



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley
August 24, 2021**

Date & Place: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:45 pm, in the Bentley Municipal Office.

In Attendance: Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Joan Dickau
Councillor Cora Knutson
Councillor Neil Maki
Councillor Doug Talsma
CAO, Marc Fortais

Call to Order: Mayor Greg Rathjen called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Agenda: **Motion 132/2021** Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT the Agenda of the August 24, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be amended to include an additional item as other business, regarding the Bentley Curling Rink"

Carried

Motion 133/2021 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT the Agenda of the August 24, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be amended to include an additional item as other business, regarding Council Remuneration"

Carried

Motion 134/2021 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT the amended Agenda of the August 24, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes:

Motion 135/2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT the minutes of the July 13, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council, be confirmed.

Carried

Financial: Accounts Payable Cheque Listing Cheques No. 20210505 to 20210622

Motion 136/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma that the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – Cheques #20210505 to #20210622, be received for information.

Carried

New Business a) DEM Compensation

Motion 137/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma, “THAT Mayor and Council authorize additional compensation to be paid by CAO Marc Fortais to the Director of Emergency Management Julien Veuger in the amount of \$6,910.86 due to the substantial response that occurred in relation to COVID-19.”

Carried

b) Drive Happiness Ride Program

Motion 138/2021 Moved by Councillor Knutson, “THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to engage the Drive Happiness Seniors Assisted Transportation Program to operate on a trial basis in the Town of Bentley to help older adults get to where they need to go.”

Carried

Correspondence

a) Lacombe County July 8, 2021, Council Highlights

Motion 139/2021 Moved by Councillor Knutson, “THAT correspondence item a be received as information.”

Carried

Council Reports

- a) Mayor Rathjen
- b) Deputy Mayor Dickau
- c) Councillor Knutson
- d) Councillor Talsma
- e) Councillor Maki

Motion 140/2021 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, “THAT the July Council Reports be received as information.”

Carried

Other Business

a) IDP & ICF Committee Update (CAO)

CAO Marc Fortais provided a verbal update regarding the Alberta Community Partnership Grant and how the funds will be spent to consider a new area structure plan related to the lands to the Southeast of Bentley along the Highway 12 Corridor.

- It was agreed between the County and the Town that background information collection would continue to be developed, including servicing requirements and order of magnitude cost estimates as well as the biophysical desktop study.
- Public engagement with landowners would occur after the election.

b) Curling Rink

Councillor Knutson shared some concerns raised by participants to the Farmers Market regarding a tripping hazard at the lip between the big rollup doors at the Curling Rink that provides the main entrance into the building from the parking lot. CAO Marc Fortais, advised that administration had already added some gravel to help with the transition, and that additional work including cold mix would be applied to ensure that the any potential hazard would be removed.

c) Council Remuneration

Councillor Maki brought up the topic of council remuneration again at the meeting for discussion purposes. The intention was to ask Mayor and Council to consider an analysis of compensation and compare to other communities to encourage residents to be able to run for council. He indicated that in many cases there are young people that have young families that need to cover the cost of daycare and babysitting to be able to serve in such a role. Allowing for some additional compensation may help to cover the costs so that more people could consider running for Mayor or Council. There was some discussion on the matter, but it was agreed that administration be directed to undertake such an analysis. CAO Marc Fortais committed to bringing a report back to council for consideration.

Adjournment

Motion 141/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m."

Carried



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais