

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, March 6, 2023 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz (via Zoom), Quinn Haider, Chris Wyatt (via Zoom), and Darcy Zaharia.

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

Regrets: Councillor Randy Goulden

Absent: None

Recording: Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Hipsley delivered the Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00047-2023**

Wyatt/Brears

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of March 6, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Haider:

1. With great sadness, he announced that Gerry Pepler passed away on February 25, 2023 at the age of 89 years old. She began working in Yorkton in 1960 for Yorkton Television, and later became the Program Director from 1971-1992. After retiring from television, volunteering became her passion at such places like the Yorkton Hospital, The Housing Authority, Shelwin House, The Health Foundation, Crimestoppers, The Chamber of Commerce, and was a lifetime member of the Beta Sigma Phi Group. She also volunteered on the City of Yorkton Protective Services Committee from 2010-2020, as well as the Civic Recognition Awards Committee from 2018-2023. Gerry was most recently a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, and Greg Ottenbreit was able to present her with this during her stay in the hospital. A huge loss for the City of Yorkton, but an even bigger inspiration. Gerry, you will be missed.

Mayor Hipsley:

1. In addition to Councillor Haider's comments regarding Gerry Pepler's passing, he shared that he first met Gerry in 1987 when he was a guest on her television morning show, and that she had a way of making everyone feel comfortable. Later, he worked with her for 25 years at the annual Gala Fundraiser for The Health Foundation. She was a great inspiration and will be missed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2023

*****R00048-2023**

Haider/Chyz

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023

*****R00049-2023**

Zaharia/Brears

That the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Civic Recognition Awards Committee Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2021

*****R00050-2023**

Haider/Zaharia

That the Civic Recognition Awards Committee Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2021 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Development Appeals Board Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2021

*****R00051-2023**

Wyatt/Zaharia

That the Development Appeals Board Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2021 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Civic Recognition Awards Committee Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2022

*****R00052-2023**

Haider/Chyz

That the Civic Recognition Awards Committee Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2022 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

York Lake Regional Park Authority Board Appointments 2023-2024

A memo from the Mayor regarding the submission of York Lake Regional Park Board members for 2023-2024 was circulated for consideration by Council. Mayor Mitch Hipsley presented this item.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:07 – 5:09 pm.

*****R00053-2023**

Zaharia/Wyatt

That the Council of the City of Yorkton approve the following appointments to the York Lake Regional Park Authority Board for 2023-2024:

York Lake Residents Representatives – Rusty Tamblyn (Chairperson), Robin Robinson (Vice-Chairperson), Lawrence Wegner (Secretary), Diane Rusnak (Director), and Dale Paul (Director).

User Group Representatives – Merv Wasylenchuk (Yorkton Gun Club) - Director, Marie Whitney (Yorkton Canoe & Kayak Club) - Director, Derek Little (Yorkton Wildlife Federation) - Director, and Marlene Schrader (York Lake Golf & Country Club) - Director.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Wiggly Field Dog Park – Proposed Improvements & Upgrades
Correspondence from Shannon O’Neill and Rheannon Currie regarding Wiggly Field Dog Park Proposed Improvements and Upgrades dated February 12, 2023 was circulated for consideration of Council. Shannon O’Neill and Rheannon Currie, park users, presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:21 – 5:23 p.m.

*****R00054-2023**

Haider/Brears

That Council refer the Wiggly Dog Park Improvements and Upgrades (lighting on north gate, wind shelter by north gate and canine enrichment structures) proposal to Administration for future budget deliberations.

Carried Unanimously.***

Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan Presentation – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Correspondence dated February 24, 2023 from Darlene Stakiw regarding International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was circulated for consideration of Council. Darlene Stakiw, member of the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan, presented to Council.

*****R00055-2023**

Brears/Haider

That Council receive and file the presentation from the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan regarding International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21, 2023).

Carried Unanimously.***

Presentation – Yorkton Ministerial Association re: Prayer Breakfast/Community Picnic

Correspondence dated February 22, 2022 from Oladokun Peter Laniya regarding The Yorkton Ministerial Prayer Breakfast and Community Picnic was circulated for consideration of Council. Pastor Peter Laniya, President of the Yorkton Ministerial Association (Clergy), presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:40 – 5:42 p.m.

*****R00056-2023**

Haider/Zaharia

That Council receive and file the presentation from the Yorkton Ministerial Association (Clergy) regarding Prayer Breakfasts and a Community Picnic.

Carried Unanimously.***

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

CORRESPONDENCE

*****R00057-2023**

Wyatt/Haider

**That Council receive and file the correspondence from the Yorkton Film Festival regarding the 2022 Financial Statements and 2023 Budget.
Carried Unanimously.*****

*****R00058-2023**

Wyatt/Chyz

**That Council receive and file the correspondence regarding Amyloidosis Awareness Month from Jennifer Enright, patient and volunteer with the Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network (CASN).
Carried Unanimously.*****

BYLAWS

Bylaw & Safety Supervisor – Proposed Bylaw No.2/2023 Amend Traffic Bylaw No.18/2016 [1st Reading and Public Notice authorization]

A report dated February 23, 2023 from the Bylaw and Safety Supervisor regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 2/2023 to amend the Traffic Bylaw No.18/2016 was circulated for consideration of Council. Nicole Baptist, Bylaw and Safety Supervisor, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:40 – 5:42 p.m.

*****R00059-2023**

Zaharia/Haider

That Bylaw No. 2/2023 being a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend the Traffic Bylaw No. 18/2016 to regulate traffic, the use of public streets, and to preserve order thereon be introduced and given First Reading, this 6th day of March, 2023, A.D.; and furthermore that Administration be authorized to proceed with the Public Notice process. Mayor Hipsley, Councillors Brears, Chyz, Haider, Wyatt and Zaharia opposed.

Defeated.***

*****R00060-2023**

Haider/Zaharia

That Council reconsider the motion to introduce and give first reading to Bylaw No.2/2023.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00061-2023**

Haider/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 2/2023 being a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend the Traffic Bylaw No. 18/2016 be introduced and given First Reading, this 6th day of March, 2023, A.D.; and furthermore that Administration be authorized to proceed with the Public Notice process.

*****R00062-2023**

Haider/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 2/2023 be amended by striking section 1. in order to remove the content regarding Gross Vehicle Weight

Carried Unanimously***

That Bylaw No. 2/2023 being a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Traffic Bylaw No. 18/2016 be introduced and given First Reading as amended, this 6th day of March, 2023, A.D.; and furthermore that Administration be authorized to proceed with the Public Notice process.

Carried Unanimously***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Public Works – Water Main Replacement Program – Tender Award

A report dated February 27, 2023 from the Director of Public Works regarding the 2023 Water Main Replacement Program – Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Trent Mandzuk, Director of Public Works, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 6:21 – 6:30 p.m.

*****R00063-2023**

Haider/Wyatt

That Council award the 2023 Water Main Replacement tender to Accurate HD for \$2,407,803 (plus taxes), and further that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

Assessment and Taxation Manager – 2023 Board of Revision Appointment

A report dated February 24, 2023 from the Assessment and Taxation Manager regarding the 2023 Board of Revision Appointment was circulated for consideration of Council. Raelyn Knudson, Assessment and Taxation presented the report to Council.

*****R00064-2023**

Chyz/Brears

That in accordance with Section 192 of *The Cities Act*, Council appoint:

Members:

Timothy P. Furlong

Glen Neuert

Kirby Fesser

Sabrina Saccucci

Secretary:

Michael Ligtermoet

of Nor-Sask Board Services as City of Yorkton’s Board of Revision for the 2023 year. Should board member vacancies occur during the course of the year, Nor-Sask Board Services will recommend board member replacements for Council’s consideration for appointment to the board. Board member remuneration and expenses will be paid according to the 2023 fee schedule attached.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk) – Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council – 2022 Quarter 4 Updates

A report dated February 28, 2023 from the Director of Legislation and Procedures regarding the Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council – 2022 Quarter 4 Updates was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, Director of Legislation and Procedures, presented the report to Council.

*****R00065-2023**

Wyatt/Haider

1. That Council accept recommendation C00002-2023, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of February 27, 2023; to transfer the following items to the “Current” Council/CAO Priorities Section of the Council Priorities Chart:

- A. Replace Item #4 “Info: Report on Cost Savings (past budgets) & possible future considerations” with “Explore External Operations Audit: Phase II (Determine what areas to look into – Human Resources (productivity in certain departments), service delivery (which functions or departments), best practices (what specific areas).”**
- B. Phase III - Work with consultant on operations review (to carry out the directives in Phase II)**

And further that the following details be added to existing items on the chart:

- i. That the advocacy item “Division ‘F’ (RCMP)” remain on the chart, and that an update be provided for confirmation on the construction/renovations of a building, including a timeframe.**
- ii. That goal dates for the ‘Business Marketing’, ‘Meet with RM’s to determine plans for rural roads’, and ‘Long term (5 year) Capital plan’ items be assigned on the chart, with a start date of February 27, 2023 and end date goal of June 2023;**
- iii. That the ‘Rural Municipality: Joint Priorities’ advocacy item be refined to indicate that the city will endeavor to meet quarterly with the surrounding rural municipalities (with the goal to foster relationship building);**

and further that the Council priorities chart dated February 28, 2023 be adopted as presented, and that Council authorize the publication of the chart on the City’s website.

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 6:43 – 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley – Continuous Improvement Program

A memorandum dated March 6, 2023 from the Mayor regarding a Continuous Improvement Program was circulated for consideration of Council. Mayor Hipsley presented the memorandum to Council.

*****R00066-2023**

Hipsley/Wyatt

That Council approve engaging the consulting firm Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) LLP to collaborate with Council and Administration in developing a ‘Continuous Improvement Program’ whereby the following areas would be of initial focus: data analytics, fleet, procurement, and general operational efficiencies; and further that \$80,000 be assigned from the Rainy Day Reserve account for this contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00067-2023**

Haider/Chyz

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with two matters categorized as “Other” as per *LAF OIP* contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,5(a)(b)(c)(e), 6(d)(e) - 6:46 pm.

Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Hipsley called a nine (9) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz (via Zoom), Quinn Haider, Chris Wyatt (via Zoom), and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Lonnie Kaal – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk) Gord Kennedy – Director of Human Resources, Trevor Morrissey – Fire Chief, Kaylee Diduck – Human Resources Advisor, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Councillor Wyatt electronically exited the Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

*****R00068-2023**

Brears/Haider

**That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda
– 8:35 p.m.**

Carried Unanimously. ***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00069-2023**

Haider/Brears

**That Council direct Administration to gather further information on
piloting a modified workweek, and bring a future report back based on the
results to a future Council Meeting.**

Carried Unanimously. ***

*****R00070-2023**

Brears/Chyz

**That Council direct Administration to conduct further research and
analysis regarding an Employee Wellness Program, and bring a report back
to a future Council Meeting.**

Councillor Zaharia Opposed.

Carried. ***

*****R00071-2023**

Haider/Brears

**That Council direct Administration to continue negotiations with IAFF
Local 1527 as per the parameters discussed in Option ‘A’ as contained in the
In-Camera report of March 6, 2023 provided by the Director of Human
Resources.**

Carried Unanimously. ***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00072-2023**

Chyz/Zaharia

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 27th day of March, A.D. 2023

Mayor

City Clerk