

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Bentley Town Council held Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joan Dickau  
Deputy Mayor Sandra Smyth  
Councillor Robin Lemay  
Councillor Cliff Knutson  
Councillor Greg Rathjen  
Elizabeth Smart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sandra Meredith, Recording Secretary.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joan Dickau called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**2. AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Additions:**

**8. New Business**

**d) Village of Alix – Parade  
Saturday, August 14, 2010.**

**11. Other Business**

**a) Business Incentive**

**MOTION 2010/196** Moved by Councillor Lemay that Council accept the Agenda of July 13, 2010, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, June 22, 2010, as presented.**

**MOTION 2010/197** Moved by Councillor Knutson that Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, June 22, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. FINANCIAL**

**a) Accounts Payable – Prepaid Cheques No. 2010-0626 to 2010-0677.**

**MOTION 2010/198** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smyth that Council receive for information Prepaid Cheques No. 2010-0626 to 2010-0677, with the exception of Prepaid Cheque No. 2010-0659.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Dickau declared pecuniary interest and refrained from voting on the following Motion, and stepped down as Chair.

Deputy Mayor Sandra Smyth assumed the Chair.

**MOTION 2010/199** Moved by Councillor Lemay that Council receive for information Prepaid Cheque No. 2010-0659.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATION: 7:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Ed Spycher**

**Re: Soft-sided buildings.**

Mayor Dickau welcomed Mr. Spycher and invited him to make his presentation to Council with regards to his issues/concerns regarding soft sided buildings.

Mr. Spycher explained that he has had his soft sided building in place for an extended period of time, approximately 10 years. His building is in good condition and is used for the purpose of a garage. His yard and buildings are kept in an orderly and most presentable fashion. Mr. Spycher referenced other municipalities that allow soft sided buildings and requested Council amend the Land Use By-law to provide for the inclusion of soft sided buildings in a residential district.

CAO Elizabeth Smart advised that the Land Use By-law is set to be reviewed in the 2010 work schedule.

Other concerns presented by Mr. Spycher, with supporting documentation in the form of pictures, were unsightly yards within the town.

Council thanked Mr. Spycher for bringing his concerns to Council.

The delegation exited the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a) Electors Petition

Council received for information the letter from Don Simpson, of Chapman Riebeck LLP, Barristers and Solicitors, regarding their review, comments and suggestions concerning the petition.

Mayor Dickau reported to Council that on June 28, 2010, at the request of Council, she contacted both AUMA and Municipal Affairs to inquire as to the best way to proceed with the request outlined in the petition presented to Town Council. She indicated to both AUMA representatives as well as Municipal Affairs that Council had passed the Motion to proceed with an investigation.

In speaking with AUMA Casual Legal Services appointed lawyer, it was suggested that this issue was more of a practical matter than a legal matter, due to the vagueness of the petition. It was suggested that Municipal Affairs be contacted with regards to this matter.

Mayor Dickau reported that in conversation with Municipal Affairs the courses of action provided were as follows:

- ▶ hire an outside consultant with expertise in the area of Municipal Investigation at the minimum cost of \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00.
- ▶ request a Municipal inspection, (under Section 571, MGA), the cost of same may be charged to the Municipality, or a request may be made by the Town for the Province to incur the cost of same. It must be noted that there is no guarantee that the Province will incur the cost.  
This matter would not be pursued until after the Municipal Election as it is their practice not to influence the election process or be part of an election campaign.
- ▶ the matter of this investigation be posed as a question on a ballot at the next municipal election with the estimated cost of this action indicated on same.
- ▶ contact a reputable firm or Human Resources firm from the surrounding area.
- ▶ contact the party initiating the petition to indicate that Council is proceeding with the chosen course of action and is that a satisfactory course of action.

Mayor and Council must direct the process and establish Terms of Reference. Upon the determined Terms of Reference, a tender should be issued.

A copy of the investigators report must be made available to the public.

A committee, formed by Council is needed to bring the committee together, work together to determine and address the issues and find the best workable solution.

CAO Elizabeth Smart will absent herself from the process, and act only in an Administrative support to Council role.

**MOTION 2010/200** Moved by Mayor Dickau to form a Committee of Council to deal with the investigation of the petition.

**CARRIED**

The date for the first meeting of the Committee of Council is scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers

**7. BY-LAWS AND POLICIES**

a) By-law No. 146/2010

A By-law of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the occasional temporary closure of a road or portion of a road.

**MOTION 2010/201** Moved by Councillor Rathjen that Council give first reading to By-law No. 146/2010, being a By-law of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the occasional temporary closure of a road or portion of a road.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 2010/202** Moved by Councillor Knutson that Council give second reading to By-law No. 146/2010, being a By-law of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the occasional temporary closure of a road or portion of a road.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 2010/203** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smyth that Council proceed to third and final reading of By-law No. 146/2010, being a By-law of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the occasional temporary closure of a road or portion of a road.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 2010/204** Moved by Councillor Lemay that Council give third and final reading to By-law No. 146/2010, being a By-law of the Town of Bentley, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the occasional temporary closure of a road or portion of a road.

**CARRIED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Central Alberta Economic Partnership**

Re: Request for Support in Principle.

**MOTION 2010/205** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smyth that Council support in principle CAEP Regional Transportation Strategy.

**CARRIED**

**b) Bentley Horseshoe Club**

Re: Requests

Annual Fair Tournament  
August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**MOTION 2010/206** Moved by Councillor Rathjen the Council grant permission to the Bentley Horseshoe Club to park two units (one for administration office and one for a kitchen facility) along the north side of the Ag Society storage building.

**CARRIED**

**c) Government of Alberta – Agriculture and Rural Development.**

Re: Alberta Weed Control Act  
Appointment of Weed Control Inspector

**MOTION 2010/207:** Moved by Councillor Rathjen that Council appoint a member of the Public Works Department to the position of Weed Control Inspector for the Town of Bentley.

**CARRIED**

**d) Village of Alix – Parade Invitation  
August 14, 2010.**

**MOTION 2010/208** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smyth that Council authorize Mayor Dickau or alternate to represent the Town of Bentley in the Village of Alix parade scheduled for August 14, 2010.

**9. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Lacombe Enforcement**

Re: Bentley Municipal Report – May 2010.

**b) Bentley Community Services – CBI Contract**

Re: Quarterly Report – April, May, June 2010.

**c) Lacombe County – Public Hearing**

Re: Proposed Amendments to the County's Land Use By-law  
Rezoning of Land for Proposed Sandy Point RV Resort Development at  
Gull Lake.

**MOTION 2010/209** Moved by Councillor Lemay that Council receive for information General Correspondence items a) through c).

**CARRIED**

## 10. CAO / COUNCIL REPORTS

**MOTION 2010/210** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smyth to include a listing of Committee meetings and functions attended by members of Administration and Council in the Minutes of Council meetings.

**CARRIED**

### **a) CAO Elizabeth Smart – written submission.**

- together with Mayor Dickau represented the Town of Bentley at the Servus Credit Union annual BBQ in Ponoka, June 02, 2010.
- attended Bentley District Fire Department quarterly meeting -June 07, 2010.
- attended along with Fire Chief Colegrave an AEMA workshop - June 08, 2010.
- attended the CAEP Annual General Meeting - June 10, 2010.
- assisted with Seniors Luncheon - June 17, 2010.
- attended Zone 3 Local Government Administrations Assoc. meeting – June 18, 2010.
- represented the Town of Bentley at the Lacombe County Council meeting – June 24, 2010.
- attended along with Mayor Dickau and Deputy Mayor Smyth at the office of Chapman Riebeck in Red Deer – June 29, 2010.

### **b) Mayor – Joan Dickau – written submission.**

- attended along with CAO Elizabeth Smart the Servus Credit Union Annual BBQ in Ponoka – June 2, 2010.
- attended monthly CAEP Marketing Committee Meeting – June 2, 2010.
- represented the Town of Bentley at the Eckville Parade – June 5, 2010.
- attended Lacombe Foundation 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala – June 10, 2010.
- attended along with Deputy Mayor Smyth and CAO Elizabeth Smart at the office of Chapman Riebeck in Red Deer – June 29, 2010.

### **c) Deputy Mayor – Sandra Smyth – written submission.**

- attended Library Board meeting – June 9, 2010.
- attended Lacombe Foundation Gala Celebration – June 10, 2010.
- represented the Town of Bentley in the Sylvan Lake parade – June 12, 2010.
- attended Parkland Regional Library Executive meeting – June 17, 2010.
- attended with Mayor Dickau and CAO Elizabeth Smart at the office of Chapman Riebeck in Red Deer – June 29, 2010.

**d) Councillor Robin Lemay – no written submission.**

**e) Councillor Cliff Knutson – written submission.**

- attended RDRWA Annual General Meeting – June 24, 2010.
- attended PCPS Semi Annual General Meeting – June 25, 2010.

**f) Councillor Greg Rathjen – written submission.**

- attended Fire Department Quarterly meeting – June 7, 2010.
- attended PAMZ Meeting – June 16, 2010.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Business Incentive**

Councillor Rathjen shared his thoughts with Council regarding the possibilities of the introduction an incentive to encourage businesses to the area.

CAO Elizabeth Smart reminded Council of the August 25, 2010, Sustainability and Investment Information Package workshop and suggested the workshop would be a good venue to discuss economic development incentives.

**12. COUNCIL QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2010/211:** Moved by Councillor Knutson to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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**Chief Administrative Officer**

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