

**CITY OF YORKTON  
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 23, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, October 23, 2023 in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

City Administration Present Within the Bar: Lonnie Kaal – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Regrets: None

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**

**\*\*\*R00258-2023**

**Chyz/Goulden**

**That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of October 23, 2023 be approved as presented.**

**\*\*\*R00259-2023**

**Haider/Zaharia**

**That the agenda be amended by adding the request for a presentation on Veteran's Week from the Royal Canadian Legion as the third item under Presentations.**

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

**That the agenda be approved as amended.**

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

## PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Councillor Chyz:*

1. Announced that the Santa Clause Parade will be back to a regular rolling parade this year on November 25. The day will be full of events starting with a pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall, then a matinee at the Tower Theatre and hot chocolate in the park. If anyone is interested in volunteering, or if a business or organization is interested in providing hot chocolate stands along the route, please call Donna Brothwell at (306) 783-9243. There will be more information to come on the Yorkton Business Improvement District's social media platforms on how to enter a float, and with over 1000 people in attendance last time, it is sure to be another fun, successful event.

*Councillor Haider:*

1. Congratulated Yorkton's own Kaedan Korczak, who plays for the Las Vegas Golden Knights, for scoring his first ever National Hockey League goal on October 17.

*Councillor Zaharia:*

1. Congratulated Yorkton's Jackson Berezowski, who plays for the Newfoundland Growlers, for scoring three goals last weekend at their opening game.  
2. Another big congratulations to the Yorkton Kinsmen Lady Gridders Football team. They took home the Championship for the first time in the Prairie Girls Football League last weekend.  
3. Thanked all the hard-working volunteers who help make sporting events happen, their hard work is appreciated and contributes to the success of the programs.

*Councillor Goulden:*

1. Thanked all the groups and organizations involved in making Yorkton a vibrant community.
2. Reported that for September and October, Culture Days took place here in Yorkton. There were 44 events in total, and she extended thanks to Angelina Kardynal, the Coordinator for Culture Days Yorkton, who was also in attendance at the Council meeting.
3. Announced the upcoming concerts taking place in Yorkton including Dean Brody on October 26, Barracuda – The Tribute to Heart on October 29, and then on November 17, the Arts Council will be presenting Stars for Saskatchewan and Trevor Panczak.
4. Announced that on November 1, the Yorkton Film Festival will be hosting a screening at the Tower Theatre. The film is called ‘The Wild’, and is entirely directed and produced locally here in Saskatchewan featuring local actors. There will be an admission charge for the screening, and everyone is welcome.
5. Reported that the Yorkton Film Festival, in partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion, Yorkton Branch, is having a Remembrance Day screening at the Yorkton Public Library on November 14. The feature will be showcasing and celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Everyone is welcome.

*Mayor Hipsley:*

1. Reported that the 2023 Civic Recognition Awards nominations are now open. He further explained the criteria and encouraged the public to put forth your nominees. The deadline to submit is October 31 and for more information, please visit [www.Yorkton.ca](http://www.Yorkton.ca).
2. Reminded everyone that with Halloween fast approaching, to please be cautious of the children out trick-or-treating and to drive safely and slowly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2023

**\*\*\*R00260-2023**

**Brears/Haider**

**That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2023 be approved as presented.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Development Appeals Board Minutes – June 20, 2023

**\*\*\*R00261-2023**

**Goulden/Chyz**

**That the Development Appeals Board Minutes of June 20, 2023 be received and filed.**

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

Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2023

**\*\*\*R00262-2023**

**Haider/Zaharia**

**That the Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023 be received and filed.**

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

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2023

**\*\*\*R00263-2023**

**Zaharia/Chyz**

**That the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of September 14 be received and filed.**

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

Economic Development Committee – Member Resignation

**\*\*\*R00264-2023**

**Zaharia/Haider**

**That the Economic Development Committee resignation from Brian Hilderman be accepted.**

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

## HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

### Presentation – Godfrey Dean Art Gallery – Request for increased funding and Agreement review

Correspondence from the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery regarding a request for increased funding and a review of the current agreement dated October 4, 2023 was circulated for consideration of Council. Kelly Litzenger, Managing Director and Jeff Morton, Director and Curator, both of the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery, presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:29 – 5:31 p.m.

#### **\*\*\*R00265-2023**

##### **Goulden/Zaharia**

**That Council refer the presentation from the Managing Director and the Director and Curator of the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery regarding a review of the ‘Fee for Service’ Agreement dated April 30, 2003, including a request for increased funding at 2% per year retroactive to 2003, to budget deliberations.**

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

### Presentation – Pickleball Club – Update on Club and request for more courts/space

Correspondence from the Yorkton Pickleball Club regarding a request for more courts and space dated September 26, 2023 was circulated for consideration of Council. Anne Stupak, Secretary to the Yorkton Pickleball Club, and Sheryl Byczynski, Pickleball Club Yorkton Member, presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:54 – 5:59 p.m.

#### **\*\*\*R00266-2023**

##### **Chyz/Haider**

**That Council refer the presentation from the Secretary of the Pickleball Club Yorkton regarding a request for consideration of more courts/space to budget deliberations.**

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

Presentation – Royal Canadian Legion Branch #77 – Veteran’s Week November 5-11, 2023

A request to appear before Council dated October 20, 2023 from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #77 Yorkton regarding Recognition of Veterans Week was circulated for consideration of Council. Comrade Barry Whitehead, Poppy Chair of The Royal Canadian Legion – General Alexander Ross Branch #77 (Yorkton), and Branch President Brittany Johnson presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 6:07 – 6:09 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00267-2022**

**Haider/Goulden**

**That Council receive and file the presentation from the Poppy Chair and President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #77 regarding Veteran’s Week from November 5-11, 2023.**

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

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

BYLAWS

- No Items

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Human Resources Advisor – Meritorious Service Awards 2024 SUMA Convention

A report dated October 16, 2023 from the Human Resources Advisor regarding the Meritorious Service Awards 2024 SUMA Convention was circulated for consideration of Council. Kaylee Diduck, Human Resources Advisor, presented the report to Council.

**\*\*\*R00268-2023**

**Zaharia/Wyatt**

**That Council recommends nominating Shane Drosky as a recipient of the 2024 SUMA Meritorious Service Awards, and to compensate their banquet and accommodation expenses as per Policy 30.60 *'Recognition of City Employees'*.**

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

Director of Public Works – 2023 Snow Removal Policy Review and Survey Results

A report dated October 16, 2023 from the Director of Public Works regarding the 2023 Snow Removal Policy Review and Survey Results was circulated for consideration of Council. Trent Mandzuk, Director of Public Works, presented the report to Council.

Councillor Brears exited Council Chambers at 6:28 p.m. and re-entered at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 6:43 – 6:49 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00269-2023**

**Goulden/Wyatt**

**That Council approve the 2023 Snow and Ice Control and Removal Policy No. 10.80 updates as presented, and maintain present levels of service for snow removal.**

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

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

IN CAMERA SESSION

**\*\*\*R00270-2023**

**Haider/Zaharia**

**That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with one matter categorized as “Other” as per LAFOIP contained in Appendix A of The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016, Sections 4,5(a) - 6:49 p.m. Carried Unanimously.\*\***

Mayor Hipsley called an eleven (11) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:49 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 7:06 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Randy Goulden, 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, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Councillor Wyatt electronically exited the Council meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00271-2023**

**Brears/Haider**

**That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 7:38 p.m.**

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

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

**\*\*\*R00272-2023**

**Haider/Chyz**

**That Council receive and file the Harvest Meats update of October 23. Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***



ADJOURNMENT

**\*\*\*R00273-2023**

**Chyz/Zaharia**

**That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m.**

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

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2023

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Mayor

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City Clerk