



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley
January 11, 2022**

Date & Place: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:45 pm, in the Bentley Municipal Office.

In Attendance: Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Brenda Valiquette
Councillor Pam 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."


Agenda: **Motion 01/2022** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda be amended to include the following items under Other Business:

- a.) Community Revitalization Fund Grant Update
- b.) In-Camera – Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy/Advice from Officials – Personnel/Labour matter (in-camera pursuant to section 24(1) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Carried

Motion 02/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the amended Agenda of the January 11, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried



Initial

Previous Minutes:

Motion 03/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the minutes of the December 14, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council, be confirmed."

Carried

Financial:

Prepaid Cheque Listing - Cheques No. 20210912 to 20220008

Motion 04/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques #20210912 to #20220008, excluding cheque #20210944 be received for information."

It should be noted that cheque #20210944 was excluded due to councillor Grimsdale declaring and acknowledging a potential conflict of interest.

Carried

Motion 05/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT cheque #20210944 be received for information."

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

Carried

Motion 06/2022 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "That the Mayor and Council Remuneration Listing be received for information."

Carried

New Business:

a) 2022 Annual Recreation, Cultural, Historical and Tourism Funding Support

CAO Marc Fortais presented the information regarding the grants as per the report, but also noted that there was an error on the grant descriptions in the report as follows:

- Medicine Lodge Ski Club – the report showed the funding was for Jackets for the ski hill, which was what the 2021 funding was provided for – for 2022 the funding related to the purchase of rental equipment for the rental operation at the hill, which is not owned and operated by the ski club, as per their attached application to the report.

- Bentley Municipal Library – the report showed the funding was for summer student funding, however the funding was for the mini libraries program in 2022 as per their attached application to the report.

Motion 07/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT the Mayor and Council accept and approve all applications to the 2022 annual Recreational, Cultural, Historical and Tourism funding support program, excluding Minor Hockey’s application for a total funding amount of \$13,545 to be distributed as follows:

Medicine Lodge Ski Club	Rental Equip	\$ 3,800.00
Bentley Museum Society	Tourism Staffing	\$ 3,245.00
Bentley Municipal Library	Mini Libraries	\$ 1,500.00
Bentley Farmers Market	Operating Cost	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total		\$13,545.00

AND THAT the funding provided to the Bentley District Ag Society in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the 2020 year and carried into 2021 for the purposes of funding the fun zone activity held during the Town & County Fair Days be carried into the 2022 year due to the ongoing cancellation of the event, because of the impacts of COVID-19.”

Carried

Motion 08/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT Mayor and Council approve 50% of Minor Hockey’s Application to the 2022 annual Recreational, Cultural, Historical and Tourism funding support program in the amount of \$8,000.00.”

Carried

b.) DEM Compensation

Motion 09/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT the monthly compensation for the DEM be raised to \$750 per month beginning in March 2022 inclusive of all costs and mileage in alignment with the amounts reimbursed by other communities and with a minimum requirement of 15 hours per month.”

Carried



Correspondence:

- a) **Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission October 13 Meeting Minutes**
- b) **Lacombe County December 16, 2021, Council Highlights**
- c) **MGA Amendments for Unpaid Oil and Gas Property Tax**

Motion 10/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council receive correspondence item a) to c) as information."

Carried

Other Business

- a) **Canada Community Revitalization Grant Update**
CAO Marc Fortais provided an update that we continue to email and ask Western Economic Diversification and the representatives for the administration of the grant for an update as to when the Town will be notified if we are successful for our application. The response has been the same, that they are processing a large volume of applications and will contact us if they have any questions regarding our application.

Town administration has also been in contact with Blaine Calkins Office to ask that they inquire on our behalf. We were waiting for his office to let us know when they have received a response back from the grant administration.

Motion 11/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen "THAT Administration draft a strong letter to Blaine Calkins Office on behalf of Mayor and Council, regarding following up on the Canada Community Revitalization Grant and to provide Mayor and Council with an update regarding our eligibility."

Carried

Break

Motion 12/2022 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "to take a 5 min break at 7:45pm and return at 7:50pm."

Carried

Return and Call to Order

Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back to order at 7:50pm



Other Business Cont'd

- b) **In-Camera – Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy/Advice from Officials – Personnel/Labour matter (in-camera pursuant to section 24(1) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)**

Motion 13/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the Regular meeting of Council December 14, 2021, be closed at 7:50pm to the public to discuss a personnel/labour matter in accordance with section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act."

Carried

Motion 14/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the Regular meeting of Council December 14, 2021, be resumed in public at 8:12pm."

Carried

Council Reports

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

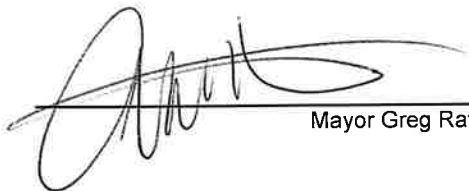
Motion 15/2022 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT the Council Reports be accepted as information. "

Carried

Adjournment

Motion 16/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the regular meeting of council be adjourned at 9:13 p.m."

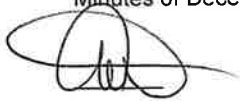
Carried



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais



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