



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

**February 13, 2024**

***In-Camera meeting at 6:00pm in advance of regular council meeting***

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**Date and Place** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office and In-Camera meeting held at 6:00pm in advance of the regular council meeting.

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

**In-Camera Meeting** Pursuant to section 194 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA. 2000 c.M-26, a Special In-Camera Council Meeting conducted in-person took place and began at 6:00pm in advance of the Regular council Meeting on February 13, 2024, in the Council Chambers (Seniors Drop In) at the Town Office.

**Motion 38/2024** Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the special in-camera meeting of Mayor and Council be closed to the public at 6:00pm, pursuant to section 24(1) and 27(1) of the Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act - ***Advice from Officials / Privileged Information - Land Matter.***"

**Carried**

**Motion 39/2024** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the special in-camera meeting of Mayor and Council be concluded, and that Mayor and Council reconvene in public at 6:43pm"

**Carried**

**Call to Order**

**Regular Meeting** Mayor Rathjen called the regular meeting to order at 6:44pm

**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 40/2024** Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT the agenda of the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include CAO Evaluation as an additional item for New Business.”

**Carried**

**Motion 41/2024** Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT the amended agenda of the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and council be approved as amended.”

**Carried**

**Previous Minutes**

**Motion 42/2024** Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT the minutes of the January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted.”

**Carried**

**Financial**

**a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20240033 to 20240083**

**Motion 43/2024** Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT Cheques No. 20240033 to 20240083 be received for information.”

**Carried**

**Unfinished Business**

**a) Annual Recreation, Cultural and Tourism Funding Support Program - Bentley Minor Soccer (Missed Application)**

**Motion 44/2024** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT the application received from Bentley Minor Soccer for the Annual Recreation, Cultural and Tourism funding support program to support the purchase of jerseys, balls equipment and netting, in the amount of \$5,000 be approved.”

**Carried**

**b) Oxford Park – Municipal Park**

- A discussion took place with Mayor and Council regarding next steps for Oxford Park.
- There was some mention of adding more Picnic Tables and allowing others to donate to the park – ie a park bench program. Administration indicated this is something that could be explored, should Mayor and Council wish for Administration to do so. No motion was made.
- Mayor and Council again discussed the options presented and reiterated that the washroom facility was still a logical path forward at this time.
- There was still some trepidation to spend larger amounts due to other competing priorities for the town.

**Motion 45/2024** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the information presented for Oxford Park be received as information"; AND

THAT administration bring back updated quotes regarding the cost to install a washroom facility in the park once received."

**Carried**

**New Business**

**a) Land Sale – 4810 55<sup>th</sup> Ave (Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 152 1374)**

**Motion 46/2024** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council approve the sale of Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 152 1374, located in the Town of Bentley within the Sunset Heights Subdivision, to Timco Quality Builders Ltd, in the amount of \$49,900, subject to the **Terms and Conditions** listed below this motion; AND

THAT any development permit application submitted, must be presented to the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) to verify alignment to the Architectural Standards for the subdivision."

**Carried\***

*\*It should be noted that Councillor Grimsdale requested that the vote be recorded. The vote was 3 For and 2 Against as follows:*

Councillor Valiquette	For
Mayor Rathjen	For
Councillor Eastman	For
Councillor Hansen	Against
Councillor Grimsdale	Against

**Terms and Conditions are as follows:**

**Excepting thereout all mines and minerals**

**Purchaser**

Timco Quality Builders

**Sale Price**



The Sale price is \$49,900.00 including any applicable GST. But does not include any development costs or permits.

### **Environmental Considerations**

The subject property is sold on an “as is – where is” basis.

### **Fees and Disbursements**

The purchaser shall be responsible for all legal and registration fees associated with the transaction.

### **Vendor Conditions**

Subject to approval of this agreement by Town of Bentley Council

The Seller will rebate the Buyer \$6,900 on completion of the basement on the condition that completion occurs within 12 months of closing date. Completion is defined as the walls of the basement have been erected and are permanently in place.

### **Purchaser Conditions**

Financing condition before 6pm February 23, 2024

Subject to the Town of Bentley approving the development application as to the placing an existing home M497, sold by McCann builders and moving it onto the lot.\*

\*Development Permit will require architectural standards as established through Bylaw 216/2020 to be met for the exterior of the home. This is separate from the Purchase Agreement but will be condition of the development permit.

### **b) Annual Water and Wastewater Reports**

**Motion 47/2024** Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT the Annual Water & Wastewater Reports for the year ending December 31, 2023, be received, approved, and accepted by Town Council as information.”

**Carried**

### **c) CAO Evaluation**

Councillor Hansen asked Mayor and Council, when they would be undertaking the CAO Evaluation for Town of Bentley CAO.

Mayor Rathjen indicated it is in the works, it has just been a busy time and there hasn't been a moment for him to put it together.

CAO Marc Fortais reminded Mayor and Council that the Municipal Government Act requires under section 205.1, that Council must provide an annual written performance evaluation of the CAO with respect to fulfilling the responsibilities under Section 207. No motion was made.



## Correspondence

### a) Lacombe County Council Highlights January 25, 2024

**Motion 48/2024** Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT correspondence item a) be accepted as information."

**Carried**

## Other Business

**None**

## Council Reports

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

**Motion 49/2024** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the January Council Reports be accepted as information."

**Carried**

## Adjournment

**Mayor Rathjen adjourned the February 13, 2024, Regular Council Meeting at 8:02pm**



**Mayor Greg Rathjen**



**CAO Marc Fortais**