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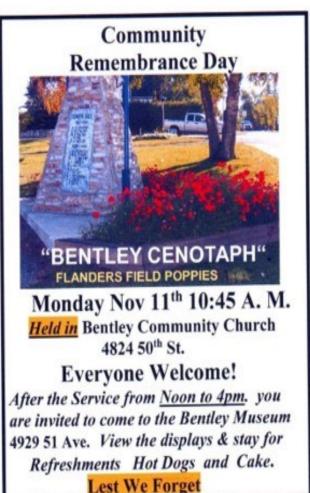
Deadline: 20th of the month a 10am for the following month.
Contact Community Services 403-748-2160 community@townofbentley.ca





REMINDER: No Council Meeting on November 12th, 2024 Regular Meeting November 26th, 2024







310-4AUC

1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta

Notice of application to be filed for approval of the natural gas distribution franchise agreement between the Town of Bentley and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with the Town of Bentley. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the *Utilities* Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in November of 2019, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Town of Bentley for approximately 15 years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 12%. Including linear taxes, the resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$7.58. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to the Town of Bentley or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **November 8, 2024**, at:

Town of Bentley, Marc Fortais (CAO), 4918 50th Ave. (403)-748-4044 Email: mfortais@townofbentley.ca

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator, 5302 Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550; email: franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either the Town of Bentley or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on October 22, 2024

Alberta Utilities Commission



Join us for affordable, effective weight-loss support!

Town Office basement Tuesday 2 pm - 3 pm 4918-50 Ave For more information Bentley AB Carolyn 403-396-1002

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Saturday

people to access.

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10:00 AM - 05:30 PM Tuesday Wednesday 10:00 AM - 05:30 PM Thursday 3:30 PM - 07:30 PM Friday 10:00 AM - 05:30 PM 11:00 AM - 03:00 PM



MOM'S



BASEMENT OF TOWN OFFICE



To register: 403-896-3915 frnlacombe@mcmancentral.ca

Sponsors/ participants at the time of printing: Kruzin West. Rentoolio. **Brothers** Trenching, Bentley Library, Bentley Museum. Moores Contracting, Bentley **Farmers** Market. Bentley Ag Society and volunteer elves!





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Funding for Non-Profits

www.alberta.ca/funding-for-non-profits

Free Resources for Non-Profits

www.alberta.ca/non-profit-learning-centre



Non-profit learning centre

Find online courses and training resources on nonprofit governance to support board members of nonprofit organizations.

Alberta.ca

Grace Lutheran Church Fall News

Grace Lutheran church is a beautiful rural church located a few miles west and and south of Bentley. We have resumed services after our summer break.

Recently we said farewell and thank you to Pastor Art Weiss as he retires and returns home to Texas. Pastor Art has graciously helped out with our church as well as been the Executive Director of Camp Kuriakos, Sylvan Lake. We will miss him greatly and wish him all the best in his retirement.



Grace will still offer services two times a month and all are invited to come check out our friendly little church on the hill! We currently do not have a Sunday school but are considering offering occasional evening family fun church events for families with children. Please let us know if this is something you might be interested in.

For more information call Mark or Joan at 403-748-2147

Nov. 3, 10:30 am service

Nov. 17, 10:30 am service

Dec. 1, 10:30 am service

Dec. 15, 10:30 am service

Dec. 24, 5:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

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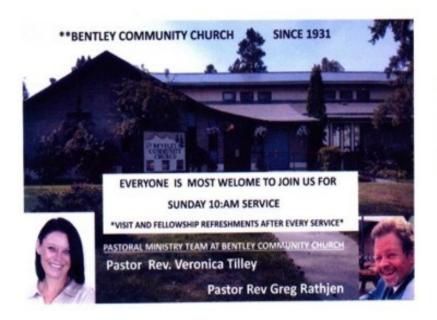
Blindman Valley Lions Support Diabetes Awareness

Lions work to help reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those living with diabetes.

Diabetes is a global epidemic. An estimated 537 million adults across the world are living with diabetes, and its prevalence is increasing rapidly. We all know someone affected by diabetes. Lions help provide awareness through diabetes screening events, physical activities, peer support groups and Diabetes Camps. Our

Blindman Valley Lions Club is finalizing a program targeting youth with diabetes. Watch our Facebook page, website and this space next month for all the details on our "Send a Child to Diabetes Camp" program.

The **Blindman Valley Lions Club** supports projects that serve the larger rural area between Bentley and Hoadley in the Blindman River Valley. We are interested in hearing from you and serving with you in the community of Bentley. If you have questions or would like to serve with us, contact <u>blindman-valleylions@gmail.com</u>.



Home Support Services

Reliable Housekeeping for Seniors

Trained & Screened Providers

Services Offered:

- Laundry
- Kitchen, Living room, Bathroom cleaning
- Dusting
- Mopping
- Vacuuming
- Meal prep assistance
- Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly
- Lacombe, Blackfalds, Bentley, Clive and Lacombe County



SUPPORTED BY:







Lacombe & District FCSS: 403-782-6637

Bentley FCSS: 403-748-2160

Clive FCSS: 403-784-2020



Questions about your utilities?

The Utilities Consumer Advocate can help you:

310-4822 ucahelps.alberta.ca



BENTLEY
COMMUNITY
CHURCH
WELCOMES
CO-PASTOR
Rev. Veronica Tilley
& husband Dave

Pastor Veronica and Dave originally from Newfoundland. They come from years of appreciated ministry at the Lacombe Pentecostal Church. Pastor Veronica is gifted in many areas of Ministry will be sharing in the Sunday Preaching, and will be available for counselling, working with areas in B.C.C. to serve our community. We will be offering needed Youth Ministry and Children's program. It will take a little time as she organizes our future plans and will welcome working with volunteers. Tilleys come to the community of Bentley with excitement in the future possibilities committed to apply their gifts and love of people to help Bentley continue in our *Bentley the Place to BE for full family Community. We are very thankful to bring them on our leadership team looking forward to years of working together. There Is a scripture that says, (If one can take on the challenges of 1000, two together can tackle 10,000.) We are better together.

Best contacted in text/phone 403-307-4062



Frozen Meals Program

We are piloting this program, thanks to a parthership with Lacombe FCSS and Healthy Aging Alberta!

Meals, prepared by the Golden Circle, are ordered by calling Lacombe FCSS. Orders can be placed by-weekly.

They delivered to Bentley for pickup at Community Services.

Cost: meal \$7.50 --- soups \$3.50 --- Pot Pies \$6

You will arrange to have payment automatically withdrawn from your Bank account each month.

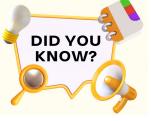
Contact Barb @ 403.748.2160 to get an order form











Community Services is here to assist in finding information and connecting citizens to government programs, family programs, seniors programs and more.

We provide some direct programming and also partner with local organizations, service providers and

outlying communities to enhance what can be offered to our citizens.

Our mandate is early intervention prevention thereby we look at programs/services which may enhance the quality of life for individuals, provide opportunities to enhance skills and resiliency, as well as reduce social isolation.

Programs cannot be primarily recreational.

If you are aware of a program which may be beneficial to our citizens, please let us know.

We are located in the Bentley Long Term Care, available by appointment.

The Bentley Boutique clothing recycling program is also located in the Care Centre and is open Tues/Thurs 10-noon and 1-3pm.

403.748.2160 community@townofbentley.ca Follow us on FB Community Services - Town of Bentley



Community Paint Night



Have you heard of this project?

Your completed painting in the Canada Connects Nature's Dream National Mural Mosaic Leave your creative DNA legacy celebrating this global reconnection project.

Community Services has partnered with the Seniors Drop In to purchase 20 kits!

Would you like to join us for a community paint evening?

There are 10 kits available for purchase for \$22 each to community members 18+. The remaining 10 will be painted by some of our local seniors - with you!

Pictures will be painted and submitted together for the Nature's Dream Mosaic to be completed in the fall of 2025



muralmosaic.com/dream
What you get...

Canada Connects Mural Participant Tile Painting Kit

1 Registration for yourself or to gift to someone.

6×6 Inch custom cut triple primed gessoed Art Board
Palette selected hand mixed Acrylic Paints

Participant Guide with Instructions for Your Tile to fit in the Mosaic

Set of 2 Brushes

Mini wooden easel to display your canvas

And an evening of FUN WITH 10 SENIORS!!!!

November 18th/24 6:30pm @the Seniors Drop In Cost: \$22 Contact 403-748-2160



Picture this: it's a sunny Saturday afternoon, and the members of the local volunteer fire department are spending a little quality time with their families. Suddenly, our pagers start beeping. A fire call! The firefighters leap into action, ready to tackle the inferno—only to find out it's a toaster that got a little too enthusiastic about its job.

The real punchline? This could have all been avoided if someone had simply picked up the phone to call the alarm company and canceled the false alarm before we hit the road. Instead, we find ourselves racing across town, anticipating an actual emergency, only to end up in a "who-done-it" scenario with someone's slightly smoky dinner.



As you may know, the first full week of October is Fire Prevention Week, and one of the most important messages we try to convey during this annual event is the importance of having a working smoke detector (and a CO detector too, ideally) in every home. We treat every alarm call seriously and respond with all of the resources we may need, should it turn out to be an actual fire. 25 years of experience has taught this Fire Chief that just when you get comfortable with the idea of "this is probably just another false alarm," that is when it will bite you. We would rather respond to a hundred "false" alarms than respond too late to an actual fire.

That being said, part of having a working smoke/CO detection system is ensuring it is maintained. (Change your clock, change the batteries in your smoke detector.) It also means that if an alarm company monitors your detectors, you should know who to call to cancel the alarm if necessary.

So, folks, let's save our firefighters from the dreaded "we-were-just-in-the-middle-of-a-Simpsons-binge-watching-marathon" shuffle. A quick call can prevent us from showing off our fire gear in front of the whole neighborhood for the umpteenth time.

As you may have guessed by now, we had quite a few non-emergency alarms calls over the last month or so. In fact, five of the eight calls we were dispatched to were so-called 'false' alarms. However, we also

responded to a few actual emergencies.

On October 5, six members responded to a grass fire a growing fire in a ditch west of town. The fire was quickly extinguished by the firefighters.

This time of year, we are always worried about farm machinery fires and on October 8, we responded to another one of them. A baler had caught fire and, while the operator was able to quickly dump the bale out of his machine (saving more damage to his equipment), the fire began to spread in the field. The arriving firefighters quickly stopped the spread of the fire and then mopped up the remaining hot spots to ensure we would not get a second call.

On October 18, seven members were able to respond to a vehicle fire. The driver was uninjured but the vehicle was heavily damaged.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to say welcome to a few new members of the Bentley Fire Department. Our newest recruits are Brian Kasper, Celine Leikeim and Adam Doris. We also have a couple more who have shown an interest in joining very soon. The advertising campaign for a rural fire department in the States reads: "Help wanted. Hard Labor. Odd hours. Low pay. Cool helmet." The perks of being a member of this amazing organization aren't easily stated, but I can assure you, it is tremendously rewarding. Our newest members are about to find that out for themselves.





587-877-1002



The Bentley Community Van Trips depend on driver availability

2nd Wednesday - Sylvan Lake 4th Wednesday - Red Deer

These trips are open to everyone, FREE or by Donation.

Please contact our coordinator for more information and book your seat!

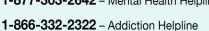
NEED HELP? NEED INFORMATION?

Here are some important numbers you can call:

811 - Health related information

211 - Community information & services

1-877-303-2642 - Mental Health Helpline



Private - Confidential - Available 24/7





Healthy Albertans. Healthy Communities.





Open Tues/Thurs 10-12 & 1-3

Use west entrance beside bay door.

Bentley Long Term Care Facility

Next to new clothing donations welcome!

4834 - 52 Avenue, Bentley

Volunteer Coordinator: 403.318.0270

Bentley Community Services: 403.748.2160

Bentley Museum Fall/Winter Hours Wednesday 10:00 – 11:00 am

Welcome: WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN.

The Bentley Museum hopes that everyone is enjoying the incredible fall weather.

Upcoming Events

November 11, 2024, Remembrance Day - Open House

TIME: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

BBQ Hot Dogs with all the fixings, cake and refreshments will be served.

Please come and have lunch and view all the artifacts from WW I and WW II and much more.

BENTLEY HISTORY BOOKS - available at Bentley Agencies. (FREE) And Bentley Museum

Dick Damron CD's and Books are also available at the museum.

Bentley Museum Contacts: Rick: 403-304-0353 Diana: 403

-748-4024 Cora: 403-506-2696



New Coats for Kids

program enables qualifying families to choose new winter coats for their children. Applications available September 25 - November 15, 2024

Monetary Donations can be made online at www.lacombefcss.net/donations or in office at Lacombe FCSS, #201, 5214 50th Ave. Lacombe, AB T4L 0B6. For more information contact us at : (403) 782-6637 or Email: wgriffin@lacombefcss.net

Mondays 3:15 to 5:15

Grades 3 to 5

Kids Klub



Where young minds meet big ideas!

With a focus on community engagement our program nurtures good citizenship, emotional regulation and creativity. We will explore science and art while learning valuable life skills in a fun and supportive environment

Fridays 9:30 to 11:30



Stay & Play

Ages 0-6 with an adult



Location: Basement of Town Office Contact: Community Services 403-748-2160 Programs Facilitated by: Parenting Proactively 101







Over The Hill & Loving The View

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+ to join us for our regular Tuesday/Thursday afternoons.

 Tuesdays 1 pm Socialize/cards/games **Thursdays** 1pm Socialize/cards/games

Potluck Last Tuesday each month



Special Outings - dinner theatres and more. Have an idea? Let us know.

Contacts: Lorretta 403-748-4087 Diana 403-748-4024

Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

 Mondays 9:45 to 11 am

Wednesdays 10:30 to 11:45

Seated Movers & Groovers **Chair Yoga - light movements**

Registration required for these programs

Move your body, make connections & socialize!

Call 403.748.2160



These programs are open to 55+ You do not need to be a member of the Drop In to attend thanks to

BENTLEY SENIORS DROP IN, FCSS/TOWN OF BENTLEY, EDMONTON SENIORS CENTRE

PotLuck Play

Nov. 27 /24 5:30-7:30 pm

COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FOR A FREE DINNER!

DO YOU CHILDREN 0-18? THEN COME ON BY! **BASEMENT OF BENTLEY TOWN HALL**

> **Board games and** Spaghetti Bring something to share

Contact: Carolyn: 403-896-3915 frnlacombe@mcmancentral.ca



Babysitting Course Saturday, Nov.30/24

9-5:00 pm Ages: 11 & up Bentley **Basement town office**

Please bring a doll for practical lunch, snacks & drinks

> We need a Min. of 6 to run, Max. **12**



Contact: Carolyn McLaren 403-704-3315 parentingproactively101@gmail.com





Monday - Friday 8am to 3pm **403.748.4044** info@townofbentley.ca www.townofbentley.ca

Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening monthly at 6:30 pm

Agendas and meeting packages are posted on the Town Website Fridays prior to each Council Meeting. Citizens are encouraged to keep themselves educated on Town Council and Administration activities via these documents. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings. To attend as a delegation, please contact Town Office for the proper procedure to do so.



2024 Animal License Tags - As per Bylaw 152/2011 All dogs and cats in the Town of Bentley require a tag. Animal control license tags may be purchased at the Town office. Applications may be obtained at the Town office or on the website.

spayed/neutered \$35, unaltered \$45 Please remember to scoop the poop!!



Reminder for Weekly Residential Garbage Collection - Don't be missed because your garbage is not available for pick up. Please have your garbage (maximum 4 bags, 40 lbs. or less) ready for pick up by 7:30 am on regular garbage days for collection. Please be patient if it isn't picked up at the same time each week. The public works personnel collecting garbage

changes, as may the route and the volume of garbage.

Business Licenses - With a few exceptions, all Commercial and Home based businesses in the Town of Bentley require a valid yearly Business License. This also applies to those businesses and services that are not located in the

town of Bentley but are coming into town to conduct business or provide a service. The application form can be found on the Town's website or picked up at the Town office.

Monthly Tax installment - Payments are an option with the Town of Bentley. For more information on this program, please call the town office or drop in and speak with one of our staff.

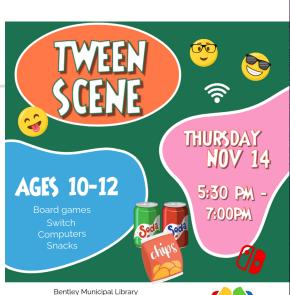
Utility Payment Agreements - We offer auto withdrawal from your bank for your Town Water, Sewer & Garbage utility payments. We are also offer emailed utility billings rather than a paper copy, your choice.

Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Bins

403-748-3961

Thursday 9am-4:45pm **Friday** 9am-4:45pm **Saturday** 1pm-4:45pm

CLOSED stat holidays



Bentley, AB ToC oJo 403-748-4626



Mayor Greg's Report

Only two more months till Christmas. This year seems to have passed very quickly.

In council and community, we have been busy. The yard clean pick up has passed thanks to our great public works team. We also had the Recycling Round Up at the Bentley Transfer Station through The Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission.

What a wonderful time at our Good Neighbor Day. Lots of representative's tables, great food, local music talent and special Singer Alecia Aichelle. Many people got to meet new residents in Bentley and lots of time to visit. With fun times for the Kids outside & inside. A big thankyou goes out to Barb from our FCSS & all the people, groups, and organizations, all our town staff and all who contributed to make it a great afternoon and evening. Bentley is fortunate to have so many hardworking. dedicated volunteers. If you are new to town, please check out opportunities to be part of the community volunteers.

The colors of fall have been spectacular. It is sad to see our beautiful downtown flowers gone, but with Chris and his team, with so few frosts we really got to enjoy them for an extended time.

After a major commitment by the team, we were able to see our new ice plant up and running for hockey start up. It will run the arena and the curling rink, much more economically and efficiently as it is a single unit with many bonuses that were not available 50 years ago. A great thanks to those a generation ago who had the vision and efforts to set up our community system to last so long. We are still looking at planning for the replacement of the slab next year. Fortunately, with town management and county generosity, this combined single plant has been replaced without going into any debt.

As council we await the word from the government on our annexation approval. We have passed our Strategic Plan for the next five years. We have recently conducted an open house and Public Information Session as we are upgrading and combining our Land Use Bylaw Amendments. A big thank you to all who have taken interest and been involved in a number of open houses, online and paper surveys. The input of the community helps Bentley remain a model town.

We have had a Public Hearing on: Bylaw 248-2024 – Sunset Heights Area Structure Plan. This has received third and final reading. You can see all the approved general plans on the town website.

We have been working for some time in the process of developing our Asset Management Plan for the Town of Bentley. This causes us to look at where we were, where we are and where we will be going in the future as far as the Town of Bentley Assets, The age and condition and the future requires having reserve funds for when they will need service and or replacement. This is being required from the government before we will have access to ongoing funding. This process has been conducted mostly through a grant. We recently witnessed the trouble Calgary has faced. We have a great community today due to those who





had vision and prepared. We as a Council want to be looking ahead for the great opportunities given to us and our community. *Always, feel free to drop in at our council meetings. * Thank you for continuing to promote *BENTLEY AS THE PLACE BE* Sincerely, Mayor Greg Rathien

Seniors Wellness Mornings @ the Seniors Drop In, Town Office



We're open for business.

Mondays

9:45 to 11 am

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 Chair You

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Alberta Supports can help you access more than 30 programs and 120 services for seniors, people with disabilities, families and more.

To find a location near you, please visit alberta.ca/alberta-supports



Red Deer Alberta Supports Centre

Submit documents: is.centralregion@gov.ab.ca **Mailing address:** 109, 4920 51 Street, Red Deer,

Alberta T4N 6K8

Address: 2nd Floor First Red Deer Place, 4911 51

Street

Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6V4 Email: css.ds-central@gov.ab.ca

Phone: 403-340-5353 Fax: 403-755-6171



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