



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

January 25, 2022

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**Date and Place** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, January 25, 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  
Recording Secretary Sandi Meredith

**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 17/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen "THAT" the agenda be amended to include the following items under

#### **New Business:**

- b) Cancellation and reschedule of delegation – Lacombe Regional Waste Services presentation. Cancelled due to illness and rescheduled for February 2022.
- c) Community Electronic Sign Discussion

**Carried**

**Motion 18/2022** Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the agenda also be amended to include the following items as other business:

- a) Review of Bylaws and Policies
- b) Review of Strategic Plan
- c) Discussion regarding avenues to be researched for the purpose of a doctor and/or nurse practitioner
- d) In Camera Session potential business opportunity – Advice from officials 24(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal (a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or a member of the Executive Council"

**Carried**

**Motion 19/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT the amended Agenda, of the January 25, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

**Carried**

#### **Previous Minutes**

**Motion 20/2022** Moved by Councillor Dale Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the January 11, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be confirmed."

**Carried**

#### **Financial**

##### **Prepaid Cheque Listing Cheques No. 20220009 to 20220049**

**Motion 21/2022** Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20220009 to 20220049, excluding Cheque No. 20220009, be received for information."

**Carried**

***It should be noted that Cheque No. 20220009 was excluded due to Councillor Grimsdale declaring and acknowledging a potential conflict of interest.***

**Motion 22/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Cheque No. 20220009 be received for information."

**Carried**

***It should be noted that Councillor Grimsdale did not vote on this Motion.***

## New Business

- a). **Delegation – Lacombe Regional Tourism Presentation and request for increased membership fee.**  
: **Executive Director – Austin Weaver**  
: **Board President – Merry Kuchle**

Austin Weaver, Executive Director of Lacombe Regional Tourism and Merry Kuchle, Board President, gave an overview of the Lacombe Regional Tourism 2022 Town of Bentley Proposal.

They outlined the Proposal, their Mission and Vision and goals. For Bentley and Lacombe County, success is incumbent upon effective and productive partnerships

Lacombe Regional Tourism asked that the Town of Bentley consider joining the LRT as a full member of the association, and that the membership increase to a scaled amount of \$ 4,500.00. This would allow LRT to operate in Bentley at an elevated capacity providing access to more programs and contribute to the managed growth of the Visitor Economy

The delegation exited at 7:13 p.m. Mayor and Council advised them that they would reflect on the ask and decide later. No motion was made after the presentation.

- : **b) Delegation (7:15pm) Lacombe Regional Waste Services Presentation**
- Jay Hohn Manager
  - **This presentation was postponed due to illness of the presenter; it will be rescheduled as per the amended agenda.**

### c) Electronic Community Sign

Discussion only with regards to the electronic sign. Councillor Hansen proposed that consideration should be given to either repairing the sign or taking it down. CAO Marc Fortais, shared with Council the previous quote for sign replacement from the previous CAO was approximately \$28,000. He also indicated that times had changed, and we are in a digital era, with planned updates to our website. He also indicated that the sign had not been taken down, until a suitable alternative through the website redesign was up and running. Once that was completed the intention was to remove the sign. A motion was contemplated to explore the repair or replacement of the sign or tear it down, however no Motion was made, to allow time for implementation of the updated town website - this was discussed only to provide additional clarity why the sign remained inoperable and not replaced.

## Correspondence

- a). Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Virtual Conference

**Motion 23/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor Rathjen, Councillor Eastman and Deputy Mayor Valiquette take part in the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Virtual Conference, February 10, 2022, or/ February 17, 2022."

**Carried**

- b). Lacombe County January 13, 2022, Council Highlights.  
c). Letter to Blaine Calkins regarding Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

**Motion 24/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT correspondence items b) to c) be received for information."

**Carried**

## Other Business / Council Question Period

- a). **Dale Grimsdale replaces Brenda Valiquette as Deputy Mayor from January 27, 2022 to April 26, 2022.**

**Motion 25/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT Dale Grimsdale be appointed as Deputy Mayor to replace Brenda Valiquette for the next three-month term for the period covering January 27, 2022, to April 26, 2022, and further, signing authority be changed to reflect same.

**Carried**

- b). **Review Bylaws and Policies**

Councillor Eastman requested that one Bylaw and/or Policy be presented at each council meeting for review and to educate members of council regarding Bylaws and Policies. The intent is to read them but not to conduct a formal review/best practices comparison, which will be done by administration as and when required.

**Motion 26/2022** Motion by Councillor Eastman, "THAT one Bylaw and/or Policy be added to the Agenda for each Council meeting, for review by Council".

**Carried**

- c). **Review of Strategic Plan**

Councillor Eastman asked for clarity on where Council was at with review of the Strategic Plan from an understanding perspective. The CAO reminded Council that they had completed a working session with Parkland Community Planning Services and the CAO during the budget process. Also, each Councillor has a copy of the Strategic Plan in their binders, should they wish to review it. The intention has always been to bring the

feedback received from Mayor and Council back to another working session in March, once budget, year end and audit are completed. Administration is on target to bring that session back to council in March. No motion was made for this item.

**d) Research Doctor and/or Nurse Practitioner for Care Centre**

Mayor Rathjen and CAO, Marc Fortais spoke to the matter, and will undertake to investigate this matter further. It should be noted that at the last meeting with Main Street Medical in October of 2021, the Town was advised that due to a doctor shortage they were unable to provide additional appointment service at the Bentley Care Centre.

No motion made. Mayor Rathjen, Councillor Eastman and CAO Fortais will pursue further research into this matter including meeting with Care Centre Staff and AHS regarding pursuing a doctor or Nurse Care Practitioner for the community.

**Motion to Break**

**Motion 27/2022** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Mayor and Council take a short recess at 7:45pm for 10 minutes and return at 7:55pm for the in-camera portion of the meeting."

**Carried**

**Call to Order**

**Mayor Rathjen called the meeting to order after the short 10 minutes break at 7:55pm**

**e) In Camera Item – Potential Business Opportunity for discussion and Advice from officials 24(1) Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy.** The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal (a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or a member of the Executive Council"

**Motion 28/2022** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be closed to the public for a discussion regarding a business proposal at 7:56 p.m.

**Carried**

**Motion 29/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be resumed in public at 9:02 p.m.

**Carried**

f) Councillor Hansen, wished for Mayor and Council to decide on the funding support for Lacombe Tourism, which was discussed as New Business item a. She stated that there was no point in them waiting on a decision until the next meeting and therefore she made the following motion.

**Motion 30/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Council approve the increase of membership cost to Lacombe Regional Tourism to \$ 4,500.00 (four thousand five hundred dollars), and request that a member of Bentley Town Council be a voting member of their Board.

**Carried**

### Adjournment

**Motion 31/2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Valiquette, "THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

**Carried**

  
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Greg Rathjens - Mayor

  
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CAO Marc Fortnes