

***CITY OF YORKTON  
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 28, 2021***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 28, 2021 in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Regrets: Councillor Quinn Haider

Absent: None

Recording: Raelyn Knudson – Assistant City Clerk.

Mayor Hipsley delivered the Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement and one minute of silence to honour the discovery of 751 unmarked graves found near the former Marieval Indian Residential School where the Cowessess First Nation now operates.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**\*\*\*R00217-2021**

**Chyz/Zaharia**

**That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of June 28, 2021 be approved as presented.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

## PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### *Councillor Wyatt:*

1. Reported that the Stanley Cup Playoffs start today and he is cheering for and hoping the Montreal Canadiens bring the Cup back to Canada. “Go Habs go!”

### *Councillor Goulden:*

1. Thanked the Yorkton Arts Council that brought live concerts to the City. Reported it was great to hear Jeffery Straker.
2. Reported that there have been 10 driveway concerts with five (5) different musical groups.
3. Thanked organizations that are starting to hold events again including stock car races and chuckwagon races.
4. Announced that Tourism Yorkton has launched Staycation Bingo, with prizes being gift cards from Scoops.
5. Reported that Tourism Yorkton is giving away 4000 tree seedlings. Visit the Information Centre to pick some up.

### *Mayor Hipsley:*

1. Congratulated all graduates from Yorkton Regional High School, Sacred Heart High School and Dream Builders High School. Good luck graduates.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2021

**\*\*\*R00218-2021**

**Zaharia/Brears**

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

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2021

**\*\*\*R00219-2021**

**Chyz/Goulden**

**That the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2021 be approved as presented.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Yorkton Public Library Board Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2021

**\*\*\*R00220-2021**

**Wyatt/Chyz**

**That the Yorkton Public Library Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021 be received and filed.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Planning & Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2021

**\*\*\*R00221-2021**

**Wyatt/Brears**

**That the Planning & Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2021 be received and filed.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

York Lake Regional Park Authority Board Member Appointments 2021

Mayor Hipsley Passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:11 – 5:12 pm.

**\*\*\*R00222-2021**

**Goulden/Zaharia**

**That the Council of the City of Yorkton approve the following appointments to the York Lake Regional Park Authority Board for 2021-2022:**

**York Lake Residents Representatives – Rusty Tamblyn, Diane Rusnak, Lawrence Wegner, Robin Robinson and Jason Popowich.**

**User Group Representatives – Nicole Roy, Derek Little, Bud Leis and John Emery.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

#### HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Yorkton's selection for the Institutional Award for the Contribution to FCM's International Programs

Correspondence dated February 22, 2021 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities was circulated for consideration of Council. Councillor Goulden presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:18 – 5:19 pm.

**\*\*\*R00223-2021**

**Brears/Wyatt**

**That Council receive and file the letter from Federation of Canadian Municipalities recognizing the City of Yorkton as recipients of the 2020 Award for Outstanding Institutional Contribution to the FCM's international programs.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Yorkton Business Improvement District – Presentation – 2021 Budget

Correspondence from the Yorkton Business Improvement District regarding their 2021 Budget was circulated for consideration of Council. Donna Brothwell, YBID Executive Director presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:46 – 5:47 pm.

**\*\*\*R00224-2021**

**Zaharia/Chyz**

**That the presentation from the Yorkton Business Improvement District regarding their 2021 Budget be received and filed as information.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

CORRESPONDENCE

**\*\*\*R00225-2021**

**Brears/Goulden**

**That Council receive and file the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery Annual Plan 2021-2022.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

BYLAWS

- No Items

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk) – Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole of June 21, 2021 – Strategic Priorities Chart – Second Quarter Update

A report dated June 23, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding recommendations from the Committee of the Whole of June 21, 2021 – Strategic Priorities Chart – Second Quarter Update was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, City Clerk, presented the report to Council.

**\*\*\*R00226-2021**

**Wyatt/Brears**

**That Council accept recommendation C00037-2021 as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of June 21, 2021 to:  
“Transfer the ‘3-year budget objectives (operating and capital) report’ item to the ‘Current’ Council/CAO Priorities Section of the Strategic Priorities Chart.”**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00227-2021**

**Brears/Goulden**

**That Council accept recommendation C00038-2021 as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of June 21, 2021 to:  
“Transfer the ‘Play Zone Safety Review’ item to the ‘Current’ Council/CAO Priorities Section of the Strategic Priorities Chart.”**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00228-2021**

**Brears/Goulden**

**That Council accept recommendation C00039-2021 as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of June 21, 2021 to:  
“Assign the ‘Long-term (5-year) Capital Plan’ item from the ‘Next’ section of the Council/CAO Priorities as the top priority of that section of the Strategic Priorities Chart.”**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00229-2021**

**Chyz/Wyatt**

**That Council adopt the June 2021 Strategic Priorities Chart as presented, and authorize the publication of the document on the City website.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Director of Finance – Tax Title Property – 110 Broadway Street East, Public Tender for sale

A report dated June 24, 2021 from the Director of Finance regarding Tax Title Property – 110 Broadway Street East, Public Tender for sale was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hippsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 6:12 – 6:14 pm.

**\*\*\*R00230-2021**

**Goulden/Wyatt**

**That Administration be authorized to proceed with a Public Tender for demolition of all structures at 110 Broadway Street East and associated parcels and to placing all associated fees on the property taxes thereafter and then to place 110 Broadway Street East and associated parcels for sale and re-development, and further bring the results to a future Council meeting.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Director of Community Development, Parks & Recreation – Deer Park Clubhouse Design Update

A report dated June 24, 2021 from the Director of Community Development, Parks & Recreation regarding the Deer Park Clubhouse Design Update was circulated for consideration of Council. Darcy McLeod, Director of CDPR presented the report to Council. Mitch Strocen and Dustin Braun of aodbt Architecture and Interior Design also made a presentation to Council.

Mayor Hippsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 6:47 – 6:48, 6:56 – 6:57, 7:16 – 7:17 pm.

**\*\*\*R00231-2021**

**Chyz/Zaharia**

**That Council confirm the concept design as presented with the option of an underdeck cart storage area.**

**Withdrawn.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00232-2021**

**Brears/Goulden**

**That Council confirm the scope of the concept design as presented and ask aodbt Architecture and Design to bring back pricing for the underdeck storage option as well pricing for the option of no underdeck storage.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

## GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

### Councillor Brears – SAMA and Property Assessment

A Memorandum to Council dated June 24, 2021 from Councillor Brears regarding SAMA and Property assessment was circulated for consideration of Council.

Councillor Brears presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 7:25 – 7:26, 7:39, 7:56 – 7:57, 8:02 – 8:03 pm.

#### **\*\*\*R00233-2021**

**Brears/Chyz**

**That the City of Yorkton no longer sends out the SAMA assessment numbers on City Letterhead but rather SAMA letterhead (with their permission) or lacking SAMA permission for the letterhead usage, that the assessment gets sent out on City letterhead with a large, bold font, first line disclaimer stating: “The assessment numbers being provided in this document are determined by SAMA and are in no way determined or influenced by the City of Yorkton. The assessment values are the sole responsibility of SAMA and all questions, concerns and feedback must be directed to SAMA”.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

#### **\*\*\*R00234-2021**

**Brears/Wyatt**

**That the City of Yorkton work towards preparing a resolution to SUMA to begin the process to start the review and ultimate improvement to the “Assessment Rule Book” currently being used by SAMA to determine property values across the Province of Saskatchewan.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

#### **\*\*\*R00235-2021**

**Brears/Chyz**

**That Council direct Administration to explore and analyze using an agency or internal staff other than SAMA to provide the assessments for the City of Yorkton and surrounding communities (should the outside communities decide to come on board).**

**Withdrawn.\*\*\***



**\*\*\*R00236-2021**

**Brears/Zaharia**

**That Council reject the results of the last assessment in “principle” and send a message that the system is broken and needs a “Saskatchewan” touch brought into it to make it more relevant and accurate for the communities in this province.**

**Councillors Chyz, Goulden, Wyatt and Zaharia opposed.**

**Defeated.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00237-2021**

**That Council send the concerns from the businesses that presented at the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting to the Economic Development Committee to discuss and resolve concerns about reassessment, fees for service, incentives to expand businesses and the attraction of investment dollars.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

**\*\*\*R00238-2021**

**Brears/Zaharia**

**That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In Camera Session to deal with one matter categorized as ‘Property’ as per *LAFOIP* contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 5(a) – 8:09 pm.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Mayor Hipsley called a ten (10) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 8:20 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, 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: Trent Mandzuk – Director of Public Works, Michael Buchholzer – Director of Environmental Services and Capital Projects, Graham Haugen - Stantec Environmental Scientist (via Zoom) and Chris Mathies – Stantec Senior Environmental Engineer (via Zoom).

**\*\*\*R00239-2021**

**Chyz/Brears**

**That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 9:28 pm.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

**\*\*\*R00240-2021**

**Zaharia/Wyatt**

**That Council direct Administration to order the Human Health Risk Assessment on 263 Myrtle Avenue; and further seek legal advice regarding the transfer of environmental liability, with a combined budget of up to \$80,000.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

ADJOURNMENT

**\*\*\*R00241-2021**

**Brears/Zaharia**

**That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 9:29 p.m.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D., 2021

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Mayor

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City Clerk