



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

October 11, 2022

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, October 11, 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 190/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT the agenda of the October 11, 2022, regular meeting of council, be amended to add under Other Business the following additional items to be discussed prior to the in-camera topics:

- b) Signing Authority
- c) AHS Meeting Update

Carried

Motion 191/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the amended agenda of the October 11, 2022, regular meeting of council, be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 192/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing Cheques No. 20220707 to 20220731

Motion 193/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Cheque No. 20220707 to 20220731 be received for information."

Carried

New Business

a) FORTIS Franchise Agreement (Deferred from September 27, 2022, Agenda)

A presentation was given by Kayla Law from FORTIS Alberta regarding the Franchise Fee Agreement with the Town of Bentley.

Motion 194/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize the CAO to renew the Franchise Agreement with Fortis Alberta for an additional 5-year term from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2028; AND

THAT Mayor and Council set the electrical distribution system franchise fee percentage for the 2022 November deadline related to the Franchise Fee Collected in the 2023 year at 10%.

Carried

b) ATCO Franchise Fee – Rate Setting

Motion 195/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council set the natural gas distribution system franchise fee percentage for the 2022 November deadline related to the Franchise Fee Collected in the 2023 year at 12%.

Carried

c) 2023 Proposed Budget Parkland Regional Library System

Motion 196/2022 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Mayor and Council approve the municipal per capita requisition for the Parkland Regional Library System (PRLS) in the amount of \$8.75; AND

THAT Mayor and Council support the 2023 Proposed Parkland Regional Library Budget as presented; AND

THAT the CAO Marc Fortais send the approval to Parkland Regional Library System as soon as possible."

Carried

Correspondence

a) Council Highlights Lacombe County September 22, 2022

Motion 197/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT the correspondence items a) be accepted as information."

Carried

Other Business

a) CAO/Mayor Update – meeting with Sandy Point Executive

Mayor Rathjen provided an overview of a meeting that took place between the Town of Bentley and the Sandy Point Executive. The meeting was an informal meeting to discuss and update each other about the major initiatives that are happening at the Town of Bentley and at Sandy Point.

The meeting was positive and provided opportunity to share vision, ideas, and potential collaboration for the future to market both communities.

It is intended that these meetings will continue in the future to explore opportunities for collaboration that may of mutual benefit to both the Town of Bentley and Sandy Point.

b) Signing Authority

Deputy Mayor Eastman clarified if she was given signing authority as the Deputy Mayor. CAO Marc Fortais indicated that the form to ensure Deputy Mayor Eastman had signing authority was missed and has not yet been completed. Administration committed to rectifying the oversight.

c) AHS meeting update

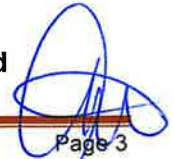
Deputy Mayor Eastman asked administration for an update regarding the meeting that AHS had committed to with the Town of Bentley to discuss the care centre and the current doctor shortage.

CAO Marc Fortais, indicated that he had not yet heard back from AHS, who had previously indicated they would connect with the town, once the connect care project had been finalized at the care centre.

Mayor and council discussed options including sending a letter to AHS regarding the meeting It was also discussed that potentially a survey could be created to poll residents to gain a better understanding their needs of residents regarding healthcare.

Motion 198/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT administration be directed to develop a survey/questionnaire to better understand the needs of local residents to do with healthcare."

Carried



Motion 199/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the council reports from Mayor and Council be reviewed, prior to moving the meeting in-camera to deal with the in-camera matters listed on the agenda."

Carried

Council Reports

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

Motion 200/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the September council reports be accepted as information."

Carried

Break

Motion 201/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "That Mayor and Council take a short 5-minute break at 8:06pm."

Carried

Call to Order

Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back in order at 8:33pm

In-Camera

Motion 202/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be closed to the public at 8:11pm for a discussion regarding two items as follows:

- a) In-Camera discussion regarding Branding concepts in accordance with Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, 24(1) Advice from Officials. 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, analysis, or policy options developed by or for a public body or a member of the Executive Council.
 - (b) Positions plans, procedures, criteria, or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations on or behalf of the Government of Alberta or a public body, or considerations that relate to those negotiations.

- b) In-camera discussions regarding ECO Tree Generations proposal in accordance with the Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, 16(1) Disclosure harmful to the business interests of a third party. The head of a public

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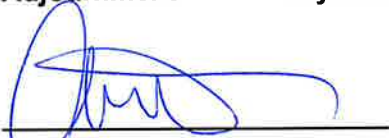
Carried

Motion 203/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, “THAT the regular meeting of Mayor and Council be resumed in public at 9:58pm.”

Carried

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen, adjourned the meeting at 10:00pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais