

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 30, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, September 30, 2024 in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

City Administration Present Within the Bar: Brad Hvidston – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance, Gord Kennedy – Director of Human Resources, 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 5:01 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley delivered the Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00248-2024**

Zaharia/Chyz

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of September 30, 2024 be approved as presented.

*****R00249-2024**

Haider/Goulden

That the agenda be amended by adding an In-Camera item categorized as Property Item A.

Carried Unanimously.***

That Council proceed to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Haider:

1. Announced that he and the Mayor, along with about 1200 other people, attended the home opener for the Yorkton SJHL Terriers a couple of weeks ago. He mentioned that the Terriers had a season ticket sale blitz last year that seemed to have worked well, and it was great to see the arena packed. The Yorkton Terriers are now 4-0 and officially ranked 3rd in the Canadian Junior Hockey League. Their next game is Tuesday, October 1, 2024 against Flin Flon.
2. Mentioned that we are now in election season with three major elections coming up including Municipal on November 13, Provincial, and the Presidential election in the United States on November 4. Municipal nomination packages can be found on the www.yorktonvotes.ca website.
3. Shared that today is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as well as this year is the 150th Anniversary of the signing of Treaty 4. He participated in the Orange Shirt Day Walk from Yorkton Tribal Council to City Centre Park where Yorkton Tribal Council Chief Isabel O'Soup bestowed a special honour to Mayor Hipsley. He congratulated Mayor Hipsley and then asked him to share the details behind the award he received.

Mayor Hipsley

1. Shared that he had attended the 150th Anniversary of the signing of Treaty 4 in Fort Qu'Appelle on September 15 where thousands of people attended from all over the country, including the media. Stemming from his attendance there, today, at the City Centre Park Truth and Reconciliation event and gathering, he was awarded a beautiful 150th Anniversary medallion in recognition of the City of Yorkton's involvement and dedication in the Truth and Reconciliation movement. He thanked the City of Yorkton and Council members for putting it high on the priority list and making it important, it did not go unnoticed.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Announced that on Saturday night herself and Mayor Hipsley were invited to the retirement celebrations for Melville's Mayor Walter Streelasky. She shared that he has been on the Melville Council for 24 years, 18 of those as Mayor. He was recognized for his outstanding work not only in Melville, but within the province as well.
2. Reported that this morning former Mayor Ben Weber stopped in to visit at City Hall. After retiring as Yorkton's Mayor, he became Chair for the Sunrise Health Region, and then later moved to Medicine Hat before settling in Unity. In Unity, he served on Council for two years and then served one term as Mayor. He brought a few pieces of memorabilia with him from his time as Yorkton's Mayor, including a sculpture that was given to the City of Yorkton by the then Chief of Sakimay First Nation. It represents the signing of the very first Urban Reserve in Yorkton, which was also one of the first in Saskatchewan. He also brought the original key that he used in the old City Hall building when he attended council meetings.
3. Congratulated the outstanding fundraising done recently for Yorkton resident Halle Thompson by Yorkton Firefighters Colin MacDonald, Jordan Bieber, Cody Doll, and James McConnell. They raised over \$8,000 running in the Queen City Marathon.

Councillor Wyatt:

1. Announced that he has been on Yorkton City Council for 24 years off and on, first being elected at 30 years old, and that he will not be running again in this year's election. He then mentioned that he had some points and thanks he would like to share from his time over the years:
First, he described the relationship with the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce as demanding, and urged the next Council and Chamber Board Members to work collaboratively and positively together.
He then mentioned that the current Administration staff have done an admiral job sharing information with Council, and encouraged the new Council Members to continue a good working relationship.
Next he thanked past Mayors such as Mayor DeVos, Mayor Wilson and Mayor Maloney, Councillors DeRyk, Schmidt, Arnelien, Hill, Pearen, Fisher, Okrainec, Wagner, and the late Brian Fromm, who he learned a lot from every one of them. To the current Council members Mitch and Ken, it has been great working with them, Darcy and Quinn, he has known them for over 40 years and it was great to see them run, Dustin, he was happy to see he ran again after being defeated in his

first attempt, and to Randy, it has been 24 years on and off, and he thanked her for her dedication to promoting our city and being a voice, as well as a calming influence.

He then thanked his family for supporting him and considers himself lucky to have had that.

Lastly, he thanked the taxpayers for their support over seven elections, it has been an honor to serve the public and he is looking forward to seeing the names come in for this year's election.

Mayor Hipsley then thanked Councillor Wyatt for his objectivity, honesty and the experience he brought with him over this last term.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2024

*****R00250-2024**

Chyz/Brears

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2024

*****R00251-2024**

Brears/Haider

That the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2024

*****R00252-2024**

Goulden/Zaharia

That the Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Development Appeals Board Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2024

*****R00253-2024**

Brears/Haider

That the Development Appeals Board Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Public Hearing – Debt RFP – York Road Reconstruction Project

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as open 5:22 p.m.

The City Clerk advised that there were no written submissions received as of the deadline of Wednesday, September 25, 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 5:22 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Director of Finance – Debt RFP – York Road Reconstruction Project

A report dated September 17, 2024 from the Director of Finance regarding Debt RFP – York Road Reconstruction Project was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Zaharia 5:32 – 5:35 p.m.

*****R00254-2024**

Wyatt/Haider

That Council direct Administration to award the RFP for York Road Reconstruction Debt in the amount of \$12,000,000 to Toronto Dominion Bank (CORRA Swap Option) at 3.84% and further begin creation of the loan agreement with that financial institution, returning with a borrowing bylaw at the next meeting of Council.

Carried Unanimously***

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

BYLAWS

Land Use Planner – Proposed Bylaw No. 13/2024 – Text Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 to Clarify the Purpose of the C-4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zoning District and add Parking Lots/Facilities as Permitted Uses [Introduction and First Reading/Authorization of Public Notice]

A report dated September 20, 2024 from the Land Use Planner regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 13/2024 – Text Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 was circulated for consideration of Council. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

*****R00255-2024**

Goulden/Chyz

That Bylaw No. 13/2024, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 by clarifying the use of the C-4 Neighbourhood Commercial zoning district and add Parking Lots/Facilities as Permitted Uses, be introduced and given 1st Reading, this 30th day of September, 2024 and that Administration be authorized to proceed with the Public Notice process.

Carried Unanimously***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Waterworks Manager - Environmental Services – Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Boiler Replacement Tender Award

A report dated September 27, 2024 from the Waterworks Manager regarding the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Boiler Replacement Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Jake Perpeluk, Waterworks Manager for Environmental Services, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Hipsley passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Zaharia 5:56 – 5:57 p.m.

*****R00256-2024**

Wyatt/Brears

That Council direct Administration to award the tender for the Water Pollution Control Plant Boiler Replacement to Vetted HVAC Services for \$574,990.00 plus applicable taxes, with \$289,000.00 plus applicable taxes of emergency expenditures for phase one, funded through utility reserves, and the remaining \$285,000.00 for phase two to be budgeted in the 2025 capital budget, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk) – Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting – September 23, 2024

A report dated September 25, 2024 from the Director of Legislation and Procedures regarding the Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting – September 23, 2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, Director of Legislation and Procedures, presented the report to Council.

*****R00257-2024**

Goulden/Chyz

That Council accept recommendation C0002-2024, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council meeting minutes of Monday, September 23, 2024 to endorse the Youth Resiliency Project (YRP), as the mechanism that Council uses for feedback from this demographic, allocate \$5,000 annually to future budgets for continuance of support for the YRP and further, encourage youth within the community of Yorkton to become engaged with the project

through their respective schools, extra-curricular programs, and recreation/youth based activities and further that effective for the 2025 year, that the Mayor appoint two (2) Councillors to sit at the Youth Resiliency Project meetings and that the Mayor have the ability to consider adding a Youth Seat on other select advisory committees.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00258-2024**

Haider/Zaharia

That Council accept recommendation C00003-2024, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting minutes of Monday, September 23, 2024 to renew the Council Priorities Chart as follows:

- a. Council to leave Current Item 3, 'Facilities Maintenance Plan' on the Current Priorities Chart; and
- b. Add to current priorities that support be provided to Protective Services (Fire Chief Morrissey) in dealing with the houselessness crisis in Yorkton by formulating a team to assist in addressing addictions and mental health in the community; and
- c. Add to current priorities for Administration to report on information for formulation of a tax relief/grant program for community groups.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00259-2024**

Wyatt/Brears

That Council accept recommendation C00004-2024, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting minutes of Monday, September 23, 2024 to use the Council Priorities Chart process status quo – with new items to be determined at a future Strategic Planning session, and further that the updated Council priorities chart dated September 24, 2024 be adopted as presented, and that Council authorize the publication of the chart on the City's website.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00260-2024**

Haider/Zaharia

That Council accept recommendation C00005-2024, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting minutes of Monday, September 23,

2024 to receive and file the Surplus 2023 report of the Director of Finance, and further direct Administration to explore and report back to Council with information on using 2023 surplus funds for the list of items noted at the Committee of the Whole Council meeting, being:

- a. Payment penalties, and interest saved in paying off debt.**
- b. Using surplus fund towards Public Works Streets, new Deer Park Golf Course Equipment, and paying off debt (Fire Hall Loan).**
- c. Updating the library (computers, etc.), Gallagher Centre amenity/attraction updates such as climbing wall, arcade, multi-use flooring for the Agri-Pavilion building for recreation, money towards a seniors centre, promotional marketing funds for economic development, attracting health care professionals – investigate what other communities are doing – incentives for doctors – facilities and possibly housing, and accounting software.**

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk) – Council Meeting Calendar 2025

A report dated September 25, 2024 from the Director of Legislation and Procedures regarding the Council Meeting Calendar 2025 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 Zaharia 6:20 – 6:20 p.m.

*****R00261-2024**

Wyatt/Goulden

That Council approve the Council Calendar 2025 – Option 2 as attached.

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00262-2024**

Zaharia/Brears

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with one matter categorized as ‘Other’ and one matter categorized as ‘Property’ as per *LAFIOP* contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,4,5(a)(c)(e),6(b)(d) - 6:21 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Hipsley called a ten (10) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:21 p.m.

Mayor Hipsley called the In-Camera session to order at 6:31 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: Brad Hvidston – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures, Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance, Gord Kennedy – Director of Human Resources, Kaylee Diduck – Human Resources Advisor (6:31 – 6:45 p.m.), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

*****R00263-2024**

Brears/Haider

That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 7:04 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00264-2024**

Chyz/Wyatt

That Council direct administration to continue negotiations with CUPE Local 342 as per the parameters discussed in Option A, as amended, contained in the In-Camera report of September 30th, 2024 provided by the Director of Human Resources.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00265-2024**

Zaharia/Haider

That Council receive and file the report from the City Manager regarding the offer to purchase for the Roundhouse Subdivision.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00266-2024**

Zaharia/Wyatt

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 21st day of October, A.D. 2024

Mayor

City Clerk

2025 Council Meeting Calendar

| January '25 | | | | | | | February '25 | | | | | | | March '25 | | | | | | |
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Notes

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| Council Meetings |
| SUMA Convention - Regina, SK |
| Statutory Holidays (Or Observed) |
| School Breaks (weeks) |
| CoW - Council Priorities Quarterly Update - Open |
| CoW - Other |
| Strategic Planning Meetings |

CoW & Strategic Planning Dates/Topics

- January 15 - SP Operating Budget - #1
- January 20 - SP Operating Budget - #2
- February 3 - CoW Q4 2024 Priorities Update
- April 9 - CoW/SP Q1 2025 Priorities Update and Tax Po
- June 30 - CoW Q2 2025 Priorities Update
- September 29 - CoW Q3 2025 Priorities Update
- November 24 - SP Capital Budget
- December 15 - SP Operating Budget #1

Deputy Mayor Appointments

- November 1, 2024 - Inauguration - Councillor Randy Goulden
- 2025 Deputy Mayor Appointments TBD

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