

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2024 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Aaron Kienle, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, Greg Litvanyi, Stephanie Ortynsky, 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, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Recording: Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present Mayor Kienle called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00313-2024**

Haider/Zaharia

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of December 16, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Goulden:

1. Shared a few of the upcoming New Year's Eve events, including a family friendly "Noon Year's Eve" celebration at the Gallagher Centre beginning at 10:00 a.m., as well as a Murder Mystery event at The Owl's Nest at Deer Park hosted by the Yorkton Paper Bag Players. She also shared that the Yorkton Terriers are back for a home game on December 30.

Councillor Ortynsky:

1. Congratulated all of the talented musicians in Yorkton including the Adult Jazz Band and wind ensemble who recently had their Christmas Showcase on December 1 at the Anne Portnuff Theatre, as well as the choral concert on December 8 at St. Andrew's United Church.

2. Congratulated SaskAbilities and their team who put together their ExplorAbilities room sponsored by Yorkton Toyota. It was a wonderful event that showcased some of the amazing work that is done there.

Councillor Haider:

1. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and encouraged everyone to check out the Yorkton Lions Club, in partnership with Legacy Co-op's Wonders of Winter Light Display at the City campground at Jaycee Beach. There are 23 different light displays and admission is \$25.00 per vehicle at the gate, but if you stop in at any Legacy Co-op locations, advance tickets can be purchased for \$20.00. Kudos to the Lions Club for putting this together, and thanks to the Legacy Coop for sponsoring the display.

Mayor Kienle:

1. Gave a big shout out to the Simple Shots with Santa event hosted and organized by Jackie Tokarchuk. It was a wonderful fundraising event with all donations going to the Boys and Girls Club in Yorkton. He thanked all the amazing volunteers including the Boys and Girls Club, the Yorkton Terriers, and many community members that all came together to make it happen.

2. Announced that the City of Yorkton is now collecting food items at all of the City locations, and he encouraged and challenged other Mayors and Councils around the province to do the same. The goal is to fill one of the loaders at the City's Operations Centre, with all food drive collections going to the Community Fridge and The Soup Haven.

3. Announced that the outdoor rinks around the city are now ready to go, including the skating path at Patrick Park and the crokicurl rinks. Public skating time slots are also available at both the Kinsmen Arena and the Gallagher Centre. More information can be found at www.Yorkton.ca.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2024

One error was noted by Councillor Ortynsky on page 10, being that the Mayor’s name was incorrect. There were no objections from Council fir tge City Clerk to make the correction.

*****R00314-2024**

Goulden/Litvanyi

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024 be approved with one correction of the Mayor’s name, on page 10.

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Mayor Kienle – 2024 Council Committee/Commission/Board Appointments

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Goulden 5:06 – 5:07 pm.

*****R00315-2024**

Haider/Ortynsky

That the Council of the City of Yorkton ratify the Council Committee/Commission/Board member appointments as listed, effective immediately, through to the end of 2025.

Carried Unanimously***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – SaskAbilities – 75th Anniversary Celebrations

Correspondence from the Regional Director of SaskAbilities regarding information on their upcoming 75th Anniversary celebrations dated October 4, 2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Aleks Hoeber, Regional Director of SaskAbilities, presented to Council.

*****R00316-2024**

Haider/Ortynsky

That Council receive and file the presentation from the Regional Director of SaskAbilities regarding information on their upcoming 75th Anniversary celebrations.

Carried Unanimously.***

City Clerk Update (Verbal) – Bylaw No. 15/2024 – Defer Public Hearing and 2nd & 3rd Readings to a Future Council Meeting due to Postal Strike

A verbal update was given by Jessica Matsalla, City Clerk, regarding deferring the Public Hearing and 2nd & 3rd Readings for Bylaw No. 15/2024 to a future Council Meeting due to the ongoing postal strike.

*****R00317-2024**

Brears/Zaharia

That Council receive and file the verbal update from the City Clerk regarding deferring Bylaw No. 15/2024 to a future Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously.***

Presentation – Ralex Enterprises – Fire Prevention Bylaw Concerns

Correspondence from the representative of Ralex Enterprises regarding Fire Prevention Bylaw concerns dated November 25, 2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Randall Hoeber, Representative of Ralex Enterprises, presented to Council.

*****R00318-2024**

Goulden/Zaharia

That Council refer the presentation from the representative of Ralex Enterprises regarding Fire Prevention Bylaw concerns to Administration for further review.

Carried Unanimously.***

Presentation – Rental Housing Saskatchewan – Fire Prevention Bylaw Concerns

Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer of Rental Housing Saskatchewan regarding Fire Prevention Bylaw concerns dated December 4, 2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Cameron Choquette, Chief Executive Officer of Rental Housing Saskatchewan, presented to Council.

*****R00319-2024**

Zaharia/Haider

That Council refer the presentation from the Chief Executive Officer of Rental Housing Saskatchewan regarding the Fire Prevention Bylaw, Rental Housing Inspections, and License Fees to Administration for further review.

Carried Unanimously.***

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Fire Chief – Verbal Response to Fire Prevention Bylaw Concerns

Trevor Morrissey, Fire Chief provided a verbal update in response to the concerns presented earlier from multiple presenters regarding the Fire Prevention Bylaw.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Goulden 5:38 – 5:42 p.m.

*****R00320-2024**

Goulden/Brears

That Council receive and file the verbal update from Fire Chief Trevor Morrissey, and further to direct Administration to return to Council with a report with further information in response to the concerns heard regarding the recent Fire Prevention Bylaw amendments.

Carried Unanimously.***

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter re: Yorkton Minor Hockey Tournament Complaints

*****R00321-2024**

Brears/Goulden

That Council receive and file the letter regarding the Yorkton Minor Hockey Tournament complaints.

Carried Unanimously.***

BYLAWS

Director of Environmental Services – Proposed Bylaw No. 14/2024 – 2025 Utility Rates

A report dated December 9, 2024 from the Director of Environmental Services regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 14/2024 – 2025 Utility Rates was circulated for consideration of Council. Connor Hunt, Director of Environmental Services, presented the report to Council.

*****R00322-2024**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That Bylaw No. 14/2024, A Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to Amend Bylaw No. 20/2006 Establishing a Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw and Repeal Bylaw No. 11/2023 be introduced and given 1st Reading this 16th day of December A.D., 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00323-2024**

Haider/Goulden

That Bylaw No. 14/2024 be given 2nd reading this 16th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00324-2024**

Brears/Haider

That with unanimous consent of Council, that Council proceed to third reading of Bylaw No. 14/2024 this 16th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00325-2024**

Goulden/Litvanyi

That Bylaw No. 14/2024, A Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to Amend Bylaw No. 20/2006 Establishing a Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw and Repeal Bylaw No. 11/2023 be given 3rd and final Reading this 16th day of December, A.D., 2024 and entered in the City of Yorkton bylaw registry.

Carried Unanimously***

Assessment & Taxation Manager – Proposed Bylaw No. 17/2024 – Exemption of Taxation for 162 Dunlop Street West

A report dated December 6, 2024 from the Assessment & Taxation Manager regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 17/2024 – Exemption of Taxation for 162 Dunlop Street West was circulated for consideration of Council. Raelyn Knudson, Assessment & Taxation Manager, presented the report to Council.

*****R00326-2024**

Brears/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 17/2024, A Bylaw of the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Providing for the Exemption of Taxation for 162 Dunlop St W within the City of Yorkton be introduced and given first reading this 16th day of December, A.D. 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00327-2024**

Haider/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 17/2024 be given 2nd reading this 16th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00328-2024**

Goulden/Brears

That with unanimous consent of Council, that Council proceed to third reading of Bylaw No. 17/2024 this 16th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00329-2024**

Litvanyi/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 17/2024, A Bylaw of the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Providing for the Exemption of Taxation for 162 Dunlop St W within the City of Yorkton be given third and final reading this 16th day of December, A.D. 2024 and be entered in the Bylaw Register of the City of Yorkton.

Carried Unanimously***

Director of Public Works – Proposed Bylaw No. 18/2024 – Provide for Entrance and Disposal Fees to the Sanitary Landfill

A report dated December 11, 2024 from the Director of Public Works regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 18/2024 – Sanitary Landfill Rates was circulated for consideration of Council. Aron Hershmillier, Director of Public Works, presented the report to Council.

*****R00330-2024**

Ortynsky/Zaharia

That Bylaw No.18/2024 being a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the province of Saskatchewan to provide for entrance and disposal fees to the sanitary landfill be introduced and read a first time this 16th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00331-2024**

Haider/Goulden

That Bylaw No. 18/2024 be given 2nd reading this 16th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00332-2024**

Ortynsky/Haider

That with unanimous consent of Council, that Council proceed to third reading of Bylaw No. 18/2024 this 16th day of December, A.D, 2024.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00333-2024**

Goulden/Litvanyi

That Bylaw No. 18/2024 being a Bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the province of Saskatchewan to provide for entrance and disposal fees to the sanitary landfill be given third and final reading this 16th day of December, A.D., 2024 and be entered in the City of Yorkton Bylaw Register.

Carried Unanimously***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Assessment & Taxation Manager – Final Stage of Tax Enforcement – Request for Transfer of Titles

A report dated December 6, 2024 from the Assessment & Taxation Manager regarding the Final Stage of Tax Enforcement was circulated for consideration of Council. Raelyn Knudson, Assessment & Taxation Manager, presented the report to Council.

*****R00334-2024**

Brears/Litvanyi

That Council authorize Administration, under Section 26.1 of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, to proceed with Form H to obtain title to the following properties:

	Lot	Block	Plan	Parcel
A	41	10	99Y00657 Ext 0	143115937
B	20	6	99Y00657 Ext 0	146333280
C	5	25	AA3397 Ext 0	142796717

and further, offer the properties for sale within one year of obtaining title.

Carried Unanimously.***

Assessment & Taxation Manager – 2025 Board of Revision Appointment

A report dated December 6, 2024 from the Assessment & Taxation Manager regarding the 2025 Board of Revision Appointment was circulated for

consideration of Council. Raelyn Knudson, Assessment & Taxation Manager, presented the report to Council.

*****R00335-2024**

Haider/Litvanyi

That in accordance with Section 192 of The Cities Act, Council appoint Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as City of Yorkton’s Board of Revision for the 2025 year. Board member remuneration and expenses will be paid according to the 2025 fee schedule attached.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Engineering & Asset Management – City Hall Air Conditioner – Tender Award

A report dated December 11, 2024 from the Director of Engineering & Asset Management regarding the City Hall Air Conditioner – Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Bob Montville, Capital Projects and Maintenance Engineer, presented the report to Council.

*****R00336-2024**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That Council direct Administration to award the tender for “City Hall Roof Top Air Condenser Unit Replacement” to Ainsworth Inc. for \$144,900 plus applicable taxes, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Public Works – City-wide Residential Organics Collection Program

A report dated December 9, 2024 from the Director of Public Works regarding City-wide Residential Organics Collection Program was circulated for consideration of Council. Aron Hershmillier, Director of Public Works, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Goulden 7:33 – 7:35 p.m.

*****R00337-2024**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That Council approve the implementation of the Residential Organics Green Cart Collection Program - Option 1 which includes:

- **Weekly garbage collection (52 collections/year)**
- **Weekly organics collection (30 collections/year) mid-April – first week of November;**

And further, approve Administration to proceed with the purchase of green carts through the current refuse / organics collection contractor in the amount of up to \$600,000 from Landfill / Refuse Collection Reserves for an April 2025 program roll-out.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk) – Civic Recognition Awards – 2024 Recipients

A report dated December 12, 2024 from the Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk) regarding Civic Recognition Awards – 2024 Recipients was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk), presented the report to Council.

*****R00338-2024**

Goulden/Haider

That Council approve the Civic Recognition Awards Committee’s selection of the 2024 Civic Recognition Award Winners as follows:

Adult Category: Dick DeRyk
Group Category: SaskAbilities Participants (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

Mayor Kienle delivered the Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement.

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00339-2024**

Litvanyi/Haider

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with two matters categorized as ‘Other’ as per *LAFOIP* contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,5(a)(c)(e),6(d) - 7:40 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle called a fifteen (15) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Kienle called the In-Camera session to order at 7:53 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Aaron Kienle, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, Greg Litvanyi, Stephanie Ortynsky, and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present in Council Chambers: Brad Hvidston – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures, Gord Kennedy – Director of Human Resources, Aron Hershmillier – Director of Public Works, Connor Hunt – Director of Environmental Services, Kaylee Diduck – Human Resources Advisor (7:53 – 8:43 p.m.), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk (7:53 – 9:56 p.m.).

Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk exited Council Chambers 9:56 p.m.

In accordance with Section 37.1 of *the Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Council must agree for the Regular Scheduled meeting to continue past 10:00 p.m. There were no objections, and the meeting continued. – 9:57 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00340-2024**

Litvanyi/Zaharia

That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 10:13 p.m.

Councillor Ortynsky opposed.

Carried.***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00341-2024**

Litvanyi/Haider

That Council direct Administration to continue negotiations with CUPE Local 342 as per the parameters discussed in Option A as contained in the In-Camera report of December 16th, 2024 provided by the Director of Human Resources.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00342-2024**

Litvanyi/Goulden

That Council direct Administration to implement operating budget recommendations as per the parameters discussed in Option A as contained in the In-Camera report on compensation, of December 16, 2024 provided by the Director of Human Resources.

Councillors Ortynsky and Zaharia opposed.

Carried.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00343-2024**

Brears/Ortynsky

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 6th day of January, A.D. 2025

Mayor

City Clerk

As contained in R00315-2024:

Civic Recognition Committee

Mayor Aaron Kienle
Councillor Randy Goulden
Councillor Quinn Haider

District Planning Commission

Mayor Aaron Kienle
Councillor Stephanie Ortynsky

Economic Development Committee

Councillor Dustin Brears
Councillor Darcy Zaharia

Emergency Planning Committee

Mayor Aaron Kienle
Councillor Dustin Brears
Councillor Randy Goulden
Councillor Quinn Haider
Councillor Greg Litvanyi
Councillor Stephanie Ortynsky
Councillor Darcy Zaharia

Environmental Committee

Councillor Dustin Brears
Councillor Darcy Zaharia

Gallagher Centre Management Board

Mayor Aaron Kienle
Councillor Dustin Brears
Councillor Randy Goulden (Chair)
Councillor Quinn Haider
Councillor Greg Litvanyi

Planning and Infrastructure Commission

Councillor Quinn Haider
Councillor Stephanie Ortynsky

Property Standards Appeal Board

Mayor Aaron Kienle
Councillor Dustin Brears (Chair)
Councillor Greg Litvanyi
Councillor Stephanie Ortynsky
Councillor Darcy Zaharia

Protective Services Committee

Mayor Aaron Kienle
Councillor Dustin Brears

Recreation and Community Services Committee

Councillor Randy Goulden
Councillor Greg Litvanyi

Yorkton Business Improvement District

Councillor Stephanie Ortynsky

Yorkton Housing Corporation Board

Mayor Aaron Kienle
Councillor Dustin Brears
Councillor Randy Goulden
Councillor Quinn Haider
Councillor Greg Litvanyi
Councillor Stephanie Ortynsky
Councillor Darcy Zaharia (Chair)

Yorkton Airport Authority

Mayor Aaron Kienle (Chair)
Councillor Dustin Brears
Councillor Randy Goulden
Councillor Quinn Haider
Councillor Greg Litvanyi
Councillor Stephanie Ortynsky
Councillor Darcy Zaharia

Yorkton Library Board & Parkland Regional Library Board

Councillor Randy Goulden (PRL Executive)