

***CITY OF YORKTON  
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2024***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2024 in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

City Administration Present Within the Bar: Lonnie Kaal – City Manager (5:00 – 6:34 p.m., 6:54 – 6:55 p.m.), Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance (5:00 – 6:34 p.m.), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Regrets: Councillor Darcy Zaharia

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**

**\*\*\*R00001-2024**

**Wyatt/Chyz**

**That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of January 8, 2024 be approved as presented.**

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

## PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### *Councillor Wyatt:*

1. Acknowledged and thanked our local health care workers for their care and attention when a member of his family recently required urgent care. Everyone was very thorough and professional and it was greatly appreciated.
2. Requested that Administration share what the City of Yorkton pays as a total for the carbon tax on heating and fuel.

### *Councillor Goulden:*

1. Wished everyone a Happy New Year, and to those residents who celebrate using the Julian calendar, “Khrystos Rozhdayetsia, Shchaslyvoho Novoho Roku.”
2. Shared that there are quite a few events coming up this month including a screening this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Yorkton Public Library in conjunction with the Yorkton Film Festival. The film is called “Garlic” which was produced and directed right here in Yorkton by HalterMedia and is part of the Flat out Food Series, which has now gone national. After the screening, guest speakers Anna and Darrel Schaab will be in attendance for questions and discussion. Admission is free.
3. Announced that on January 13 the Yorkton Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble will be celebrating the Ukrainian New Year with their Malanka 2024 event at St. Mary’s Cultural Centre.
4. Announced that on January 19 the Yorkton Arts Council Presents... an evening of live entertainment with Canadian singer songwriter J.P. Hoe.
5. Sent a huge shout out to Simple Shots by Jackie (Jackie Tokarchuk and Calvin Tokarchuk) who set up “Photos with Santa” in the Agri-pavilion before Christmas. They volunteered their time and donated \$7,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Yorkton from the event.

### *Councillor Haider:*

1. Announced that the outdoor rinks at the Heritage Heights Park, Knights of Columbus Park, and the Ukrainian Pioneer Park are now ready for use, and he encouraged everyone to get outside and enjoy the rinks.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2023

**\*\*\*R00002-2024**

**Goulden/Haider**

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

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

## REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

### Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2023

**\*\*\*R00003-2024**

**Chyz/Wyatt**

**That the Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023 be received and filed.**

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

### Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2023

**\*\*\*R00004-2024**

**Goulden/Haider**

**That the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2023 be received and filed.**

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

## Mayor Hipsley – 2024 Council Committee/Commission/Board Appointments

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Chyz – 5:08 – 5:11 pm.

### **\*\*\*R00005-2024**

**Wyatt/Goulden**

**That the Council of the City of Yorkton approve the appointments as listed on the ‘2024 Council Committee Member List,’ as attached, and further, that the residency requirements for those members be waived where applicable; and that any members who have served terms longer than permitted in their respective bylaws and terms of reference be granted extensions to remain on those committees, if desirous.**

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

## HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

## BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

## CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Goulden declared a conflict of interest for the next item as she is employed by Tourism Yorkton. She excused herself from Council Chambers – 5:11 p.m.

## Tourism Yorkton – 2023 Annual Report

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:12 – 5:12 p.m.

### **\*\*\*R00006-2024**

**Wyatt/Haider**

**That Council receive and file the Tourism Yorkton 2023 Annual Report.**

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

Councillor Goulden re-entered Council Chambers as the matter that she declared a conflict of interest in had been dealt with – 5:13 p.m.

## BYLAWS

- No Items

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### Director of Finance – 2024 Operating and 2024/2025 Capital Budgets

A report dated January 3, 2024 from the Director of Finance regarding the 2024 Operating and 2024/2025 Capital Budgets was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:22 – 5:23 p.m., 6:21 – 6:26 p.m.

#### **\*\*\*R00007-2024**

**Goulden/Haider**

**That Council direct Administration to publish the 2024 Operating and 2024/2025 Capital Budget report in its entirety on the City's website for public review, and further that Administration bring a subsequent budget report and summary of feedback to the January 29, 2024 Council Meeting for adoption.**

**Mayor Hipsley, Councillors Chyz and Brears opposed.**

**Defeated.\*\*\***

#### **\*\*\*R00008-2024**

**Haider/Chyz**

**That Council direct Administration to defer publishing the 2024 Operating and 2024/2025 Capital Budget on the City's website, and further that Administration bring a subsequent operating budget report to the January 29, 2024 Regular Council Meeting for approval in principle, with final adoption of the budget to be considered at the February 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.**

**Councillor Goulden opposed.**

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

## GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

## IN CAMERA SESSION

### **\*\*\*R00009-2024**

**Haider/Chyz**

**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 5(a)(e) - 6:34 p.m. Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Mayor Hipsley called a fifteen (15) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 6:49 p.m.

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

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

### **\*\*\*R00010-2024**

**Wyatt/Haider**

**That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 6:54 p.m.**

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

## RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

### **\*\*\*R00011-2024**

**Wyatt/Chyz**

**That Council further table the Harvest Meats item to the January 29, 2024 Council meeting.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

**\*\*\*R00012-2024**

**Goulden/Haider**

**That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 6:55 p.m.**

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

Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2024

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Mayor

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City Clerk