

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2021**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider – arrived at 5:09, Chris Wyatt – arrived at 5:29p.m., Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present within the bar : Lonnie Kaal - City Manager, Jessica Matsalla - Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), and Ashley Stradeski - Director of Finance, Kim Durdin - Assessment and Taxation Manager, Jessica Hudy - Taxation Clerk.

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Recording: Jessica Matsalla - City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present Deputy Mayor Dustin Brears called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

******C00025 -2021**

Hipsley

That the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting agenda of May 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

OPEN

No Items

*****C00026-2021**

Chyz

That this Committee of the Whole Council Meeting move in-camera to discuss one item categorized as ‘Other’ in accordance with the Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016 – Appendix ‘A’ subsection 3,5(e) – 5:02 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

IN-CAMERA

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Deputy Mayor Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider – arrived at 5:09 p.m., Chris Wyatt – arrived at 5:29 p.m., and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Lonnie Kaal - City Manager, Jessica Matsalla - Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), and Ashley Stradeski - Director of Finance, Kim Durdin - Assessment and Taxation Manager, Amber Matechuk - City Controller, and Jessica Hudy - Taxation Clerk.

Amber Matechuk exited Council Chambers – 5:56 p.m.

*****C00027-2021**

Zaharia

That the Committee of the Whole Council rise and report in open session – 8:17 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****C00028-2021**

Wyatt

That the Committee of the Whole Council recommend to Council to direct Administration to use a phase-in tax tool for all commercial and vacant land properties over three years effective 2021, 2022, 2023.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****C00029-2021**

Wyatt

That the Committee of the Whole Council recommend to Council to direct Administration to prepare the 2021 Mill Rates Bylaw with an increase to the base tax on Residential and Multi-Unit properties by \$35 to mitigate the impact of mill rate increase on properties that decreased less than the average 11%.

Mayor Hipsley & Councillor Brears opposed.

Carried.***

*****C00030-2021**

Zaharia

That the Committee of the Whole Council recommend to Council to direct Administration prepare the 2021 Mill Rates Bylaw with a reduction to the base tax on high density to 85% of the new full base tax to mitigate the increase in assessed values.

Councillor Chyz opposed.

Carried.***

*****C00031-2021**

Haider

That the Committee of the Whole Council recommend to Council to direct Administration to bring a Mill Rates Bylaw, Tax Extension Deadline Bylaw with a payment deadline of September 30, 2021, Abatements/Exemptions Bylaw and Phase-in Bylaw for commercial and vacant land properties, to the June 7, 2021 Council Meeting for consideration.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****C00032-2021**

Haider

That the Committee of the Whole Council arrange a meeting with Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency's Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson for a Q&A session to discuss concerns on the most recent assessments and process going forward.

Mayor Hipsley, and Councillors Chyz & Zaharia opposed.

Carried.***

*****C00033-2021**

Zaharia

That this Committee of the Whole Council Meeting adjourn – 8:27 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 7th day of June A.D. 2021.

Mayor

City Clerk