

***CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2021***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 7, 2021 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hippsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, Chris Wyatt and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Lonnie Kaal - City Manager, Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance, Rene Richard – Director of Engineering & Asset Management, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk) and Raelyn Knudson – Assistant City Clerk.

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Recording: Raelyn Knudson – Assistant City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00174-2021**

Goulden/Zaharia

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of June 7, 2021 be approved as presented.

*****R00175-2021**

Haider/Chyz

That the agenda be amended pursuant to subsection 30.3 of the Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016, by moving item 11. a., the City Clerk's Administrative report titled "Recommendations from May 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting – Tax Policy" to be presented prior to Item 10, Bylaws.

Carried Unanimously.***

To approve the agenda as amended.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Haider:

1. Congratulated the graduates from Sacred Heart High School and thanked the staff for creating a unique graduation experience. He also sent congratulations out the students who will be graduating from Dream Builders High School and Yorkton Regional High School later this month.
2. Thanked all the groups and organizations that made the Bike Safety Program/Bike Rodeos happen at all the elementary schools.

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Thanked Sask Health and the Province for attaining goals and opening up youth sports. Acknowledged coaches, organizers and volunteers for waiting patiently for this to happen.
2. Reported that several Yorkton football players have recently signed with the next level of football. He congratulated all the players and stated that he is very proud of the football program here in Yorkton.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Encouraged people to register their events on Tourism Yorkton's online calendar at tourismyorkton.com so they can help to promote the activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2021

*****R00176-2021**

Brears/Haider

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2021

*****R00177-2021**

Wyatt/Goulden

That the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Planning & Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2021

*****R00178-2021**

Haider/Goulden

That the Planning & Infrastructure Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Community Development, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes –
March 17, 2021

*****R00179-2021**

Chyz/Brears

That the Community Development, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2021 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2021

*****R00180-2021**

Brears/Wyatt

That the Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2021 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021

*****R00181-2021**

Chyz/Brears

That the Economic Development Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2021 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Brenda Wizniak and Jasmine Wizniak – Presentation – ALS Awareness Month
Correspondence from Brenda and Jasmine Wizniak regarding ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) Awareness Month was circulated for consideration of Council. Brenda and Jasmine Wizniak made a presentation to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:20 to 5:21 pm.

*****R00182-2021**

Haider/Brears

That Council receive and file the presentation from the Wizniak's regarding ALS Awareness Month.

Carried Unanimously.***

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk) – Recommendations from May 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting – Tax Policy

A report dated May 31, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding Recommendations from May 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, City Clerk, presented the report to Council.

*****R00183-2021**

Wyatt/Zaharia

That Council accept recommendation C00028-2021, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of May 25, 2021 to:

“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.***

*****R00184-2021**

Chyz/Goulden

That Council accept recommendation C00029-2021, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of May 25, 2021 to:

“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 and Councillor Brears opposed.

Carried.***

*****R00185-2021**

Wyatt/Haider

That Council accept recommendation C00030-2021, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of May 25, 2021 to:

“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.”

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00186-2021**

Goulden/Haider

That Council accept recommendation C00031-2021, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of May 25, 2021 to:

“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.***

*****R00187-2021**

Haider/Brears

That Council accept recommendation C00032-2021, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of May 25, 2021:

“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.”

Carried Unanimously.***

BYLAWS

Director of Finance – Proposed Bylaw No. 3/2021 Fixing the Mill Rate for the year 2021 and providing for a Business Improvement District Levy and Establishing Mill Rate Factors and Base Taxes for Classes and Sub-classes of Land and Improvements and Proposed Bylaw No. 4/2021 Amend Bylaw No. 23/2012 to Provide for the Prompt Payment of Taxes and the Application of Discounts and Penalties Thereto

A report dated June 3, 2021 from the Director of Finance regarding Bylaw No. 3/2021 Mill Rate Factors for Classes and Sub-classes of Land & Improvements and Bylaw No. 4/2021 Amend Tax Penalty Bylaw was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

*****R00188-2021**

Wyatt/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 3/2021 a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan Fixing the Mill Rate for 2021 and providing for a Business Improvement District Levy and establishing Mill Rate Factors and Base Taxes for Classes and Sub-classes of Land and Improvements be introduced and read for the first time this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00189-2021**

Wyatt/Chyz

That Bylaw No. 3/2021 be given second reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00190-2021**

Goulden/Haider

That with unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 3/2021 proceed to third reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00191-2021**

Wyatt/Chyz

That Bylaw No. 3/2021 a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan Fixing the Mill Rate for 2021 and providing for a Business Improvement District Levy and establishing Mill Rate Factors and Base Taxes for Classes and Sub-classes of Land and Improvements be given third and final reading this 7th day of June, A.D 2021 and be registered in the Bylaw Register of the City of Yorkton.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00192-2021**

Wyatt/Haider

That Bylaw No. 4/2021 a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to Amend Bylaw No. 23/2012 to Provide for the Prompt Payment of Taxes and the Application of Discounts and Penalties Thereto be introduced and read for the first time this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00193-2021**

Goulden/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 4/2021 be given second reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00194-2021**

Chyz/Zaharia

That with unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 4/2021 proceed to third reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00195-2021**

Haider/Chyz

That Bylaw No. 4/2021 a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to Amend Bylaw No. 23/2012 to Provide for the Prompt Payment of Taxes and the Application of Discounts and Penalties Thereto be given third and final reading this 7th day of June, A.D 2021 and be registered in the Bylaw Register of the City of Yorkton.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Finance – Proposed Bylaw No. 5/2021 To Provide for the Exemption of Taxation for Certain Properties within the City of Yorkton

A Council report dated June 3, 2021 from the Director of Finance regarding Bylaw No. 5/2021 Exemption of Taxation for Certain Properties was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

*****R00196-2021**

Goulden/Chyz

That Bylaw No. 5/2021 a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan To Provide for the Exemption of Taxation for Certain Properties within the City of Yorkton be introduced and read for the first time this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00197-2021**

Haider/Wyatt

That Bylaw No. 5/2021 be given second reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00198-2021**

Brears/Zaharia

That with unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 5/2021 proceed to third reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00199-2021**

Chyz/Wyatt

That Bylaw No. 5/2021 a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan To Provide for the Exemption of Taxation for Certain Properties within the City of Yorkton be given third and final reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021 and be registered in the Bylaw Register of the City of Yorkton.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Finance – Proposed Bylaw No. 6/2021 to Provide for a Phase-In of all Commercial and Industrial Properties within the City of Yorkton

A report dated June 3, 2021 from the Director of Finance regarding Bylaw No. 6/2021 Phase-in of Commercial Taxes was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

*****R00200-2021**

Brears/Goulden

That Bylaw No. 6/2021 a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to provide for a Phase-In of all Commercial and Industrial Properties within the City of Yorkton be introduced and read for the first time this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00201-2021**

Wyatt/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 6/2021 be given second reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00202-2021**

Zaharia/Haider

That with unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 6/2021 proceed to third reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00203-2021**

Chyz/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 6/2021 a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to provide for a Phase-In of all Commercial and Industrial Properties within the City of Yorkton be given third and final reading this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021 and be registered in the Bylaw Register of the City of Yorkton.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Engineering & Asset Management – Logan Green Pathway Program – Tender Award

A report dated May 31, 2021 from the Director of Engineering & Asset Management regarding the Logan Green Pathway Program – Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Rene Richard, Director of Engineering & Asset Management, presented the report to Council.

*****R00204-2021**

Wyatt/Zaharia

That Council direct Administration to award the tender for “Logan Green Pathway Program” to Fedorowich Construction Ltd. for \$503,539.00 plus applicable taxes, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Engineering & Asset Management – Broadway/Highway #9 Gateway Development – Tender Award

A report dated May 31, 2021 from the Director of Engineering & Asset Management regarding Broadway/Highway #9 Gateway Development – Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Rene Richard, Director of Engineering & Asset Management, presented the report to Council.

*****R00205-2021**

Goulden/Chyz

That Council direct Administration to award the tender for Broadway/Highway #9 Gateway Development to KEL Holdings Inc. (known as Pride Landscaping) for \$667,669.85 plus applicable taxes, providing the City receives the required bonding documentation from the contractor, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

Councillor Zaharia opposed.

Carried.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Zaharia – Discussion on Sale of 263 Myrtle Avenue (Old Parks Building)

An email dated May 27, 2021 from Councillor Zaharia regarding discussion on the sale of 263 Myrtle Avenue was circulated for consideration of Council. Councillor Zaharia presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 7:04 pm to 7:06 pm.

*****R00206-2021**

Zaharia/Haider

That Council open up discussion about the sale of 263 Myrtle Avenue (Old Parks Building).

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00207-2021**

Wyatt/Zaharia

That the sale transaction of 263 Myrtle Avenue (Old Parks Building) be cancelled and further, that Administration be directed to do further investigation of the contamination located at the subject property and report back to Council.

*****R00208-2021**

Brears/Chyz

That this discussion be tabled to the July 19, 2021 Council meeting.

Councillors Goulden, Wyatt and Zaharia opposed.

Carried.***

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00209-2021**

Haider/Brears

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In Camera Session to deal with three matters categorized as ‘Other’ and two matters categorized as ‘Budgetary’, as per LAFOIP contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,4,5(a)(d)(e) – 7:37 pm.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Hippsley called a ten (10) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Hippsley called the In-Camera session to order at 7:48 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hippsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, Chris Wyatt and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Lonnie Kaal – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk) and Raelyn Knudson – Assistant City Clerk.

Others present: Gord Kennedy – Director of Human Resources, Darcy McLeod – Director of Community Development, Parks & Recreation (present from 7:48 to 9:15 pm), Taylor Morrison - Recreation Services Manager (present from 7:48 to 9:15 pm), Marlene Hauser – Financial Systems Manager (present from 7:48 to 8:15 pm) and Nicole Baptist – Bylaw & Safety Supervisor (present from 7:48 to 8:15 pm).

*****R00210-2021**

Brears/Chyz

That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 9:40 pm.

Carried Unanimously.***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00211-2021**

Wyatt/Goulden

That Council receive and file the report and presentation titled “Risk Management Information” as information and further, supports the continuation and development of a structured Risk Management Framework.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00212-2021**

Chyz/Wyatt

That Council authorize administration to re-name the ‘Community Development, Parks and Recreation Department’ to the ‘Recreation and Community Services Department’, effective September 1, 2021, to better reflect the breadth of work and services provided by this Department for our community.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00213-2021**

Haider/Wyatt

That Council endorse the changes to the Gallagher Centre operating structure, which reduces Department work silo’s given that operations will be integrated and supported by existing staff within the Community Development, Parks and Recreation Department, and which will collectively improve efficiencies and service effectiveness, provide leadership support on evenings and weekends, and further reduce the cost of operations in future years.

Councillor Zaharia opposed.

Carried.***

*****R00214-2021**

Brears/Haider

That Council receive and file the In-Camera report titled ‘Comparable Analysis on Policing Service Costs’ dated May 27, 2021.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00215-2021**

Brears/Chyz

That the report titled ‘Update on Options for Yorkton RCMP Municipal & Provincial Detachment Building’ dated June 3, 2021 be brought back to a future Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00216-2021**

Brears/Haider

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 9:53 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 28th day of June A.D., 2021

Mayor

City Clerk