



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley

April 12, 2022

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Brenda Valiquette
Councillor Pamela Hansen
Councillor Lenore Eastman
Councillor Dale Grimsdale
CAO, Marc Fortais

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

Indigenous Acknowledgement "We acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Home of Metis Nation Region 3, on land that is part of a historic agreement involving mutuality and respect. We recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands"

Read by Mayor Rathjen

Agenda

Motion 77/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be amended to include the following items under Other Business:

a) MLA & MP meeting to be scheduled

b) Change from Deputy Mayor Dale Grimsdale to Deputy Mayor Hansen; AND

THAT an item also be added as new business to discuss and potentially fund a request from the Bentley High School Drama Club to support their upcoming play production."

Carried

Motion 78/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale “THAT the amended agenda, of the April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted.”

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 79/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT the minutes of the April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be confirmed.”

Carried

Financial

Prepaid Cheque Listing Cheques No. 20220196 to 20220249

Motion 80/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT the Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No 20220196 to 20220249, “excluding cheque number 20220247, be received for information.” (It should be noted that cheque number 20220247 was excluded due to Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, declaring a potential conflict of interest)

Carried

Motion 81/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT Cheque No 20220247 be received for information.” (It should be noted that Deputy Mayor Grimsdale did not vote on this motion)

Carried

New Business

a) Oxford Building Condition Assessment and Recommendation

- Mayor Rathjen asked residents attending the meeting if anyone wished to speak to council, given the serious nature of the topic and the significant attendance at the council meeting.
- Two residents registered to speak once administrations presentation was concluded. Ms. Wilson and Ms. Potter.
- CAO Marc Fortais provided a summary of the topic and finding for discussion and the history on how we arrived at this point today.
- Carma Homes, MBA, P. Eng., LEED AP presented the findings of the Oxford School Condition Assessment
- Ms. Wilson and Ms. Potter both spoke to their concerns regarding losing this heritage building, but that they also understood the safety concerns



- Mayor and Council discussed the topic at length and Councillor Hansen wished to make a motion, prior to conclusion of questions from the presenters.
- Mayor Rathjen stated we are not at that point yet
- Subsequently after, the chair Mayor Rathjen asked is there were any further questions from the Presenters? There were none
- Mayor Rathjen stated that he would like to proceed to make a motion and began stating a motion.
- Councillor Hansen called point of order, stating that she had indicated she wished to make a motion first.
- **Mayor Rathjen called a short recess to review legislative procedure and return with proper process (Time 7:35pm)**
- **The meeting resumed at 7:43pm** with the mayor calling the meeting to order. Mayor Rathjen withdrew his motion and allowed Councillor Hansen to proceed with her motion.

Motion 82/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the Oxford School Building be closed to all public access, due to the significant safety concerns; AND

THAT all utilities be shut off and the building is to be checked weekly and logged; AND

THAT a decision regarding demolishing the building will be made in the Fall once a public information session has been held."

Carried

Motion 83/2022 Moved by Councillor Eastman to take a 10-minute recess. (Time 7:57pm)

Carried

The Council Meeting resumed at 8:07pm

b) Disposal of Street Sweeper and Dodge Dakota and Contracting Sweeping Services

Motion 84/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to dispose of the 1980 M-8 Twin Engine Street Sweeper Model 2TE4 for fair market value; AND

THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to dispose of the 1996 Dodge Dakota ½ Ton for fair market value; AND



THAT the proceeds from the sale of both vehicles be placed in the Public Works Reserve to be utilized for the purchase of equipment for Public Works; AND

THAT administration proceed to contract out sweeping services for the Town of Bentley.”

Carried

c) Purchase of Used Tool Cat to support Public Works Operations

Motion 85/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT Mayor and Council authorize CAO Marc Fortais to find an acquire a good used tool cat for a purchase price of no more than \$65,000; AND

THAT the purchase of a tool cat is to be funded from any operational surpluses at year end or in the event there are no operational surpluses at year end, the purchase is to be funded by the Public Works Reserve; AND

THAT when a tool cat is acquired, the CAO will report back to Mayor and Council regarding a successful purchase and acquisition.”

Carried

d) Request for funding support Bentley School Junior High Drama Club to support their play production titled “The Super Non-Heroes.”

Motion 86//2022 Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT a donation of \$1,000 be provided to the Bentley School Junior High Drama Club to support their play and the purchase of lighting at the school.”

Carried

Correspondence

- a). Lacombe County March 24 Council Highlights**
- b) Parkland Regional Library System Update**
- c) FCM Communique – 2022 Federal Budget**

Motion 87//2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT correspondence items a) to c) be received for information.”

Carried

Other Business / Council Question Period

a) Hiring update Parks Supervisor/Safety Officer

- CAO Marc Fortais updated Mayor and Council that the position had been filled and that the candidate would be starting at the beginning of May. The successful candidate is Chris Loov, and he has spent the

last 5 years working with the Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake in a Public Works role. We are excited to have Chris Join the team!

b) Contract Award Stantec – Transportation Impact Assessment – Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan

- CAO Marc Fortais updated Mayor and Council that the contract has been awarded to Stantec for the Transportation Impact Assessment in relation to the Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan.

c) MLA/MP Meeting

- Councillor Hansen suggested that a meeting be set up as soon as possible with the MLA and MP
- Strategic Planning follow up will occur the week of May 9 to 13, this will allow further discussion of advocacy issues that Mayor and Council may want to discuss with the MLA and MP
- Meeting to be set up for June or July

d) Pam Hansen Deputy Mayor Replacing Dale Grimsdale as Deputy Mayor

- Dale Grimsdale has completed his term as Deputy Mayor and effective April 27, 2022, to July 26, 2022, Pam Hansen will serve in the role as Deputy Mayor.

Motion 88/2022 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the topics discussed as other business be accepted as information."

Carried

Council Reports

- a) Mayor Rathjen
- b) Deputy Mayor Grimsdale
- c) Councillor Hansen
- d) Councillor Eastman
- e) Councillor Valiquette

Motion 89/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the March Council Reports be accepted as information."


Carried

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais