



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley
January 26, 2021**

- Date & Place:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley, held beginning Tuesday, January 26, 2021 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 11/2021** Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT the agenda be amended to include two additional items as other business:
- 1) **Historical Plaques – Medicine Lodge Ski Hill & Arena**
 - 2) **In-Camera Item: Competitive Information**
"In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Revised Statutes of Alberta Chapter F-25 Division 2 – Disclosure Harmful to business interests of a third party."
16(1) the head of a public body must refuse to disclose
ii.) Commercial, financial, labour relations, scientific or technical information.
Carried
- Motion 12/2021** Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT the agenda as amended be accepted."
Carried
- Previous Minutes** **Motion 13/2021** Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2020 be confirmed."
Carried
- Financial**
- a) **Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques 20200946 to 20210053**
Motion 14/2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT cheques numbered 20200946 to 20210053, excepting cheque number 20210035, which Deputy Mayor Dickau formally declared as a conflict of interest, be received as information."
Carried

Motion 15/2021 Moved Councillor Maki, "That cheque number 20210035 be received as information." It should be noted that Deputy Mayor Dickau did not vote on this motion.

Carried

New Business

a) 2021 Annual Recreation, Cultural, Historical, Tourism Funding Support

It should be noted that each request was voted on separately due to any potential or perceived conflict of interest due to various council members' roles serving on the boards of organizations that requested grant funding.

Requests to carry 2020 grant funding provided into the 2021 year

Motion 16/2021 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Mayor and Council approve that the 2020 grant funding in the amount of \$2,000 provided to Rev Masters Car Club for the fireworks during the Bentley Town & County Fair Days and Rodeo be carried over into the 2021 year."

Carried

Motion 17/2021 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT Mayor and Council approve that the 2020 grant funding in the amount of \$2.500 provided to Bentley District Ag Society for the fun zone activity expense during the Bentley Town & County Fair Days and Rodeo be carried over into the 2021 year." It should be noted that Deputy Mayor Dickau did not vote on the motion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Carried

Motion 18/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT Mayor and Council approve that the 2020 grant funding in the amount of \$1,200 provided to Bentley Municipal Library for the mini libraries program be carried over into the 2021 year." It should be noted that Deputy Mayor Dickau and Councillor Knutson, did not vote on the motion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Carried

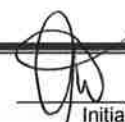
Motion 19/2021 Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT Mayor and Council approve that the 2020 grant funding in the amount of \$2,500 provided to Canada Day for the Canada Fireworks be carried over into the 2021 year." It should be noted that Deputy Mayor Dickau, did not vote on the motion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Carried

Requests for 2021 Grant Funding

Motion 20/2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT Mayor and Council approve the 2021 grant request from Medicine Lodge Ski Club in the amount of \$4,000 for the purchase of uniforms (jackets) for the hill staff and volunteers."

Carried


Initial

Motion 21/2021 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Mayor and Council approve the 2021 grant request from Bentley Museum Society in the amount of \$2,530 for tourism information centre staffing costs." It should be noted that Councillor Knutson and Councillor Talsma did not vote on the motion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Carried

Motion 22/2021 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT Mayor and Council approve the 2021 grant request from Bentley Municipal Library in the amount of \$6,000 for the Bentley Library Mural Project." It should be noted that Deputy Mayor Dickau and Councillor Knutson did not vote on the motion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Carried

Motion 23/2021 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Mayor and Council approve the 2021 grant request from Bentley Farmers Market in the amount of \$5,000 for the additional operational costs in relation to COVID-19, enhanced security, fencing, cleaning costs related to the market." It should be noted that Councillor Knutson did not vote on the motion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Carried

Motion 24/2021 Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT Mayor and Council not approve the 2021 grant funding request from Bentley Minor Hockey in the amount of \$4,450 due to the request not meeting policy guidelines in that it is a request to fund a prior year project where grant funds have already been disbursed to that organization for another project within that year."

Carried

b) Deferral of utility and tax penalties until December 31, 2021

Tax Penalty Deferral Bylaw

Motion 25/2021 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Bylaw 224/2021 the 2021 Tax Penalty Deferral Bylaw be given first reading this day of January 26, 2021."

Carried

Motion 26/2021 Moved by Councillor Knutson, "THAT Bylaw 224/2021 the 2021 Tax Penalty Deferral Bylaw be given second reading this day of January 26, 2021."

Carried

Motion 27/2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT Bylaw 224/2021 the 2021 Tax Penalty Deferral Bylaw be considered for third and final reading this day of January 26, 2021."

Carried Unanimously



Initial

Motion 28/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT Bylaw 224/2021 the 2021 Tax Penalty Deferral Bylaw be read a third and final time this day of January 26, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

Utility Penalty Deferral Bylaw

Motion 29/2021 Moved by Mayor Rathjen, "THAT Bylaw 225/2021 the 2021 Utility Penalty Deferral Bylaw be given first reading this day of January 26, 2021."

Carried

Motion 30/2021 Moved by Councillor Maki, "THAT Bylaw 225/2021 the 2021 Utility Penalty Deferral Bylaw be given second reading this day of January 26, 2021."

Carried

Motion 31/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT Bylaw 225/2021 the Utility Penalty Deferral Bylaw be considered for third and final reading this day of January 26, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

Motion 32/2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT Bylaw 225/2021 the Utility Penalty Deferral Bylaw be read a third and final time this day of January 26, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

a) **Lacombe County Council Highlights January 14, 2021**

Motion 33/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT correspondence item a) be accepted as information."

Carried

Other Business/Council Question Period

a) **Historical Plaques – Bentley Museum Society Request**

- Councillor Knutson provided an overview of the grant that the Bentley Museum Society is applying for to fund the placement of historical plaques at the Bentley Arena and Curling Club along with the an historical plaque for a Barrel Flooder located at the arena. As well the society is also looking to place a plaque at the Bentley Ski Hill.
- The Museum Society is seeking permission from the Town to place the plaques on Town owned property and is requesting that a formal letter be written by the town providing such authorization.



Motion 34/2021 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dickau, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize the CAO, Marc Fortais to work with the Museum Society, Bentley Ski Hill, Arena Staff and Curling Club Staff for the placement of the historical plaques; AND

THAT CAO, Marc Fortais provide the Bentley Museum Society with authorization in writing for the placement of said plaques on town land."

Carried

b) In Camera Item

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Motion 35/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma that the Regular Meeting of Council be closed to the public for a discussion to take place regarding competitive information at 7:18pm.

Carried

Motion 36/2021 Moved by Councillor Knutson that the Regular Meeting of Council be resumed in public at 7:32pm.

Carried

Motion 37/2021 Moved by Councillor Talsma, "THAT the regular meeting of council be adjourned. Time: 7:35 pm."

Carried



Mayor Greg Rathjen



Marc Fortais

