

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2025**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, January 27, 2025 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, Michael Eger – Director of Planning, Building & Development, 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.

Mayor Kienle delivered the Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor noted that the presentation from Yorkton Minor Football had been removed from the agenda due to a scheduling conflict.

*****R00013-2025**

Ortynsky/Brears

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of January 27, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Shared some big news from the hockey world with Yorkton Terriers alumni Ryan Ouellette who played from 2017-2018 is up for the Hobey Baker Award which is awarded to the top National Collegiate Athletic Association men's ice hockey player. Notable past winners include Paul Kariya, Chris Drury, Ryan Miller, Jack Eichel, Cale Makar, and the late Johnny Gaudreau.
2. Congratulated Riley Stewart and Tyson Korol who have both committed to the most decorated junior football program in the nation, the Saskatoon Hilltops.
3. Congratulated all the Lady Gridders who were on the road this past weekend in Regina and Saskatoon working out with the Saskatoon Valkyries and the Regina Riot, both teams in the Western Women's Canadian Football League.
4. Shared that this past weekend he, along with Councillors Goulden and Brears, attended the Ebenezer Perogy and Sausage Supper, which was a fundraiser for the Yorkton Wildlife Federation. He thanked all volunteers who make a difference and help make events happen in not only ours, but surrounding communities as well.
5. Announced that there will be a tax information session held this Wednesday, January 29 at the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre located at 132 Broadway Street West from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Shared that she attended the Brayden King concert recently held at the Painted Hand Casino, which is part of the Yorkton Arts Council YAC Presents... series. He is from Weyburn and was the "Golden Ticket" winner in American Idol Season 21.
2. Announced that February is a very busy month in Yorkton with all kinds of events. They include six Yorkton Terriers home games, the Yorkton Farm Toy Show, a gun and collectible show, volleyball, a Pickleball tournament on February 8 and 9, hockey tournaments, as well as Jeffery Straker will be coming back to Yorkton on February 9 at the Parlour Barbour Shop fresh off his tour in Ireland.

Councillor Ortynsky:

1. Acknowledged all the great community work in Yorkton and the Yorkton Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and everyone who helped with the Malanka Celebration on January 11.

2. Shared that the Kalyna Ukrainian Dance festival is coming up in May, as well as the Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Spring Showcase.
3. Announced that the Holy Transfiguration Church, located on Bradbrooke Drive, will be hosting a perogy night this Friday.

Councillor Litvanyi:

1. Congratulated the U18 AA Richardson Pioneer SaskEast Oilers hockey team for their win this past weekend. They will be travelling for another game this weekend to Regina.
2. Announced that on February 6 the Kin Canada Kinette Club of Yorkton will be hosting its annual “Catch and Release” fundraiser, which he has been nominated for this year. All proceeds will be going to Telemiracle.

Councillor Haider:

1. Announced that on February 6 there will be a Special Meeting of Council to discuss budget in Council Chambers beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Kienle:

1. Shared that he was at the Gallagher Centre this past Sunday for the Hockey Fights Cancer benefit game. The Kinsmen Maulers won the game, and the Kinsmen were there fundraising with raffles and a silent auction. In addition, there was a jersey auction where the City contributed and bought the captain of the team’s jersey. All money raised goes to STARS and Brayden Ottenbreit Close Cuts for Cancer.
2. Shared that tonight before the Council Meeting began, the Civic Recognition Awards took place. Congratulations to Dick Deryk and the Sask Abilities Day Program who both took home awards tonight. He also thanked Legacy Coop for sponsoring the awards, as well as the committee who selected the recipients. He further encouraged everyone to nominate a youth, adult or group for the 2025 awards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2025

*****R00014-2025**

Goulden/Ortynsky

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2024

*****R00015-2025**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle – Yorkton Business Improvement District – 2025 Board Appointments

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Goulden 5:09 – 5:10 p.m.

The Executive Director of the Yorkton Business Improvement District submitted an updated letter dated January 24, 2025 listing the nominations for the 2025 Yorkton Business Improvement District Board. Mayor Kienle presented on the matter.

*****R00016-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That the Council of the City of Yorkton approve the appointments as listed on the updated letter from the Executive Director of the Yorkton Business Improvement District dated January 24, 2025, as attached, for the 2025 year.

Carried Unanimously***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Yorkton Minor Football – Request for City-owned/Operated Football Field

This presentation was withdrawn from the January 27, 2025 Regular Council Meeting as Yorkton Minor Football had a scheduling conflict.

Public Hearing – Bylaw No. 15/2024 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Remove CT-2 Arterial Commercial (Transitional) Zoning District and rezone Affected Properties to MXURB Mixed Use Residential – Business

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as open 5:11 p.m.

The City Clerk advised that there were no written submissions received as of the deadline of Wednesday, January 22, 2025 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 5:12 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Land Use Planner – Bylaw No. 15/2024 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Remove CT-2 Arterial Commercial (Transitional) Zoning District and rezone Affected Properties to MXURB Mixed Use Residential – Business [2nd & 3rd Readings]

A report dated January 22, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding proposed Bylaw No. 15/2024 was circulated for consideration of Council. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

*****R00017-2025**

Haider/Ortynsky

That Bylaw No. 15/2024, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 by rezoning certain properties to MXURB Mixed Use Residential-Business and amend the Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning, be given 2nd Reading this 27th day of January 2025, A.D.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00018-2025**

Goulden/Litvanyi

That Bylaw No. 15/2024, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 by rezoning certain properties to MXURB Mixed Use Residential-Business and amend the Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning, be given 3rd Reading this 27th day of January 2025, A.D. and entered in the City of Yorkton bylaw registry.

Carried Unanimously***

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Items

BYLAWS

Land Use Planner – Proposed Bylaw No. 5/2025 – Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Remove Land Use Planned Unit Development and Replace with Land Use Dwelling Group [Introduction and First Reading/Authorization of Public Notice]

A report dated January 24, 2024 from the Land Use Planner regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 5/2025 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 was circulated for consideration of Council. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

*****R00019-2025**

Haider/Litvanyi

That Bylaw No. 5/2025, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 by removing land use “Planned Unit Developments” and replacing with land use “Dwelling Groups”, be given 1st Reading, and that Administration be authorized to proceed with the Public Notice process.

Carried Unanimously***

Director of Finance – Bylaw No. 1/2025 – Borrowing Bylaw – York Road Reconstruction Project

A report dated January 20, 2025 from the Director of Finance regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 1/2025 – Borrowing Bylaw – York Road Reconstruction Project was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

*****R00020-2025**

Goulden/Litvanyi

That Bylaw No. 1/2025 a bylaw in the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to Provide for Borrowing the Sum of \$11,365,777 for the Purpose of Financing the York Road Reconstruction Project Within the City of Yorkton be introduced and given 1st Reading this 27th day of January, A.D., 2025.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00021-2025**

Litvanyi/Ortynsky

That Bylaw No. 1/2025 be given 2nd Reading this 27th day of January, A.D., 2025.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00022-2025**

Brears/Haider

That, with unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 1/2025 proceed to 3rd Reading this 27th day of January A.D., 2025 and;

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00023-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 1/2025 a bylaw in the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to Provide for Borrowing the Sum of \$11,365,777 for the Purpose of Financing the York Road Reconstruction Project Within the City of Yorkton be given 3rd and final Reading this 27th day of January, A.D., 2025 and entered in the City of Yorkton bylaw register.

Carried Unanimously***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Land Use Planner – Discretionary Use DU01-2025 Business Expansion – Addition of Electrified Parking Area [Authorization of Public Notice]

A report dated January 22, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding Discretionary Use DU01-2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

*****R00024-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That Administration be authorized to proceed with Public Notification for Discretionary Use application DU01-2025 which proposes the installation of a power post in an existing parking area at 537 Broadway Street East and that the application be brought back to Council for its review and decision.

Carried Unanimously.***

Fire Chief – 2025 Wildland Urban Interface Fire Engine – Tender Award

A report dated January 22, 2025 from the Fire Chief regarding the 2025 Wildland Urban Interface Fire Engine – Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Trevor Morrissey, Fire Chief, presented the report to Council.

*****R000025-2025**

Brears/Litvanyi

That Council direct Administration to award the tender for “2026 Wildland Urban Interface Fire Engine” to Rosenbauer/Rocky Mountain Phoenix in 2025, for \$932,892 plus necessary SCBA equipment for a total of up to \$950,000, further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Planning, Building & Development – Review of Business Improvement Incentive Program

A report dated January 24, 2025 from the Director of Planning, Building & Development regarding the Review of Business Improvement Incentive Program was circulated for consideration of Council. Michael Eger, Director of Planning, Building & Development, presented the report to Council.

*****R00026-2025**

Litvanyi/Zaharia

That the Business Improvement Incentive Program, Policy # 10.430, be renewed through the year 2028, subject to the following revisions:

- a. The Policy be separated into three separate and distinct policies to reduce confusion for applicants.**
- b. That “In the Façade and Site Improvements stream, qualifying that "windows" be eligible improvements only "when part of a larger façade improvement".**
- c. That two quotes be required only if they are not from local contractors.**

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Planning, Building & Development – Review of Housing Incentives

A report dated January 24, 2025 from the Director of Planning, Building & Development regarding the Review of Housing Incentives was circulated for consideration of Council. Michael Eger, Director of Planning, Building & Development, presented the report to Council.

*****R00027-2025**

Brears/Haider

That Residential Construction Incentive Policy 10.10 be renewed through 2025; and that Residential Lot Sales Rebate Program Policy 10.185 be renewed through 2025, and further that both policies come back to Council for review in 6 (six) months.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Human Resources – Contract Negotiations – CUPE Local 342

A report dated January 22, 2025 from the Director of Human Resources regarding Contract Negotiations – CUPE Local 342 was circulated for consideration of

Council. Gord Kennedy, Director of Human Resources, presented the report to Council.

*****R00028-2025**

Haider/Ortynsky

That Council ratify the three (3) year agreement between the City of Yorkton and CUPE Local 342, effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027. Carried Unanimously.***

City Manager – Targeted Sector Support Grant

A report dated January 9, 2025 from the City Manager regarding Targeted Sector Support Grant was circulated for consideration of Council. Brad Hvidston, City Manager, presented the report to Council.

*****R00029-2025**

Ortynsky/Litvanyi

That the City of Yorkton supports the application to the Targeted Sector Support Initiative, in partnership with the cities of Saskatoon, Estevan, Warman, Martensville, Weyburn, Swift Current, Lloydminster, North Battleford and Moose Jaw, to obtain funding to complete an Accessibility Plan for the City of Yorkton, as required under *The Accessibility Saskatchewan Act*. Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00030-2025**

Haider/Brears

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 3,5(a)(e) - 6:12 p.m. Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle called a fifteen (15) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Kienle called the In-Camera session to order at 6:27 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, and Gord Kennedy – Director of Human Resources.

*****R00031-2025**

Brears/Litvanyi

That Council Rise and Report to the Regular Scheduled meeting agenda – 8:30 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00032-2025**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That Council receive and file the Report “Employee Compensation Overview” delivered by the Director of Human Resources.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00033-2025**

Goulden/Haider

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 10th day of February, A.D. 2025

Mayor

City Clerk

As contained in R00016-2025:



January 24, 2025

Dear Mayor Aaron Kienle,

Re: Nominations for YBID 2025 Board of Directors

On behalf of the YBID Board of Directors, we thank you and members of your council for the ongoing support we received during our terms.

A large portion of our success comes from the input of our board and the partnerships we have established over the many years of YBIDs existence.

We are saying farewell to Andrew Rae, Phoebe Buckle, Laurreta Ritchie-McInnes, Todd Kulcsar, and Ken Chyz all of whom we have appreciated having on our board and supporting the mission of the Yorkton Business Improvement District. We wish Andrew, Phoebe, Laurreta, Todd, and Ken all the best and thank them for their time, input and participation.

The following individuals wish to continue to be part of the Board of YBID for 2025:

Lori Chute - RBC
Dave Nussbaumer - Lakeview Insurance Broker/Owner Baker Tilley Building
Doug Hull - JA Audio
Sean Craib-Petkau - Parlour Barbour Shop
Damon Syrota - Cornerstone Credit Union

We would like to put forward the following people to join the Board of YBID 2025:

Logan Buryrn – Painted Hand Casino
Ernesto Martinez – EE Burritos
Kelly Hancock - Hancock Plumbing
Mark Smith - K.W. Men's Wear
Stephanie Ortynsky - City Appointment

This leaves us with one opening, and the board plans to work on recruitment efforts over the next few months.

Once your appointments have been made, please advise the YBID Executive Director. The Executive Director will contact your city clerk to provide your office with all the board members' contact information for 2025.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our city and continue our cooperation and relationship with the city council.

Kaitlyn Kitzan,

Executive Director, YBID