



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

April 23, 2024

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, April 23, 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 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 92/2024 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the agenda of the April 23, 2024, regular meeting be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 93/2024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale "THAT the minutes of the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20240266 to 20240291

Motion 94/2024 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Cheques No. 20240266 to 20240291 be received for information."

Carried

b) Council Remuneration Listing for March 2024

Motion 95/2024 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council Remuneration Listings for March 2024 and paid in April be received for information."

Carried

New Business

a) 2023 Audited Financial Statement Report
- Delegation Grant Stange - RSM

Motion 96/2024 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council accept and approve the 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements and Independent Auditor Report for the year ending December 31, 2023, as prepared by RSM Canada LLP."

Carried

b) Town of Sylvan Lake Motion to Alberta Municipalities
- Looking for a seconder from Town of Bentley

Motion 97/2024 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the Town of Bentley will support the Town of Sylvan Lake as a seconder to their motion regarding goldfish infestation and emergency approval of powder form Rotenone Pesticide as follows:

Moved by: Town of Sylvan Lake

Seconded by: Town of Bentley

WHEREAS goldfish, an invasive aquatic species, are continuously infesting stormwater ponds, posing a serious risk to the ecosystem;

WHEREAS the only approved pesticide in Canada, liquid Rotenone, is no longer being manufactured due to a manufacturing plant closure;

WHEREAS affected municipalities have made great efforts to resolve the issue, including obtaining the necessary provincial authorization to remove the aquatic invasive species manually;

WHEREAS the exploration of alternative methods, such as electrofishing, dewatering, and dredging, have been used in the absence of liquid Rotenone;

WHEREAS goldfish continue to infest stormwater ponds, despite using alternative methods, demonstrating how persistent the problem is for affected municipalities;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta for emergency approval of the dry form Rotenone to address the goldfish, an invasive aquatic species, infestation in stormwater pond systems.

Carried



Correspondence

- a) **Lacombe County Council Highlights April 11, 2024**
- b) **Lacombe Fire Restrictions**
- c) **Parkland Regional Library System – Annual Report**

Motion 98/2024 Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT correspondence item a) to c) be accepted as information.”

Carried

Other Business

- a) **Strategic Plan Survey closes April 26, 2024**
 - **Do not forget to have your say regarding Bentley’s Future**

No motion was made for this item, it was intended as a reminder regarding the survey.

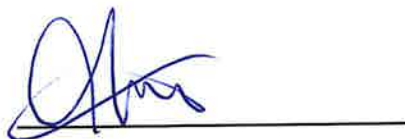
- b) **Change of Deputy Mayor from Councillor Grimdsdale to Councillor Hansen effective April 25, 2024.**

Motion 99/2024 Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT Councillor Pam Hansen will serve as Deputy Mayor and be the designated signing authority on behalf of the Town of Bentley, including all Servus Credit Union Accounts, from April 25, 2024, to July 24, 2024, replacing Councillor Dale Grimdsdale who held the prior term.”

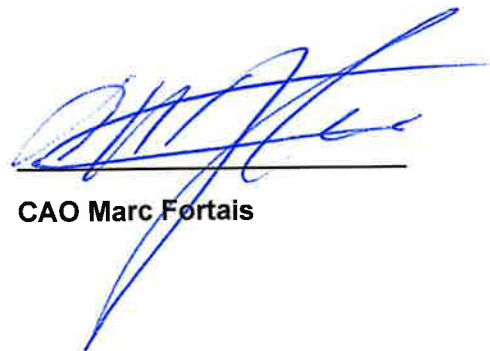
Carried

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the April 23, 2024, Regular Council Meeting at 7:19pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais