

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, December 18, 2023 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, and Darcy Zaharia (via Zoom 5:00 – 6:04 p.m., 6:53 – 7:16 p.m.).

City Administration Present Within the Bar: Lonnie Kaal – City Manager (5:00 – 5:52 p.m.), Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Regrets: Councillor Chris Wyatt

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

*****R00300-2023**

Haider/Chyz

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of December 18, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Haider:

1. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and mentioned that all church schedules have been posted online, and to enjoy the holiday season and spending time with your family.
2. Congratulated Ella Kozak, a former St. Paul's School student, who has recently signed a commitment to play collegiate golf at the Western Carolina University.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Thanked all our partners and everyone involved in making the CPKC Holiday Train event a success again this year on December 5, which marked their third stop in Yorkton. Volunteers and groups included GX94 and the Fox Radio Stations for holding a contest once again for a chance to ride the train in from Bredenbury, Cloud 9 Coaches for providing transport to Bredenbury, Yorkton Tribal Council for cooking 1000 hotdogs to help bring in donations, and The Bentley Retirement Community for providing all the hot chocolate. She also sent a big shout out from Mayor Hipsley and herself to Jessica Matsalla for all her leadership and guidance.
2. Announced that last week Lori Glauser received a Life Membership Award from the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils recognizing all her volunteer work she has done not only here in Yorkton, but also throughout the province.
3. Announced that Yorkton has been recognized as number two nationally among participating communities for the Culture Days celebrations that took place in September and October of this year. Hats off to everyone who participated and took part in any of the activities.
4. Reported that last Sunday at the Anne Portnuff Theatre, Jess Moskaluke performed a terrific concert with many in the audience not only from Yorkton, but also the Langenburg and Rocanville area. She also mentioned that Jess Moskaluke is the first Canadian female country artist since Shania Twain to achieve Canadian Platinum single status.
5. Reported that last weekend at St. Mary's Cultural Centre, the Paper Bag Players had two sold out shows for their dinner theatre and performed the comedy, "Drinking Habits". The actors and production crew did a great job, and she thanked all the volunteers for the incredible events happening in our city.

Mayor Hipsley:

1. Mentioned that it is very heartwarming to see the Yorkton community coming together to help each other out, and he wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed new year from City Council, City employees and all our families.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2023

*****R00301-2023**

Goulden/Brears

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 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 – September 18, 2023

*****R00302-2023**

Haider/Chyz

That the Civic Recognition Awards Committee Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership – Introduction and Immigration Strategies for the City of Yorkton

Correspondence from the East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership regarding Introduction and Immigration Strategies for the City of Yorkton dated November 3, 2023 was circulated for consideration of Council. Jummai Umar, LIP Coordinator for the East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership, presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:26 – 5:27 p.m.

*****R00303-2023**

Haider/Chyz

That Council receive and file the presentation, and further refer the requests from the East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership being:

That an Immigration Strategy Committee be created.

That the city adopt a friendly neighbor policy; and

That the city have a yearly celebration of the welcoming week occur

to Administration for further information and recommendations.

Carried Unanimously.***

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

CORRESPONDENCE

Chamber of Commerce – Letter received November 22, 2023 re: Follow-up to October 25, 2023 Meeting

*****R00304-2023**

Brears/Zaharia

That Council receive and file the letter dated November 16, 2023 regarding a follow-up to the October 25, 2023 meeting from the President of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce.

Carried Unanimously.***

BYLAWS

- No Items

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Recreation and Community Services – Active 55+ Community Conversation Update

A report dated December 13, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Community Services regarding Active 55+ Community Conversation Update was circulated for consideration of Council. Taylor Morrison, Director of Recreation and Community Services, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:45 – 5:47 p.m.

*****R00305-2023**

Chyz/Zaharia

That Council receive and file the Active 55+ Community Conversation Update.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk) – Civic Recognition Awards – Announcement of 2023 Winners

A report dated December 12, 2023 from the Director of Legislation and Procedures regarding Civic Recognition Awards – Announcement of 2023 Winners was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, Director of Legislation and Procedures, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:51 – 5:52 p.m.

Councillor Zaharia electronically exited the meeting 5:51 and returned at 5:52 p.m.

*****R00306-2023**

Brears/Goulden

That Council approve the Civic Recognition Awards Committee's selection of the 2023 Civic Recognition Award Winners as follows:

Adult Category: Kristin Weber

Youth Category: Avery Bond

Group Category: Boys and Girls Club of Yorkton

And furthermore, recognize the efforts of all those who invest their time, skills, and effort into making the City of Yorkton a better community.

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00307-2023**

Haider/Zaharia

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with one matter categorized as “Other” as per LAF OIP contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 5(a)(e) - 5:52 p.m. Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Hipsley called a thirteen (13) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 5:52 p.m.

Councillor Zaharia electronically exited the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 6:04 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, and Darcy Zaharia (6:53 – 7:16 p.m.).

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

*****R00308-2023**

Zaharia/Haider

That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 7:15 p.m.

Carried Unanimously. ***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00309-2023**

Haider/Brears

That Council table the Harvest Meats item until the January 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00310-2023**

Chyz/Zaharia

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 8th day of January, A.D. 2024

Mayor

City Clerk