

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 27, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, November 27, 2023 in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

*****R00281-2023**

Goulden/Haider

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of November 27, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Reported that the Santa Claus Parade, sponsored by Legacy Co-op and the Yorkton Business Improvement District, took place this past weekend. The weather held out and there was a record number of floats this year with 45. He also mentioned that if you happened to miss the parade, a local company has posted drone footage online.
2. Announced that the Yorkton Terriers are back in action tomorrow, with only two more games before the end of the year on December 9 and December 30.
3. Congratulated the Yorkton Regional High School Girls Soccer team who won bronze in the 5A Provincial Championship this past weekend. They went undefeated in the Moose Jaw league, but ultimately lost out to Saskatoon St. Joseph and Saskatoon Holy Cross. Kudos to the coaches and everyone involved.
4. Reported that this past weekend there was a ComiCon event held by Blue Drip Art Supplies. There were four Saskatchewan based comic creators there and he hopes that next year will be even bigger and better.
5. Thanked all the craft shows that have been taking place and encouraged everyone to get out and support local.
6. Thanked the City of Yorkton for the laser tag event that was held last weekend at the Gallagher Centre. There were about 150-200 kids in attendance and everyone had a great time.

Councillor Brears:

1. Announced that the Credence Construction Ice Fishing for Charity Derby will take place on February 17 next year. It is a non-competitive event with prizes, food, and fun for the whole family.
2. Announced that the City of Yorkton made the Globe and Mail's '100 Most Livable Cities in Canada' list. Along with Yorkton, only two other Saskatchewan cities were recognized, being Regina and Saskatoon.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Announced that on December 5 the CPKC Holiday Train will once again be making its way to Yorkton. It will stop at Livingstone Street and 4th Avenue South between noon and 1:00 p.m. with free hot chocolate and entertainment. There is also a contest running on GX94 where you can enter to win a seat on the holiday train from Bredenbury to Yorkton, with transportation provided by Cloud 9 Coaches to Bredenbury. She also mentioned that the main purpose of the holiday

train is to collect non-perishable food items to donate to the Salvation Army, and she encouraged everyone to donate what they can.

2. Announced that Yorkton's Darlene Stakiw received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan for her work in the celebration of diversity, anti-racism, and integration of intercultural activities in the province. Another Yorkton resident, Lois Smandych, recently received the Saskatchewan School Board Association's Award of Distinction for all her work with the Good Spirit School Division. Congratulations to both!

Mayor Hipsley:

1. Shared that it was a privilege and joy to be part of the Santa Claus parade that took place this past weekend. It was very well attended and exciting to see everyone enjoying the parade. Volunteers were giving out hot chocolate along the route, and it was inspiring to see the community coming together. He also commended the Yorkton Exhibition, Legacy Co-op, and the Yorkton Business Improvement District for making it happen.

2. Announced that it was a very proud moment for City Council to see Yorkton placing #73 on the Globe and Mail's list of '100 Most Livable Cities in Canada'. He recognized and thanked everyone for their part in making Yorkton a better place.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2023

*****R00282-2023**

Wyatt/Haider

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

Carried Unanimously.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023

*****R00283-2023**

Zaharia/Chyz

That the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2023 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2023

*****R00284-2023**

Goulden/Brears

That the Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2023

*****R00285-2023**

Zaharia/Wyatt

That the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2023 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2023

*****R00286-2023**

Haider/Wyatt

That the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2023 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2023

*****R00287-2023**

Goulden/Brears

That the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2023 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

BYLAWS

Director of Environmental Services – Proposed Bylaw No.11/2023 – Amend Bylaw No. 20/2006 Establishing a Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw and Repeal Bylaw No. 16/2022

A report dated November 22, 2023 from the Director of Environmental Services regarding ‘Proposed Bylaw No. 11/2023 to Amend Bylaw No. 20/2006 for 2024 Water and Sewer Rates and Repeal Bylaw No. 16/2022’ was circulated for the consideration of Council. Aron Hershmillier, Director of Environmental Services, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Past Deputy Mayor Haider 5:37 – 5:42 p.m.

*****R00288-2023**

Haider/Wyatt

That Bylaw No. 11/2023 being A Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Bylaw No. 20/2006 Establishing a Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw and repeal Bylaw No. 16/2022 be introduced and given First Reading, this 27th day of November, 2023, A.D.;

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00289-2023**

Goulden/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 11/2023 be given second reading this 27th day of November, A.D. 2023.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00290-2023**

Brears/Haider

That with the unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 11/2023 proceed to third reading this 27th day of November, A.D. 2023.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00291-2023**

Zaharia/Brears

That Bylaw No. 11/2023 being A Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Bylaw No. 20/2006 Establishing a Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw and repeal Bylaw No. 16/2022 be given third reading this 27th day of November, A.D., 2023 and entered in the City of Yorkton Bylaw Register.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Business Liaison – Show Home Rebate Program - Update

A report dated November 27, 2023 from the Business Liaison regarding Show Home Rebate Program - Update was circulated for consideration of Council. Michael Eger, Director of Planning, Building and Development, presented the report to Council on behalf of David Balysky, Business Liaison.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Past Deputy Mayor Haider 6:04 – 6:06 p.m.

*****R00292-2023**

Brears/Zaharia

That Council approve the revised Show Home Rebate Program including architectural controls, lot choices focused on Heath Court, an extended application deadline of January 31, 2024 and a new budget of \$295,000.

Carried Unanimously.***

Bylaw & Safety Supervisor – Free Parking – Downtown Parking Lots

A report dated November 17, 2023 from the Bylaw & Safety Supervisor regarding Free Parking – Downtown Parking Lots was circulated for consideration of Council. Nicole Baptist, Bylaw & Safety Supervisor, presented the report to Council.

*****R00293-2023**

Haider/Wyatt

That Council offers free parking access to the four Multi Space Pay Station Parking Lots and the Permit Parking lots located on Myrtle Avenue, Betts Avenue, First Avenue and Second Avenue for the following dates:

- **December 5, 2023**
- **December 11-29, 2023**
- **February 7-14, 2024**
- **March 25-29, 2024**
- **July 1-5, 2024**
- **August 26-August 30, 2024**
- **October 28-November 1, 2024**

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00294-2023**

Zaharia/Wyatt

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with two matters categorized as “Other” and one item categorized as “Personnel” as per LAFOIP contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 4,5(a)(e) - 6:13 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Hipsley called a twelve (12) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:13 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 6:24 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz (via Zoom), 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, Gord Kennedy – Director of Human Resources (6:24 – 7:37 p.m.), Aron Hershmillier – Director of Environmental Services (6:24 – 6:57 p.m.), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Amanda Dietz, Assistant City Clerk entered Council Chambers at 6:25 p.m.

Jessica Matsalla, City Clerk and Amanda Dietz, Assistant City Clerk were excused from Council Chambers at 6:57 p.m. and re-entered at 7:38 p.m.

Lonnie Kaal, City Manager declared a conflict of interest as her spouse is employed with Harvest Meats, and excused herself from Council Chambers 7:38 p.m.

*****R00295-2023**

Brears/Goulden

That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 7:58 p.m.

Carried Unanimously. ***

Lonnie Kaal, City Manager re-entered Council Chambers 7:58 p.m. as the matter of which she had a conflict of interest in had been dealt with.

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00296-2023**

Zaharia/Brears

That Council receive and file the Wastewater System Renewal – Update report dated November 17, 2023 presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00297-2023**

Goulden/Brears

That Council receive and file the update on personnel from the City Manager.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00298-2023**

Haider/Wyatt

That Council receive and file the Harvest Meats discussion update from the Mayor.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00299-2023**

Goulden/Haider

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 18th day of December, A.D. 2023

Mayor

City Clerk