

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

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

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

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

City Administration Present Within the Bar: Gord Kennedy – Acting City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Regrets: Lonnie Kaal – City Manager

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

*****R00274-2023**

Zaharia/Wyatt

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

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Chyz:

1. Reminded everyone that the 26th annual Santa Clause Parade is coming up on November 25 at 5:00 p.m. In addition to the parade, that day there will also be a pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall, a free movie at the Tower Theatre in the afternoon, and hot chocolate served at the City Centre Park.

Councillor Haider:

1. Thanked the Yorkton Exhibition Association for another successful Harvest Showdown this year. He has heard nothing but great things about the event and as always, all Grade 4 and Grade 7 City of Yorkton students were invited to attend.

2. Reported that at the Harvest Showdown, he, along with Taylor Morrison, Fire Chief Trevor Morrissey, and Councillor Brears, entered the annual Grain Millers oatmeal-eating contest but unfortunately lost out to Councillor Zaharia and his team. All was not a loss though as the money they raised was donated to Bruno's Place here in Yorkton.

3. Congratulated both the Sacred Heart High School boys and girls teams for winning Gold at the Saskatchewan High School Provincial Soccer Championships this past weekend.

4. Announced that the Veteran's Flag was raised yesterday at the Cenotaph to mark the start of Veteran's Week. There will also be a candlelight service at the Cenotaph at 4:00 pm on November 10.

5. Reminded everyone that the deadline for the Civic Recognition Awards has been extended for all categories. While he recognized that some nomination forms have been received, he encouraged everyone to nominate anyone you feel would fit the criteria.

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Thanked the volunteers and sponsors for the Harvest Showdown, particularly the Yorkton Exhibition Association and Grain Millers. The event drew many people to the city and had something for everyone, including horse pulling, mutton busting, and of course the rodeo. He encouraged everyone to be sure to check it out next year if you have never gone.

2. Thanked Yorkton for the Halloween spirit this year throughout the city with all the costumes and decorations. His children enjoyed it and he thanked everyone for keeping it safe and fun.

3. Announced that there was a lot of Yorkton representation in football this past weekend starting with Noah Zerr playing for the Hamilton Tiger Cats but lost out to the Montreal Alouettes in the Canadian Football League Eastern Semi Finals. There were also five Yorkton athletes playing in U Sports Football on the weekend including Owen and Trystan Watrych who play for the StFX X-Men who won and will move on to the Eastern Final. On the west, Jordin Rusnak and Reece McCormick who play for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies took a loss to the University of Alberta. Lastly, Noah Bymak played with the University of Manitoba Bisons but lost to the University of British Columbia.
4. Announced that Jackson Berezowksi, who plays for the Newfoundland Growlers in the East Coast Hockey League, is currently tied for second place in the scoring race.
5. Announced that Sacred Heart High School will be putting on a production of “The Sound of Music” from December 1-3 with tickets available from the school, and the Yorkton Regional High School will be performing “Frozen” on November 17 and 18.
6. Reported that on November 25, Blue Drip Art Supplies will be hosting a Comic Con event. For more information, you can contact Blue Drip Art Supplies directly.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Reported that Tourism Yorkton and the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce partnered for the Harvest Showdown’s “Raid Your Office” event where businesses were encouraged to decorate their offices and send in photos. She congratulated SaskAbilities who won and received coffee and donuts delivered to their office courtesy of the Yorkton Exhibition Association.
2. In recognition of Veteran’s Week, the Yorkton Film Festival is partnering with the Royal Canadian Legion Yorkton Branch on November 14 for a Remembrance Day film which will recognize the 150th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Taking place at the Yorkton Public Library, there will also be two guest speakers, Steve Variyan and Perry Ostapowich.
3. Reminded everyone that on November 17 country music artist Trevor Panczak will be performing at the Painted Hand Casino as part of the Yorkton Arts Council YAC Presents... series.
4. Congratulated recent retiree from the City of Yorkton, former Director of Recreation and Community Services, Darcy McLeod on his recent election as the President of the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2023

*****R00275-2023**

Chyz/Wyatt

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

Carried Unanimously.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2023

*****R00276-2023**

Haider/Goulden

That the Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan Multicultural Week November 18-26, 2023

Correspondence from the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan regarding Saskatchewan Multicultural Week from November 18-26, 2023 dated October 23, 2023 was circulated for consideration of Council. Darlene Stakiw, Volunteer for the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan, presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:23 – 5:24 p.m.

*****R00277-2023**

Wyatt/Haider

That Council receive and file the presentation from the Volunteer of the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.

Carried Unanimously.***

Presentation – Yorkton Lions Club – Festival of Lights December 8-31, 2023
Request for city support, permission and sponsorship

Correspondence from the Yorkton Lions Club regarding a request for city support, permission and sponsorship for the Festival of Lights from December 8-31, 2023 dated November 2, 2023 was circulated for consideration of Council. Kellsey Popowich, Communications Chair for the Yorkton Lions Club, and Don Reed, Yorkton Lions Club Member, presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:41 – 5:42 p.m., 5:46 – 5:46 p.m.

*****R00278-2023**

Brears/Haider

That should the Lions Planning Committee be able to proceed with the Festival of Lights event beginning in 2023, that Council approve the request of the Yorkton Lions Club for City of Yorkton support in conducting the Festival of Lights for one year with first right of refusal thereafter for a maximum term of five (5) years before review, and to take place starting on or around the annual Santa Clause Parade until approximately Ukrainian Christmas on the following conditions:

- a. That the Lions Club agrees to carry appropriate insurance for the event in accordance with the requirements of the City;**
- b. That power and snow removal be sponsored for the event, to be funded from the Legislative Grants Account; and**
- c. That the City of Yorkton be recognized as a sponsor in any advertising or signage regarding the event.**

Carried Unanimously.***

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

BYLAWS

- No Items

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Assessment and Taxation Manager – Stage Two Tax Enforcement Report

A report dated October 27, 2023 from the Assessment and Taxation Manager regarding Stage Two Tax Enforcement was circulated for consideration of Council. Raelyn Knudson, Assessment and Taxation Manager, presented the report to Council.

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

*****R00279-2023**

Wyatt/Zaharia

That Council authorize Administration to proceed with Stage Two of Tax Enforcement on the parcels of land listed by roll number below, and further, direct Administration to refrain from proceeding with Stage Two on any properties where a reasonable effort is being made to pay arrears of taxes.

484805500	495000950	504818950	505213100	515050500
485027000	495013850	504819600	505226000	515050600
485028000	495017550	504819900	514724650	515050650
485033600	495024750	504926650	514802450	515050700
494900250	495107500	505001600	514815450	515203100
494910350	495108600	505001650	514906400	524703120
494913300	495114750	505012325	514917950	524708400
494926000	495280300	505016200	514923250	524721900
494926100	504805850	505016400	514928550	

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

IN CAMERA SESSION

- No Items

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

- No Items

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00280-2023**

Chyz/Haider

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

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

Mayor

City Clerk