



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley
November 24, 2020**

Date & Place: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley, held beginning Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:45am, in the Bentley Municipal Office.

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Joan Dickau
Councillor Doug Talsma
Councillor Cora Knutson
Councillor Neil Maki
CAO Marc Fortais

Call to Order Mayor Greg Rathjen called the council meeting to order at 6:45pm

Agenda **Motion 210/2020** Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT the agenda of the November 24, 2020 Council Meeting be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes **Motion 211/2020** Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 10, 2020 be confirmed."

Carried

Financial

a) **Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques 20200785 to 20200835**

Motion 212/2020 Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT cheques numbered 20200785 to 20200835," be received as information.

Carried

New Business

a) **Zoom Presentation by Maureen Easton of Business Link**

- Maureen Easton from Business Link provided an overview of the services to support businesses within Bentley. They offer a variety of services including Business Advisory Services, Business Support Services (including talk to an expert – lawyer, accountant etc.) at a discounted price, help with business planning, as well as a variety of business education and training.
- From startup to business expansion they are there to support the business community
- Also provide access to a vast information database to assist businesses with market research.
- Export Business Support
- Networking and peerpreneur sessions

The business link web link is also posted on the Town of Bentley's website.

Motion 213/2020 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT the information presented by Maureen Easton of Business Link be accepted as information."

Carried

b) 8760 Expense Management (Distribution and Transmission Cost Review)

Motion 214/2020 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize the CAO Marc Fortais to enter into an agreement with 8760 Expense Management to realize the cost savings related to distribution and transmission charges as presented in the presentation."

Carried

c) First Impressions Community Assessment (CAEP) Bentley & Thorsby

Motion 215/2020 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize the CAO to work with Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) and the community of Thorsby to undertake a First Impressions Community Exchange."

Carried

d) Library Board Bylaw Amendment

Motion 216/2020 Moved by Councillor Knutson at 7:33pm "THAT the meeting be moved in camera to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with section 17(1) and 24(1) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act."

Motion 217/2020 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT the in-camera meeting be adjourned at 7:46pm."

Carried

It should be noted that when the in-camera meeting was concluded, Deputy Mayor Dickau declared a potential conflict of interest and left the room, prior to any vote taking place on the Library Board Bylaw Amendment.

Motion 218/2020 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Bylaw No. 222/2020 being a bylaw of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta to amend Bylaw #123/2008 Bentley Municipal Library Board Bylaw, be read a first time this 24th day of November, 2020.

Carried

Motion 219/2020 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT Bylaw No. 222/2020 be read a second time this 24th day of November, 2020.

Carried

Motion 220/2020 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Bylaw No. 222/2020 be presented and considered for third reading this 24th day of November 2020.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 221/2020 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT Bylaw No 222/2020 be read a third and final time and passed this 24th day of November 2020,

Carried Unanimously

Motion 222/2020 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize the Library Board to vote on extending the Term of Office for Joan Dickau to allow for her reappointment as a member for more than two consecutive terms".

Carried

Deputy Mayor Returned to Council Chambers at 7:50 pm after the vote took place for Bylaw 222/2020

Correspondence

- a) **Lacombe County Council Highlights November 12, 2020**
- b) **Red Deer River Watershed Alliance Annual Report 2019-2020**

Motion 223/2020 Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT Mayor and Council receive correspondence item a) to b) as information."

Carried

Other Business/Council Question Period

- a) **Canada Post Temporary Post Office in old fire hall at the Town Office**

The CAO Marc Fortais, provided an update of the current situation in regard to the damage done to the Post Office. A vehicle had driven through the brick wall at the back of the building, forcing a longer term closure of the Post Office while the building could be assessed. Town staff had worked with the Post Office to find a temporary solution by providing leased space to Canada Post in the old fire hall at a market rental rate of \$845.00 plus GST per month. It should be noted that a rental rate analysis was conducted to determine fair market value of rent for the space. .

Motion 224/2020 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT Mayor and Council approve the lease of space at the old fire hall on a month to month basis at the proposed rental rate as temporary measure, while the Post Office finds a more permanent solution."

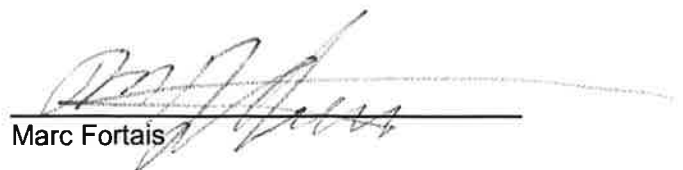
Carried

Adjournment: **Motion 225/2020** Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT the regular meeting of council be adjourned. Time: 8:10 pm."

Carried



Mayor Greg Rathjen



Marc Fortais

