

***CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2024***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 17, 2024 in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Councillor Wyatt is appointed as Deputy Mayor but participated in the meeting virtually, thus 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: 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

*****R00156-2024**

Chyz/Wyatt

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of June 17, 2024 be approved as presented.

*****R00157-2024**

Haider/Goulden

That the agenda be amended by adding an item to the In-Camera portion of the meeting classified as “Other Item A”.

Carried Unanimously.***

That Council proceed to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Haider:

1. Reminded everyone that in a couple of weeks the Yorkton Exhibition will be in the city. Advance tickets for both admission and ride wristbands are available at a discount and are available up to and including June 30.

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Congratulated the Yorkton Girls Crush Softball who hosted a U15 and U17 tournament this past weekend that saw over 23 teams playing. He mentioned that if you made it out to the diamonds, they were absolutely packed. This coming weekend they will be hosting another tournament for U11 and U13 girls. The organization has over 170 girls registered this year and it continues to grow.

2. Thanked Fox FM, which has now rebranded as Cruz FM, for putting on a concert this past weekend. The Mayor, Councillor Haider and himself were able to attend the event which had approximately 1000 people there. He extended kudos to the sponsors as well which included Rockin' the Fields of Minnedosa, Westland Insurance, the Gallagher Centre and the City of Yorkton.

Councillor Goulden:

1. On behalf of Mayor Hipsley and Council, she attended the SIGN Early Years Family Resource Centre's 10th Anniversary celebrations on June 13. SIGN offers

services to families in our city with children from 0-5 years of age, and is open for extended hours during the week. She also reminded everyone that if you are interested in learning more about what SIGN does, the Annual General Meeting is taking place this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

2. Announced that the Western Development Museum, in conjunction with Tourism Yorkton, will be hosting Canada Day celebrations again this year at the Western Development Museum grounds. There are many activities planned for the whole family including old-fashioned games, novelty booths and a concession stand. Mayor Hipsley will also be in attendance for the opening ceremonies, which begin at 12:30 p.m. on July 1. Admission is free.

Councillor Chyz:

1. Reported that this past weekend Deer Park Golf Course hosted the Maple Leaf Junior Tournament. Everyone enjoyed the nice weather on Saturday but unfortunately, that was not the case on Sunday! Deer Park Golf Course will also be hosting the Sask Golf Junior Championship Tournament from July 3-5.

Mayor Hipsley:

1. Announced that the Yorkton Tribal Council, located at 63 King Street East, will be hosting a celebration for National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Many events are planned including a drum group and pow wow, Saulteaux bingo and games, face painting, bannock baking, vendors, displays and a free BBQ lunch. He encouraged everyone to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2024

*****R00158-2024**

Haider/Goulden

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Economic Development Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2024

*****R00159-2024**

Brears/Chyz

That the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2024

*****R00160-2024**

Zaharia/Wyatt

That the Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Economic Development Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2024

*****R00161-2024**

Goulden/Chyz

That the Economic Development Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Parkland Regional Library Board – Request for Tax Abatement and Refund for New Headquarters at 362 6th Avenue North.

Correspondence from the Chairperson of the Parkland Regional Library Board regarding the request for exemption of taxes and a tax refund on the new library headquarters located at 362 6th Avenue North dated May 27, 2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Lani Best, Chairperson for the Parkland Regional Library and Juanita Brown, Board member for the Parkland Regional Library, presented to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Past Deputy Mayor Chyz 5:22 – 5:24 p.m.,
5:27 – 5:27 p.m.

*****R00162-2024**

Wyatt/Goulden

That Council approve the request for tax abatement for the Parkland Regional Library Headquarters located at 362 6th Avenue North, and further to cancel the taxes levied for 2024 effective when the Parkland Regional Library took ownership.

**Mayor Hipsley, Councillors Brears, Chyz, Haider and Zaharia opposed.
Defeated.*****

*****R00163-2024**

Chyz/Haider

That Council refer the request for tax abatement and refund for the Parkland Regional Library Headquarters located at 362 6th Avenue North to Administration for further review and report back to Council.

Carried Unanimously.***

Public Hearing – Proposed Bylaw No. 8/2024 Loan Bylaw for the Brick Mill

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as open 5:27 p.m.

The City Clerk advised that there were no written submissions received as of the deadline of Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The Mayor confirmed that there were no petitioners present in the gallery wishing to speak to the matter.

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as closed 5:28 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Director of Finance – Bylaw No. 8/2024 Loan Bylaw for the Brick Mill [2nd and 3rd Readings]

A report dated June 10, 2024 from the Director of Finance regarding Bylaw No. 8/2024 Loan Bylaw for the Brick Mill [2nd and 3rd Readings] was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

*****R00164-2024**

Haider/Chyz

That Bylaw No. 8/2024, a Bylaw in the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan to Lend Money to The Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc. for the Restoration of the Historic Site Designated As Municipal Heritage Property known as the Brick Mill and construction of The Interpretive Centre At 120 Livingstone Street, be given 2nd reading this 17th day of June, A.D., 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00165-2024**

Zaharia/Goulden

That Bylaw No. 8/2024, a Bylaw in the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan to Lend Money to The Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc. for the Restoration of the Historic Site Designated As Municipal Heritage Property known as the Brick Mill and construction of The Interpretive Centre At 120 Livingstone Street, be introduced and given 3rd and final reading this 17th day of June, A.D., 2024, and entered in the City of Yorkton Bylaw register.

Carried Unanimously***

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

BYLAWS

- No Items

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Controller – Account Write-offs for 2023

A report dated June 7, 2024 from the City Controller regarding the Account Write-offs for 2023 was circulated for consideration of Council. Amber Matechuk, City Controller, presented the report to Council.

*****R00166-2024**

Chyz/Zaharia

That Council approve the write-off of Accounts Receivable accounts: #NOSC001 for \$10,834.65, #CAMT007 for \$8,397.55 and #SPEO001 for \$8,528.24 totaling \$27,760.44; and further to receive and file the summary of write-offs for accounts less than \$7,500 each, totaling \$20,065.38 for 2023 as presented. Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Finance – Preliminary 2023 Year-End Report

A report dated June 12, 2024 from the Director of Finance regarding the Preliminary 2023 Year-End Report was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Past Deputy Mayor Chyz 6:19 – 6:23 p.m. when Councillor Chyz excused himself from Council Chambers. Councillor Haider then acted as Past Deputy Mayor in his absence for the remainder of Mayor Hipsley’s commentary 6:23 – 6:24 p.m.

Councillor Chyz excused himself from Council Chambers 6:23 and returned at 6:27 p.m.

*****R00167-2024**

Haider/Chyz

That Council authorize Administration to make the 2023 year-end transfers to reserves in conjunction with net departmental results depicted as follows:

Estimated Net Departmental Surplus	1,900,918
Deposit to reserves:	
Airport	(46,000)
Planning & Building Services	(20,000)
Public Works	(130,000)
Net deposit to “Rainy Day” reserves	1,704,918

And further that Administration bring a final report back to Council noting the transfers and the remaining surplus for Council’s consideration in conjunction with the year-end audit results and financial statements.

Carried Unanimously.***

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00168-2024**

Haider/Zaharia

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with one matter categorized as “Budgetary” and one matter categorized as “Other” as per *LAFOIP* contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,4,5(a)(c)(e) - 6:28 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Hipsley called a 12 minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 6:39 p.m.

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

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Michael Eger – Director of Planning, Building & Development/Acting City Manager, Brad Hvidston – Incoming City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures, Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance, Taylor Morrison – Director of Recreation and Community Services, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

*****R00169-2024**

Haider/Chyz

That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 7:32 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00170-2024**

Zaharia/Chyz

That Council award the Deer Park Golf Course Golf Cart Fleet Lease to CMX Powersports and CWB National Leasing for the amount of \$645,120.00 over a four (4) year term, for the lease of 50 new electric lithium-ion battery powered carts, to be delivered prior to the start of the 2025 golf season, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the lease agreement.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00171-2024**

Zaharia/Wyatt

That Council direct Administration to proceed with the purchase of the existing golf cart fleet from the current golf services contractor at a price of \$266,500.00, plus applicable taxes, funded by the 2025 capital budget and with fleet sale revenues being allocated back to the 2025 capital budget once the cart fleet is sold.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00172-2024**

Goulden/Wyatt

That Council receive and file the matter regarding June Days as information, and direct Administration to review future best practices for events in City Centre Park.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00173-2024**

Zaharia/Wyatt

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

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

Mayor

City Clerk