



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley  
July 23, 2019**

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**Date & Place:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley, held Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 6:45 pm, in the Bentley Municipal Office.

**In Attendance:** Mayor Greg Rathjen  
Councillor Doug Talsma  
Councillor Neil Maki  
Councillor Cora Knutson  
CAO Elizabeth Smart

**Call to Order:** Mayor Rathjen called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

**Agenda:** The following items were added:

- 8.a) 50<sup>th</sup> Street South upgrades
- 8.b) Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC)
- 8.c) RMA Convention

**Motion 132/2019:** Moved by Councillor Knutson that the Agenda of the July 23, 2019, regular meeting be approved as amended.

**Carried**

**Previous Minutes:** **Motion 133/2019:** Moved by Councillor Maki that the minutes of the June 25, 2019 regular meeting be confirmed.

**Carried**

**Financial:** a) **Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques 20190470 to 20190541**

**Motion 134/2019:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that the prepaid cheque listing, being cheques 20190470 to 20190541, be received for information.

**Carried**

**New Business:** a) **ATCO Gas & Pipelines**

The natural gas franchise with ATCO Gas & Pipeline Ltd is scheduled for renewal. The Town of Bentley has had a franchise agreement with ATCO since 1960. The last renewal was March, 2004. Last month, Council received an information package regarding the franchise and the renewal of same.

**Motion 135/2019:** Moved by Councillor Maki that Council proceed with first reading of By-law No.213/2019 in the process of renewing the franchise agreement with ATCO Gas & Pipelines Ltd.

**Carried**

**By-law: By-law 213/2019 Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.**

**Motion 136/2019:** Moved by Councillor Maki that By-law No. 213/2019, being a by-law to renew the Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. be given first reading.

**Carried**

**New Business: b) Director of Emergency Management**

Pursuant to the Alberta Emergency Management Act, every municipality must appoint a Director of Emergency Management (DEM). The CAO is currently the appointed DEM. The Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership (LREMP) recently hired Julian Veuger to serve as the Coordinator of the Partnership. Mr. Veuger has offered to serve in the position of Bentley's DEM. Mr. Veuger has many years of experience in emergency management, having experienced numerous emergency events while serving as DEM for Lacombe County and department head of Lacombe Enforcement.

**Motion 137/2019:** Moved by Councillor Maki that Bentley Council appoint Julian Veuger to the position of Director of Emergency Management, further that Elizabeth Smart be appointed to the position of Deputy Director of Emergency Management and Barb Carson be appointed to the position of Director of Emergency Social Services.

**Carried**

**c) Assessment Review Board Services Agreement with Lacombe County**

The Assessment Review Board Services Agreement is an updated version of the agreement originally entered into in 2009. The agreement provides that Lacombe County will provide assessment review board services to the Town of Bentley should the Town receive an assessment appeal.

**Motion 138/2019:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that Council approve the entering into an agreement with Lacombe County for the provision of assessment review board services.

**Carried**

**d) Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP)  
Fall Engagement Session – September 13, 2019**

**Motion 139/2019:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that Mayor Rathjen, Councillor Maki and Councillor Knutson be authorized to attend the Central Alberta Economic Partnership fall engagement session on September 13, 2019, in Sylvan Lake with remuneration and mileage paid pursuant to Policy 40/2011, as amended.

**Carried**

**e) Town of Penhold – Parade Invitation**

**Motion 140/2019:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that Mayor Rathjen represent the Town at the Penhold parade to be held September 7, 2019, with mileage paid pursuant to Policy 40/2011, as amended.

**Carried**

- Correspondence:**
- a) **Bentley Rodeo Committee – Thank You note**
  - b) **Joslyn Snow Memorial Project Committee – Thank You letter**
  - c) **Parkland Community Planning Services  
Minutes of June 20, 2019 Semi-annual General Meeting**
  - d) **Alberta Municipal Affairs – Letter from Minister Kaycee Madu**
  - e) **Public Works – May/June Report**

**Motion 141/2019:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that Correspondence, Items a) to e), be received for information.

**Carried**

- Council Reports**
- a) **Mayor Rathjen**
  - c) **Councillor Talsma**
  - d) **Councillor Maki**
  - e) **Councillor Knutson**

**Motion 142/2019:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that Council Reports for the Month of June be received for information.

**Carried**

- Other Business:**
- a) **50<sup>th</sup> Street South**

Discussion took place on the upgrading of 50<sup>th</sup> Street south and the problem with underground springs causing damage to both 50<sup>th</sup> Street south and Murray Street.

**Motion 143/2019:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that the Town undertake an engineering study to upgrade 50<sup>th</sup> Street south and Murray Street, with this being a possible project in 2020.

**Carried**

- b) **Municipal Climate Change Action Centre**

The CAO advised the Town of Bentley has been approved to undertake an energy scoping audit of the arena & curling rink under the Recreation Energy Conservation program rebate in the amount of \$9,932.00.

**Motion 144/2019:** Moved by Councillor Maki that the Town proceed with a scoping audit of the arena & curling rink in the amount of \$9,932.00, under the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre – Recreation Energy Conservation program.

**Carried**

- c) **RMA Convention**

At the June 25, 2019 Council meeting, Council considered an invitation from Lacombe County to attend the Rural Municipalities Association Convention. The matter was deferred pending a cost estimate to send a representative to the convention.

The CAO reported an estimated cost to send a representative to the RMA Convention would be approx. \$2,200.00.

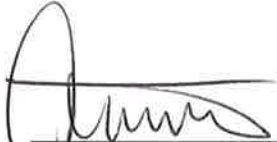
**Motion 145/2019:** Moved by Councillor Knutson that Council not send a representative to the RMA Convention, citing budget constraints.

**Carried**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion 146/2019:** Moved by Councillor Talsma that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 pm.

**Carried**

  
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Mayor Rathjen  
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CAO Elizabeth Smart