by Bentley Community Hall board members Carol Bayntun and Amanda Farrell.
- Request of council to support the stair project with a \$20,000 contribution and indicating that the stone walls will be preserved.

Motion 30/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the Bentley Community Hall be approved to receive a grant of \$20,000 from the Town of Bentley to refurbish and restore the front stairs; AND

THAT the grant be funded first from any operating surpluses at the end of 2024, if there are surpluses; AND

THAT in the event there are no operating surpluses at the end of 2024 that the amount be funded from general reserves."

Carried

b) Bentley Minor Hockey (Delegation)

- A delegation including Bobbi Talsma and Chad Kimmel from Bentley Minor Hockey presented information regarding the new structure of minor hockey and its relationship with Blindman Valley Minor Hockey. The intention of sharing this information was to provide further clarity regarding the significance of Bentley Minor Hockey in the larger organization and why it is now part of the larger organization.
- Minor Hockey also discussed that they have been successful with their application for the Provincials and will be hosting a tournament on Mar 21 to Mar 24.
- The two points above were listed on the agenda as new business and the grant ask was listed as unfinished business, but both were dealt with at the same time and therefore are shown here.
- Minor Hockey also made a request to Mayor and Council to provide additional funding to support the continued renovation of the Canuck Room at the Bentley Arena.



Motion 31/2024 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Bentley Minor Hockey be approved to receive a grant of \$19,650 from the Town of Bentley to complete the Canuck Room renovation and finish the washroom portion of that renovation at the Bentley Arena; AND

THAT the grant be funded first from any operating surpluses at the end of 2024, if there are surpluses; AND

THAT in the event there are no operating surpluses at the end of 2024, that the amount be funded from general reserves."

Carried

New Business

a) Bentley Minor Hockey

- Provincial Tournament and Support
- Bentley Minor Hockey Association Structure

As indicated above under unfinished business, these points were discussed as part of the delegation and during the unfinished business portion of the meeting.

It should be noted that Minor Hockey was also requesting that a bit of support be provided by the town through our contractor or other means to help prepare the facility for the tournament and may include some additional cleaning and painting.

No formal motion was made by Mayor and Council regarding this.

b) Medicine Lodge Ski Hill – Formal Response from Medicine Lodge Ski Hill regarding masterplan

- Delegation including Greg Chernoff (President) and Ross Moore (Vice President) attended the council meeting.
- Presentation was given by Greg Chernoff to speak about the club's opinion, thoughts, and alignment to the masterplan for the hill.
- Overall, the club is happy with the work that has been done to date and will continue to move forward to pursue funding through grants and will leverage those grants to obtain other funding.
- Mr. Chernoff thanked Mayor and Council and administration for our ongoing support.

Motion 32/2024 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the presentation provided by the Medicine Lodge Ski Club be accepted as information."

Carried



c) Public Works Report

- General Public Works Report
- Parks & Recreation Report
- Water Meter Radio and Handheld Replacement Strategy

Motion 33/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT all information presented as the Public Works Report be accepted as information."

Carried

Motion 34/2024 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT an amount of \$18,403.53 be approved to replace the handheld used for utility meter reads and provide the required training for the device; AND

THAT administration continue to look to find a grant to offset some of the cost of that replacement and future replacements for the radios and meters associated to utility meter reads."

Carried

Correspondence

- a) Lacombe County Council Highlights January 11, 2024
- b) Information Bulletin – Monkey Top Fire

Motion 35/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT correspondence item a and b be accepted as information."

Carried

Other Business

- a) **ABMunis webinar on Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF)**
 - CAO Fortais provided an overview on the importance of understanding the LGFF allocations process.

Motion 36/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Councillor Grimsdale be approved to attend and be compensated for his attendance at the January 18, 2024, AB Munis seminar on Local Government Fiscal Framework."

Carried



b) Calgary Outdoor Adventure Trade Show – March 16 & 17, 2024

Motion 37/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT CAO Marc Fortais be authorized to attend the Calgary Outdoor Adventure Trade Show to represent Bentley and accompany Lacombe Tourism to promote Central Alberta."

Carried

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the January 23, 2024, Regular Council Meeting at 9:04pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais