



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley  
December 8, 2020**

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**Date & Place:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley, held beginning Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:45am, in the Bentley Municipal Office.

**In Attendance** Mayor Greg Rathjen (attended virtually via zoom)  
Deputy Mayor Joan Dickau  
Councillor Doug Talsma  
Councillor Cora Knutson  
Councillor Neil Maki  
CAO Marc Fortais

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

**Agenda** **Motion 226/2020** Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT the agenda of the December 8, 2020 Council Meeting be amended to include a discussion item regarding office hours for the Christmas Break."

**Carried**

**Motion 227/2020** Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT the agenda for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting as amended be accepted."

**Carried**

**Previous Minutes** **Motion 228/2020** Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 24, 2020 be confirmed."

**Carried**

**Financial**

a) **Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques 20200785 to 20200835**

**Motion 229/2020** Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT cheques numbered 20200785 to 20200835," be received as information.

**Carried**

**New Business**

a) **Municipal Stimulus Red Tape Reduction**

**Motion 230/2020** Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Mayor and Council accept the materials regarding the Municipal Stimulus Red Tape Reduction as information."

**Carried**

**b) Lacombe Enforcement – Third Quarter Report**

**Motion 231/2020** Moved by Mayor Rathjen, “THAT Mayor and Council accept the Lacombe Enforcement – Third Quarter Report as information.”

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

- a) **Lacombe County Council Highlights November 26, 2020**
- b) **Correspondence from Alberta Transportation regarding U-Turns on Highway 12A otherwise known as 50<sup>th</sup> avenue.**

It should be noted that upon review of the correspondence from Alberta Transportation regarding U-Turns on Highway 12A otherwise known as 50<sup>th</sup> ave. a discussion took place regarding notification to the public. It was agreed that the CAO should look to place signage at the location where U-turns are restricted and to also educate the public regarding our legal understanding through neighborhood notes, Facebook and the town website. The CAO committed to following up to implement such notification.

**Motion 232/2020** Moved by Councillor Maki, “THAT Mayor and Council receive correspondence item a) to b) as information.”

**Carried**

**Other Business/Council Question Period**

- a) **COVID 19 and the wearing of masks**

Councillor Maki requested to make a motion regarding the installation of signage to identify that the COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations including the wearing of masks to be placed at each entrance to downtown. Councillor Maki also requested that the vote be recorded.

**Motion 233/2020** Moved by Councillor Maki, “THAT the CAO be directed to place a sign downtown that encourages the following of COVID guidelines. “

Councillor Maki	– voted for
Mayor Rathjen	- voted against
Deputy Mayor Dickau	- voted against
Councillor Talsma	- voted against
Councillor Knutson	- voted against

**Defeated**

- b) **December Council Meeting Schedule Change from December 22, 2020 at 6:45pm to December 15, 2020 at 6:45pm**

**Motion 234/2020** Moved by Councillor Talsma, “THAT the regular meeting of Council, scheduled for December 22, 2020 (6:45pm), be rescheduled to occur on December 15, 2020 (6:45pm) to facilitate 2021 interim budget approval”

**Carried**

**c) Town Office Schedule Christmas Break**


CAO Marc Fortais provided an update to Mayor and Council that the Town Office and all staff were to be given December 29, 30 and 31 off to facilitate a longer break between Christmas and New Years to allow staff to spend time within their cohorts for the holidays. Also, it was indicated that the Town Office would be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup> recognizing stat holidays and the additional time. The Town Office will reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to the public. It should be noted, that staff will still perform garbage collection, snow removal if required and also respond to any emergency situations.

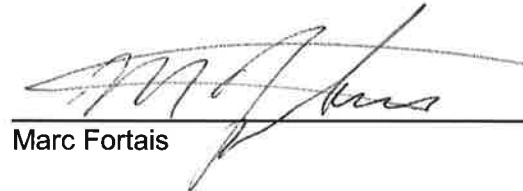
**Motion 235/2020** Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT Mayor and Council support the CAO's decision to allow the staff the additional time off."

**Carried**

**Adjournment:** **Motion 236/2020** Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT the regular meeting of council be adjourned. Time: 7:23 pm."

**Carried**

  
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Mayor Greg Rathjen

  
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Marc Fortais

