



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley
February 13, 2018**

- Date & Place:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley, held Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 6:45 pm, in the Bentley Municipal Office.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Neil Maki
Councillor Doug Talsma
Councillor Lloyd Carefoot
Councillor Cora Knutson
CAO Elizabeth Smart
- Call to Order:** Mayor Rathjen called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
- Agenda:** **Motion 34/2018:** Moved by Councillor Carefoot that the Agenda be approved, with the following addition:
- 7. New Business:
 - g) Bentley Minor Hockey – Request for ice rental rate reduction during Provincial Atom “D” Champion Tournament
- Carried**
- Previous Minutes:** **Motion 35/2018:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Maki that the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Regular Meeting be confirmed.
- Carried**
- Financial:** a) **Accounts Payable – Prepaid Cheques Listing**
- Motion 36/2018:** Moved by Councillor Knutson that prepaid cheque listing - #20180069 to #20180117 be received for information.
- Carried**
- Policy Review:**
- a) **Policy No. 37/2009
Clothing Provisions for Public Works Employees**
 - b) **Policy No. 42/2012
Fees for Service**
 - c) **Policy No. 53/2016
Ball Diamond Rental Rates & Rules**
- Motion 37/2018:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that Policies No. 37/2009, No. 42/2012 and No. 53/2016 be received for information.
- Carried**
- By-law Review:**
- a) **By-law No. 123/2008 Establishment of the Bentley Municipal Library Board**
 - b) **By-law No. 139/2008 Noise By-law**
- Motion 38/2018:** Moved by Councillor Knutson that By-laws No. 123/2008 and No. 139/2008 be received for information.
- Carried**

Note: The CAO will research information on decibel readings for the Noise By-law No. 139/2008 and report back to Council.

New Business:

a) 2017 Annual Water System Year-end Report

Motion 39/2018: Moved by Councillor Talsma that Council accept the 2017 Annual Water System Year-end Report.

Carried

b) 2017 Annual Wastewater System Year-end Report

Motion 40/2018: Moved by Councillor Knutson that Council accept the 2017 Annual Wastewater System Year-end Report.

Carried

c) Wolf Creek Public Schools – Invitation to attend a Municipal/School Division Networking Evening – March 13, 2018

Wolf Creek Public Schools advised the Networking Evening has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled for a later date.

d) Early Years Matter Coalition

Invitation to attend a Lunch & Learn, March 12, 2018, 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Motion 40/2018: Moved by Mayor Rathjen that members of Council be encouraged to attend the Early Years Matter Coalition to learn more about the Coalition, of which Bentley is a partner and as a public relations gesture in support of the Coalitions mandate, objectives and efforts in early childhood development.

Carried

e) Annual Review – Employee Salary Grid

Annually, pursuant to the Salary Grid and Cost of Living Policy 07/04, Council considers a cost of living increase to the Employee Salary Grid. Council has been using the Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index of the previous year to guide their deliberations.

Information from the Statistic Canada Consumer price Index, for the months of January to December, 2017 indicate the average Consumer Price Index for Alberta was 1.6%.

Motion 41/2018: Moved by Councillor Knutson that Council approve a cost of living increase of 1.6% to the Employee Salary Grid, to take effect March 1, 2018.

Carried

f) Annual Review – Council Remuneration & Expense Rates

Council Remuneration & Expenses Policy 40/2011, states that annually the remuneration and expense rates will be adjusted, based on the same cost of living adjustment made to the Employee Salary Grid, as determined by Council.

At their meeting held February 14, 2017, Bentley Town Council passed the following motions concerning the review of Council remuneration and expense rates.

Motion 27/2017: Moved by Deputy Mayor Howard, that after the 2017 General Election, the remuneration and expense rates as set out in Policy 40/2011, be reviewed to determine if the rates are equivalent to other municipalities of similar size.

The CAO provided Council with the results of the review of remuneration and expense rates that was undertaken in the fall of 2017.

Motion 42/2018: Moved by Deputy Mayor Maki that no changes be made to the current Council remuneration and expense rates.

Carried

g) Bentley Minor Hockey – Request for Ice Rental Rate Reduction during the Provincial Atom “D” Championship Tournament on March 15 – 18, 2018.

The CAO reported that volunteers from Bentley Minor Hockey have painted the Arena lobby, bathrooms and hall way. This is a big undertaking and minor hockey has invested many hours of volunteer time to help make our Arena look good for all the visitors attending the Tournament. Discussion took place.

Motion 43/2018: Moved by Deputy Mayor Maki that there be no charge for ice rental during the Provincial Atom “D” Championship Tournament on March 15 – 18, 2018.

Motion Defeated

Motion 44/2018: Moved by Councillor Knutson that the arena ice rental rate for the Provincial Atom “D” Championship Tournament on March 15 – 18, 2018, be reduced to \$70.00 per hour.

Carried

- Correspondence:**
- a) Alberta Municipal Affairs
Invitation to provide submission for the 17th Annual Minister’s Awards for Municipal Excellence
 - b) Alberta Transportation
Notice of Review & Analysis, including Roundabout Feasibility, of the intersection of Highway 12 & 20
 - c) Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
Funding of Police Services
 - d) Bentley & District Agricultural Society
Invitation to volunteer at the Safety Awareness Day for the school, town and farming community – Friday, March 23, 2018 at BVAC
 - e) Bentley District Fire Department
Call out report & breakdown – Urban & Rural

- f) Bentley Municipal Library
Minutes of January 10, 2018 Board Meeting & Administrators Report
- g) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Canabis Legalization Primer for Canadian Municipalities
- h) Bentley Community Services
Invitation to participate in National Pink Shirt Day
- i) County of Lacombe Lifelong Learning Assoc
Invitation to attend Annual General Meeting
March 21, 2018 at 12:00 noon

Motion 45/2018: Moved by Councillor Carefoot that Correspondence Items a) to i), as listed above, be received for information.

Carried

- Council Reports:**
- a) Councillor Talsma
 - b) Deputy Mayor Maki
 - c) Councillor Carefoot
 - d) Councillor Knutson
 - e) Mayor Rathjen

Motion 46/2018: Moved by Councillor Talsma that Council reports for the Month of January, 2018 be received for information.

Carried

Other Business: Deputy Mayor raised the idea of establishing a community volunteer recreation board. Discussion took place. The CAO will forward to Council members a copy of the Lacombe County Regional Recreation Strategic Plan.

Adjournment: **Motion 47/2018:** Moved by Councillor Carefoot that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Carried



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Elizabeth Smart