

# Economic Development Committee

MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2021

7:00 A.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attendees	Councillor Dustin Brears, Marty Sveinbjornson, CV Sastry, Don Reed, Connie Brown (via Zoom), Gaurav Thakur
Staff	Lonnie Kaal (City Manager), Michael Eger (Director of Planning, Building & Development), Samuel Twumasi (Economic Development Officer), Jody Hahn (Administrative Assistant)
Guests	Mayor Mitch Hipsley
Regrets	Councilor Darcy Zaharia, Charles Ryder
Absent	
Recording	Jody Hahn
Call to order	7:02 a.m.
Adjourn	8:58 a.m.

## Agenda Topics

### Adoption of Agenda

Motion 09-21	<b>SVEINBJORNSON</b> That the Economic Development Committee Agenda be approved. CARRIED.
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### Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Meeting

Discussion	Minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting of the Committee were circulated.
Motion 10-21	<b>BREARS</b> That the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED.

### City of Yorkton Website

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Samuel presented to the group a presentation on the City of Yorkton Website. The presentation highlighted how the website is organized, promotion of social media feeds, positive feedback, City Services (miniature copy of Yorkton and how it operates), and the continuation of updates to keep improving the website.</li><li>A question and answer period followed the presentation and discussion amongst Committee and Chamber members ensued. Topics discussed included Business Directory, Business Licence online application, positive feedback, and changing the top banner video/image as the seasons change.</li></ul>
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### Discussion

#### Richardson and its Impact to the Yorkton Economy

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CV presented to the group a discussion topic on Richardson and its impact on the Yorkton economy. Discussion amongst Committee and Chamber</li></ul>
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	<p>members highlighted the impact of the construction phase, competition, economic spinoff and Field to Fork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee viewed Google Earth maps of Yorkton from 2004 to 2020. Discussions took place on the correlation with Yorkton's growth as Richardson expanded throughout the years.</li> <li>• Concerns about Yorkton's air quality were brought forward. Administration explained that the City of Yorkton works with the Ministry of Environment. The Ministry is in charge of monitoring air quality control. They have put up mobile test sites. They also require plants to self-report on air quality. They have found traceable odor but the air quality was not even close to approaching any warning levels. The City of Yorkton works with plants to try to limit upset conditions. The smell comes from maintenance and cleaning, essentially from rotten canola.</li> </ul>
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<b>Current and Upcoming City Projects</b>	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CV presented to the group a discussion topic on current and upcoming city projects. Discussion amongst Committee and Chamber members highlighted the upcoming revitalization of Broadway and Highway #9, York Road, construction and maintenance of roads and pathways, Federal grant funding and a list of the City of Yorkton's 2021 major projects on the City of Yorkton website.</li> </ul>

Brown exits the meeting.
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<b>In-Camera Items on the Topic of 'Land Development'</b>	
Discussion	Under Appendix A [Sections 6a, 6b, 8] of the City of Yorkton Procedures Bylaw 01/2016.
Motion 11-21	<b>SVEINBJORNSEN</b> That this meeting of April 8, 2021 resume in-camera at 8:18 a.m. CARRIED.

<b>Resume to Regular Meeting</b>	
Discussion	In-camera discussions ceased.
Motion 12-21	<b>BREARS</b> That this meeting of April 8, 2021 resume in regular open session at 8:57 a.m. CARRIED.

Sveinbjornsen exits the meeting at 8:58 a.m.
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<b>Adjournment</b>	Quorum was lost so the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.
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<b>Next Meeting</b>	Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. at City Hall.
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CHAIRPERSON  
CV Sastry

RECORDING SECRETARY  
Jody Hahn