

***CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2024***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, April 29, 2024 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, and Darcy Zaharia.

In Councillor Wyatt's absence, Past Deputy Mayor Ken Chyz acted in his place.

City Administration Present Within the Bar: Michael Eger – Director of Planning, Building & Development/Acting City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance, 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

*****R00114-2024**

Chyz/Haider

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of April 29, 2024 be approved as presented.

*****R00115-2024**

Goulden/Haider

That the agenda be amended by removing items 7c the Yorkton Arts Council – Sponsorship Request for the Sunflower Art and Craft Market 2024, and 8a the Administrative report from the Director of Recreation and Community Services – Yorkton Arts Council Sunflower Art and Craft Market Rental Fee Relief Request Response, as the Yorkton Arts Council withdrew their presentation.

Carried Unanimously.***

That Council proceed to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Haider:

1. Reported that he attended the Parkland Dance Festival that took place on April 19-21 at the Anne Portnuff Theatre. It was a great time and the biggest it has ever been, with many different dance studios in attendance.
2. Announced that the Deer Park Golf Course is now open for golf on the back nine. The outdoor tennis and basketball courts are also open and ready to go, as well as almost all of the outdoor playgrounds. With the nicer weather we have been having lately, he encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Reported that the Parkland Outdoor Show and Expo was this past weekend at the Gallagher Centre. The city was busy and there were many exhibitors present to check out. He thanked Darren Wandy, Nolan Johnson, and the rest of the organizing crew who put on the event. The guest speaker was Jim Shockey, a hunting and fishing enthusiast, who is originally from Saskatchewan. The Mayor also brought greetings to the event on Saturday evening.
2. Announced that the Saskatchewan Volleyball Association Annual Awards Night was held last weekend in Saskatoon where the 1987 Canada Games gold medal team was inducted. On that team there were five local Yorkton members, Darran Teneycke, Al Tkachuk, Dion Pfeifer, Mark Stebner, and Lyndon Surjik.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Reported that the Kalyna Dance Festival was held last weekend at the Anne Portnuff Theatre. It was a great event with many dancers from all over Western Canada.
2. Thanked the Chamber of Commerce who recently held their Celebrate Success Business Awards, which highlighted all the leaders in our business community.
3. Announced that May will be another busy month with concerts including the last concert of the Yorkton Arts Council... Present Series, which will be Andrew Allan at the Anne Portnuff Theatre on May 2. Jackie Guy will also be performing at the end of the month, as well as the Portraits of Canada Concert with the jazz band and the Filipino choir.
4. Welcomed back the Paper Bag Players from a successful festival performance in North Battleford last weekend where they won many awards. They are having a Yorkton performance of their award winning play, Agnes of God, on May 11 so be sure to get your tickets.
5. Announced that there are many more events taking place in May including Football Night in Saskatchewan coming up on May 4, Circus Genoa at the Gallagher Centre on May 18, and Cruise Night starting up again on May 23.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2024

*****R00116-2024**

Brears/Goulden

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2024

*****R00117-2024**

Haider/Chyz

That the Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Yorkton Business Improvement District – Update on Operations, Request for Increased Funding/Bylaw Review and Approval of 2024 Budget

Correspondence from the Executive Director of the Yorkton Business Improvement District regarding the update on operations, request for increased funding and Bylaw review, and the approval of the 2024 budget dated April 15, 2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Donna Brothwell, Executive Director for the Yorkton Business Improvement District, and Todd Kulscar, Chairperson for the Yorkton Business Improvement District, presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Past Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:35 – 5:36 p.m.

*****R00118-2024**

Haider/Zaharia

**That Council receive and file the operations update from the YBID.
Withdrawn*****

*****R00119-2024**

Goulden/Haider

That Council approve the YBID 2024 budget, receive and file the update on operations, refer the request for increased funding to budget deliberations, and further, refer the request for a direct line of communication and bylaw review to Administration.

Carried Unanimously.***

Councillor Goulden declared a conflict of interest for the next item as she is employed by the Yorkton Film Festival. She excused herself from Council Chambers 5:42 p.m.

Presentation – Yorkton Film Festival – Update on Upcoming Film Festival May 23-25, 2024

Correspondence from the Festival Coordinator of the Yorkton Film Festival regarding an update on the May 23-25, 2024 Film Festival dated April 23, 2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Ron Irvine, Co-Chairperson for the Yorkton Film Festival, presented to Council. Also present in support of the Yorkton Film Festival was Taynika Walker, Festival Coordinator.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Past Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:49 – 5:50 p.m.

*****R00120-2024**

Brears/Zaharia

That Council receive and file the update on the May 23-25, 2024 Film Festival as presented by the Co-Chairperson of the Yorkton Film Festival.

Carried Unanimously.***

Councillor Goulden re-entered Council Chambers as the matter she declared a conflict of interest for had been dealt with 5:51 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No Items

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

BYLAWS

Assessment and Taxation Manager – Proposed Bylaw No.4/2024 – 2024 Mill Rates, Factors, Levies and Base Taxes for Classes and Sub-Classes of Land and Improvements

A report dated April 24, 2024 from the Assessment and Taxation Manager regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 4/2024 – 2024 Mill Rates, Factors, Levies and Base Taxes for Classes and Sub-Classes of Land and Improvements was circulated for consideration of Council. Raelyn Knudson, Assessment and Taxation Manager, presented the report to Council.

*****R00121-2024**

Goulden/Haider

That Bylaw No. 4/2024 – 2024 Mill Rates, Factors, Levies and Base Taxes for Classes and Sub-Classes of Land and Improvements be introduced and given first reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00122-2024**

Haider/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 4/2024 be given second reading this this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00123-2024**

Haider/Chyz

That with the unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 4/2024 proceed to third reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00124-2024**

Goulden/Chyz

That Bylaw No. 4/2024 – 2024 Mill Rates, Factors, Levies and Base Taxes for Classes and Sub-Classes of Land and Improvements be given third and final reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024, and be registered in the Bylaw Register of the City of Yorkton.

Carried Unanimously***

Assessment and Taxation Manager – 2024 Tax Exemptions - Proposed Bylaw No. 5/2024 – Exemption of Taxation – Other, Proposed Bylaw No. 6/2024 – Exemption of Taxation – Business Improvement Incentive Program Policy and Residential Construction Incentive Policy

A report dated April 24, 2024 from the Assessment and Taxation Manager regarding 2024 Tax Exemptions was circulated for consideration of Council. Raelyn Knudson, Assessment and Taxation Manager, presented the report to Council.

*****R00125-2024**

Brears/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 5/2024 – A Bylaw of the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Providing for the Exemption of Taxation for Certain Properties – Other within the City of Yorkton be introduced and given first reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00126-2024**

Haider/Goulden

That Bylaw No. 5/2024 be given second reading this this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00127-2024**

Zaharia/Chyz

That with the unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 5/2024 proceed to third reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00128-2024**

Goulden/Haider

That Bylaw No. 5/2024 – A Bylaw for the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Providing for the Exemption of Taxation for Certain Properties – Other within the City of Yorkton be given third and final reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024, and be registered in the Bylaw Register of the City of Yorkton.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00129-2024**

Haider/Brears

That Bylaw No. 6/2024 – A Bylaw of the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Providing for the Exemption of Taxation for Certain Properties – Business Improvement Incentive Policy and Residential Construction Incentive Program Policy within the City of Yorkton be introduced and given first reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00130-2024**

Chyz/Haider

That Bylaw No. 6/2024 be given second reading this this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00131-2024**

Goulden/Zaharia

That with the unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 6/2024 proceed to third reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00132-2024**

Chyz/Brears

That Bylaw No. 6/2024 – A Bylaw for the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Providing for the Exemption of Taxation for Certain Properties – Business Improvement Incentive Policy and Residential Construction Incentive Program Policy within the City of Yorkton, be given third and final reading this 29th day of April, A.D. 2024, and be registered in the Bylaw Register of the City of Yorkton.

Carried Unanimously***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Public Works – Landfill Leachate Line Tender

A report dated April 24, 2024 from the Director of Public Works regarding the Landfill Leachate Line Tender was circulated for consideration of Council. Aron Hershmillier, Director of Public Works, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Past Deputy Mayor Chyz 6:24 – 6:27 p.m.

*****R00133-2024**

Chyz/Zaharia

That Council approve and award the 2024 Landfill Leachate Line Project tender to Triple A Directional Drilling Ltd. for \$358,562.02 (plus applicable taxes) and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00134-2024**

Brears/Haider

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with two matters categorized as “Budgetary” as per *LAFOIP* contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 4,5(e) - 6:28 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Hipsley called a 10 minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 6:37 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Mitch Hipsley, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Michael Eger – Director of Planning, Building & Development/Acting City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures, Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance, Taylor Morrison – Director of Recreation and Community Services (7:21 – 9:10 p.m.), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Guests Present in Council Chambers: Larry Pearen along with other members of the Brick Mill Heritage Society (6:37 – 7:20 p.m.)

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Past Deputy Mayor Chyz 7:18 – 7:19 p.m.

*****R00135-2024**

Zaharia/Brears

**That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda
– 9:04 p.m.**

Carried Unanimously. ***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00136-2024**

Goulden/Haider

**That Council unanimously waive the requirement for notice for a
motion to rescind part of motion 294-2022 regarding the loan to the Brick
Mill, and consider the subject immediately.**

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00137-2024**

Goulden/Chyz

**That the part of motion number 294-2022 as contained in the Regular
Council Meeting minutes of November 14, 2022 be rescinded as follows:**

i. That the term of the loan be over 5 years

**And further, that Council reintroduce a substitution that the loan period be
over four (4) years.**

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00138-2024**

Goulden/Chyz

**That Council direct Administration to prepare a loan bylaw in
accordance with Section 152 of the *Cities Act* for the restoration of the historic
site known as The Brick Mill, also designated as Municipal Heritage Property,
located at 120 Livingstone Street.**

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00139-2024**

Chyz/Zaharia

That Council direct Administration to proceed with implementing golf services operating model 2 and contractor hiring process option 2 as contained in the report presented at the April 29, 2024 Council Meeting and further, to direct Administration to report back to Council with further information regarding equipment leasing options at the May 27, 2024 Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00140-2024**

Brears/Chyz

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 27th day of May, A.D. 2024

Mayor

City Clerk