



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley**  
**September 27, 2022**

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**Date and Place** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

**In Attendance** Mayor Greg Rathjen  
Deputy Mayor Eastman  
Councillor Hansen  
Councillor Dale Grimsdale  
Councillor Brenda Valiquette  
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 177/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the September 27, 2022, regular meeting of council, be amended to remove the New Business item (a) Fortis Franchise Fee Agreement due to unforeseen circumstances the inability for the presenter to attend the meeting; AND

THAT this item be replaced by a presentation by administration - Public Works Operational Report.

**Carried**

**Motion 178/2022** Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the agenda of the September 27, 2022, regular meeting of council, be amended to include an additional topic under new business regarding training for council in relation to the Municipal Leaders Certificate.

**Carried**

**Motion 179/2022** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the amended agenda of the September 27, 2022, regular meeting of council be accepted."

**Carried**

## Previous Minutes

**Motion 180/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

**Carried**

## Financial

### a) Prepaid Cheque Listing Cheques No. 20220667 to 20220706

**Motion 181/2022** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Cheque No. 20220667 to 20220706 be received for information."

**Carried**

### b) Council Remuneration Listing

**Motion 182/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the Council Remuneration Listing be received for information."

**Carried**

## New Business

### a) Public Works Operational Report

A presentation was given by the Public Works Department with an overview of operations, which included water quality and testing results, hydrant testing, New Beginnings water service consolidation update, wastewater sampling, hydro survey of wastewater lagoons, lagoon valve replacements, concrete program update, 55<sup>th</sup> Ave warranty work, curb stop repairs, crack filling and line painting, equipment purchases approved by council, Parks & Rec update, Occupational Health and Safety update, weed spraying.

Administration has attached this power point to the minutes as the presentation was not included in the agenda package due to the change in agenda items due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Motion 183/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT Mayor and Council accept the presentation Public Works Operational update as information."

**Carried**



**b) Municipal Leaders Certificate – Council Training**

Deputy Mayor Eastman requested that council consider allowing her and members of council to obtain training and work towards completion of a municipal leader's certificate. Reasoning included the significant benefit this would provide to the members of the public to have council receive additional specialized training.

Mayor and Council considered this request but felt that the funds were not in the current budget to cover such additional training. It was also felt that this item could be discussed in the upcoming 2023 budget process and that administration should be directed to research what other municipalities do regarding training allowances for Mayor and Council.

**Motion 184/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT administration be directed to research and determine training allowances for Mayor and Council and research what other municipalities are providing and provide recommendations in the upcoming 2023 budget process for consideration of Mayor and Council.

**Carried**

**Unfinished Business**

**a) Oxford Building Condition Assessment**

Administration provided an overview and summary of the status and previous recommendation provided to mayor and council. The report also included incorporation of feedback obtained from the community through the information session held. The following motion was put on the floor and debated.

**Motion 185/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to demolish the Oxford Building and undertake any required hazardous material abatement, due to the current deteriorated state of the building and the excessive cost to rectify that current state to a safe public standard; AND

THAT the Oxford Building continue to be closed to the public due to the safety concerns identified through the Oxford Building Condition Assessment until such a time as it can be safely demolished, and all associated remediation and backfilling of the site can occur; AND

THAT upon completion of a formalized concept plan, that the plan be presented through an additional public information session to seek further feedback to finalize design and cost estimates. With such feedback to be incorporated into a finalized design and to be presented at a future Council Meeting in 2023; AND



THAT a fundraising campaign be started to fund any finalized design of park improvements which may be approved by Mayor and Council at a future date.

***It should be noted that it was requested by Councillor Hansen that the vote on the motion be recorded***

**Recorded Vote (4 For and 1 Against)**

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| <b>Councillor Grimsdale</b>  | <b>For</b>     |
| <b>Deputy Mayor Eastman</b>  | <b>For</b>     |
| <b>Councillor Valiquette</b> | <b>For</b>     |
| <b>Mayor Rathjen</b>         | <b>For</b>     |
| <b>Councillor Hansen</b>     | <b>Opposed</b> |

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

**a) Council Highlights Lacombe County September 8, 2022**

**Motion 186/2022** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the correspondence items a) be accepted as information."

**Carried**

**Other Business**      **None**

**Break**      **Motion 187/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "That Mayor and Council take a short 5-minute break at 8:28pm."

**Carried**

**Call to Order**      **Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back in order at 8:33pm**

**In-Camera**      **Motion 188/2022** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale that the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be closed to the public at 8:34pm for a discussion regarding a personal matter in accordance with the Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, disclosure harmful to personal privacy. 17(1) The head of a public body must refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy."

**Carried**



**Motion 189/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the regular meeting of Mayor and Council be resumed in public at 9:26pm."

**Carried**

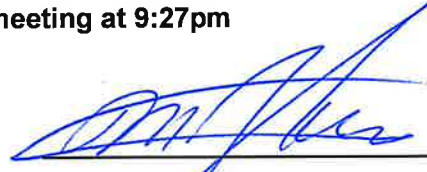
**Adjournment**

**Mayor Rathjen, adjourned the meeting at 9:27pm**



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**Mayor Greg Rathjen**



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**CAO Marc Fortais**