



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

March 26, 2024

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office.

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

Call to Order

Regular Meeting Mayor Rathjen called the regular council 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 71/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include a brief discussion and update from Mayor Rathjen regarding the Gull Lake Watershed."

Carried

Motion 72/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the agenda of the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include an update regarding the donation received and set aside for the construction of a future soccer field."

Carried

Motion 73/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the amended agenda of the March 26, 2024, be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 74/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20240167 to 20240208

Motion 75/2024 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Cheques No. 20240167 to 20240208 be received for information."

Carried

New Business

a) Delegation Susan Samson – Sylvan Lake Urgent Care Health Foundation

Presentation was given to Mayor and Council regarding the formation of the Sylvan Lake Urgent Care Health Foundation and the Ask from Susan Samson for Town of Bentley to joint the Foundation.

No decision was made regarding this but will be determined at a future council meeting.

Motion 76/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the presentation given by Susan Samson regarding the Sylvan Lake Urgent Care Foundation be received as information."

Carried

b) Bentley Arena Ice Plant Replacement

Motion 77/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize CAO Marc Fortais to award a contract to Red Deer Heating and Refrigeration to construct a new ice plant for the Bentley Arena to a maximum value not to exceed \$802,317.05; AND

THAT this will include all costs including any required engineered drawings, reviews, permitting and code compliance, and ground preparation for the site; AND



THAT CAO Marc Fortais formally request and secure a grant from Lacombe County for 50% of the funding to support the utilization of the facility by county residents; AND

THAT should Lacombe County not approve funding to support the ice plant, that CAO Marc Fortais, undertake to obtain debenture funding to support the ice plant replacement to be paid back through future LGFF and/or CCBF Grant Funding in 2025; AND

THAT the remainder of the funds for the project be allocated from 2024 LGFF and/or CCBF Grant funding.”

Carried

Correspondence

- a) **Lacombe County Council Highlights – Regular Meeting March 14, 2024**
- b) **Lacombe County Council Highlights – Special Meeting March 14, 2024**
- c) **Lacombe County – Volunteer Farm Vehicle Checks**
- d) **Assessment Model Review – Minister Ric McIver**

Motion 78/2024 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT correspondence item a) to d) be accepted as information.”

Carried

Other Business

a) Urban Hens

Councillor Hansen shared some information with Mayor and Council regarding other communities that have programs to support Urban Hens. She also mentioned a desire to amend the animal control bylaw to include language that would allow urban hens within the Town of Bentley. Currently the bylaw only allows hens on parcels larger than 1 acre. Mayor Rathjen indicated that items such as this, should be added within the upcoming strategic planning and goal setting to not create additional burden on administration currently with the current priorities.

Motion 79/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT an objective to review the Animal Control Bylaw to include urban hens be considered as part of the strategic planning process.”

Carried



b) Gull Lake Watershed

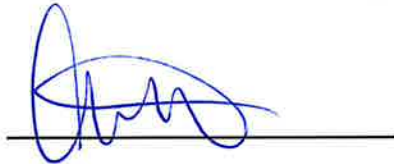
Mayor Rathjen indicated he continues to attend these meeting and is working with the committee to look at how Bentley best serves on that committee. He indicated that he would report back in the future regarding this. No motion was made regarding this topic.

c) Soccer Donation Update

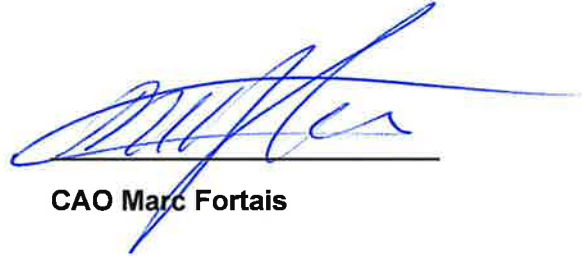
Deputy Mayor Grimsdale asked administration what we were doing regarding recognition of the donation. Administration indicated it was the understanding that the donation was to remain anonymous at present and this had been confirmed previously. Deputy Mayor Grimsdale indicated that this was not what was being communicated to him and his understanding was different. He advised that administration may want to follow up with the party to understand if they want some form of recognition. Administration agreed to do so. No motion was made regarding this topic.

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the March 26, 2024, Regular Council Meeting at 7:45pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais