

**CITY OF YORKTON  
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2025**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, March 3, 2025 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Aaron Kienle, Councillors: Dustin Brears (via Zoom), Randy Goulden (via Zoom), 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.

Mayor Kienle delivered the Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**\*\*\*R00058-2025**

**Litvanyi/Ortynsky**

**That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of March 3, 2025 be approved as presented.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

## PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### *Councillor Litvanyi:*

1. Acknowledged the organizing committee for this year's Easter Seals Snowarama. It was their 48<sup>th</sup> year and raised \$294,183.00. A few notable donations were from Larry Hilworth, who started a desert chapter in Arizona raising \$101,000 and Ken Propp who raised \$44,000. \$24,000 was raised through the SaskAbilities Bowl-a-rama, and \$23,000 through corporate sponsorship. The fundraiser was started by Barry Bradshaw 48 years ago and he has ridden 48 years straight. Huge congrats to everyone who participated!

### *Councillor Haider:*

1. Announced that the Yorkton Kinsmen & Kinettes raised \$60,482.03 locally for TeleMiracle, which contributed to the total raised of \$5,700,000. A job well done to all the Kinsmen across the province.

### *Councillor Ortynsky:*

1. Announced that it is Women's History Month internationally. She acknowledged Sylvia Fedoruk, a stateswoman, scientist and sports icon, and Merle Massie, also from Saskatchewan, who wrote a book about Sylvia's life called, *A Radiant Life*.
2. Shared that the Canadian Federation of University Women's Yorkton Chapter will be hosting the new City of Yorkton Community Connector presentation on Wednesday at noon in the Royal Ford boardroom. Everyone is welcome.
2. Announced that the Yorkton Regional High School band will be hosting a concert at the New Horizons Centre on March 6 at 7:00 p.m. featuring two local bands.
3. Encouraged everyone to attend the Yellow Thunderbird Pow Wow that is taking place this weekend at the Gallagher Centre at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.
4. Acknowledged our partners and friends from the RM's of Orkney and Wallace who will be attending the annual Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities convention from March 11-13.

### *Councillor Goulden:*

1. Congratulated the Easter Seals Snowarama on their successful fundraiser.

2. Announced some upcoming events happening in March including a Belle Plain concert, as well as a concert by Susan Aglukark, which is part of the *YAC Presents...* series.
3. Shared that the Parkland Outdoor Show is taking place this month in Yorkton, which sees exhibitors and visitors from all across North America.
4. Shared that as part of the events for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Yorkton Film Festival will be showing a film.
5. Encouraged everyone to check out the online calendars, newspapers and social media for the dates to take part in the upcoming events.

*Councillor Zaharia:*

1. Gave a shout out to the basketball teams who were in playoffs this past weekend. At the Yorkton Regional High School, the junior girls' basketball tournament saw Preeceville winning districts, with Sacred Heart High School winning the junior boys' basketball tournament in Melville. He thanked the coaches, parents, and players who help make these tournaments happen.
2. Shared that this past weekend at the Gallagher Centre was the Yorkton United Football Club soccer tournament where Yorkton won the Sask Cup Futsal Tournament, which qualified them for nationals.
3. Shared that last weekend he and the Mayor attended the Yorkton AAA Maulers Hockey Banquet. Kudos to all the coaches and players for a good season. He also mentioned that they had a Brayden Pachal jersey up for auction. He is the grandson of local Yorkton resident Vern Pachal, who holds a record in the Canada West season by scoring 58 points in 10 games.
4. Announced that the Yorkton Terriers Hockey organization celebrated former head coach Ed Zawatsky's jersey at their game last weekend. Congrats to him on his retirement.
5. Announced that there are two upcoming Terrier home games, one on March 8 against Estevan and another on March 15 against Melville.
6. Announced that Yorkton resident Paul Hoffman competed at the National Powerlifting Championship in Moose Jaw this past weekend and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his age and weight category.

*Mayor Kienle:*

1. Congratulated the Yorkton AAA Maulers Hockey team for their season. Unfortunately they did not make the play offs but they had a great season and although he did not catch their last game, he was able to attend the banquet. He

also mentioned that he was able to watch one of the Yorkton United Football Club's futsal games, and it was very entertaining.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Special Meeting of Council Minutes – February 6, 2025

**\*\*\*R00059-2025**

**Haider/Ortynsky**

**That the Special Meeting of Council Minutes of February 6, 2025 be approved as presented.**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

Councillor Brears electronically exited the meeting due to audio difficulties 5:10 p.m. and reconnected 5:12 p.m.

#### Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2025

**\*\*\*R00060-2025**

**Litvanyi/Zaharia**

**That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025 be approved as presented.**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

### REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

#### Mayor Kienle – Recreation and Community Services Committee 2025

##### Appointment

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Acting Deputy Mayor Zaharia 5:10 p.m. A memo from Mayor Aaron Kienle dated March 3, 2025 regarding a member appointment to the Recreation and Community Services Committee for 2025, was circulated for the consideration of Council. Mayor Kienle presented to Council.

**\*\*\*R00061-2025**

**Haider/Ortynsky**

**That the Council of the City of Yorkton appoint Doug Wilkinson to the Recreation and Community Services Committee for 2025.**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

Mayor Kienle – Yorkton Business Improvement District – 2025 Board Appointments

An updated letter dated February 14, 2025 from the Executive Director of the Yorkton Business Improvement District listing their final 2025 Board Member nomination was circulated for the consideration of Council. Mayor Kienle presented on the matter.

**\*\*\*R00062-2025**

**Litvanyi/Ortynsky**

**That the Council approve the appointment of Harley McClughan as listed on the updated letter from the Executive Director of the Yorkton Business Improvement District dated February 14, 2025, as attached, for the 2025 year.**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

Mayor Kienle retrieved the Chair from Acting Deputy Mayor Zaharia 5:12 p.m.

Director of Legislation and Procedures – Appointment to SUMA’s Cities Caucus

Councillor Brears electronically exited the meeting due to audio difficulties 5:15 p.m. and reconnected 5:17 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00063-2025**

**Zaharia/Goulden**

**That the Council of the City of Yorkton appoint Councillor Dustin Brears to the SUMA Cities Caucus effective immediately, until the end of the current term as an elected official, or a successor is appointed.**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

## HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

### Presentation – Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Correspondence from Darlene Stakiw, former MCoS Board Member, regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination dated February 13, 2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. In Darlene's absence, Lisa Washington, former MCoS Board Member, presented to Council.

**\*\*\*R00064-2025**

**Haider/Ortynsky**

**That Council receive and file the presentation from the Manager of Community, Culture and Heritage regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

### Presentation – Yorkton United Football Club – Request for Interest Free Loan

Correspondence from Michelle McCrea regarding the request for an interest free loan dated February 18, 2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Michelle McCrea, President of the Yorkton United Football Club, presented to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Acting Deputy Mayor Zaharia 5:41 – 5:46 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00065-2025**

**Ortynsky/Zaharia**

**That Council receive and file the request for an interest free loan for the development of two outdoor boarded 5 versus 5 turf fields at the Gladstone Avenue South location from the President of Yorkton United Football Club.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

### Public Hearing – Proposed Bylaw No. 5/2025 Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – To Remove Land Use Planned Unit Development and Replace with Land Use Dwelling Group

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as open - 5:48 p.m.

The City Clerk advised that there were no written submissions received as of the deadline of Wednesday, February 26, 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 - 5:49 p.m.

Public Hearing – Proposed Bylaw No. 6/2025 Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Allow for Child Care Centres in Residential Zoning Districts

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as open - 5:49 p.m.

The City Clerk advised that there were no written submissions received as of the deadline of Wednesday, February 26, 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 - 5:50 p.m.

Public Hearing – Discretionary Use DU01-2025 Business Expansion – Addition of Electrified Parking Area

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as open 5:50 p.m.

The City Clerk advised that there were two written submissions received as of the deadline of Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., which were included in the Council package and available for public consumption on the website. The Mayor confirmed that there were two petitioners present in the gallery wishing to speak to the matter.

Larry Wintonyk spoke in opposition: 5:52-5:58 p.m.

Dean Fyck spoke as the applicant: 5:59-6:02 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00066-2025**

**Ortynsky/Zaharia**

**That Council receive and file the two written submissions from Joseph Sass and Bruce and Kim Waddell in opposition, and the verbal presentation from Larry Wintonyk, in opposition, as well as the verbal presentation from Dean Fyck, the applicant, in response to the public notice for Discretionary Use DU01-2025 for a Business Expansion – Addition of Electrified Parking Area.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as closed 6:04 p.m.

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Land Use Planner – Proposed Bylaw No. 5/2025 Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – To Remove Land Use Planned Unit Development and Replace with Land Use Dwelling Group [2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings]**

A report dated February 26, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding proposed Bylaw No. 6/2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

**\*\*\*R00067-2025**

**Haider/Zaharia**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025, A.D..**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00068-2025**

**Litvanyi/Zaharia**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2025, A.D. and entered in the City of Yorkton bylaw registry.**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***



Land Use Planner – Proposed Bylaw No. 6/2025 Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Allow for Child Care Centres in Residential Zoning Districts [2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings]

A report dated February 26, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding proposed Bylaw No. 6/2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

**\*\*\*R00069-2025**

**Ortynsky/Haider**

**That Bylaw No. 6/2025, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 to allow Day Care Centres in Residential zoning districts, be given 2nd Reading this 3rd day of March, 2025, A.D.; and**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00070-2025**

**Brears/Litvanyi**

**That Bylaw No. 6/2025, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 to allow Day Care Centres in Residential zoning districts, be given 3rd Reading this 3rd day of March 2025, A.D. and entered in the City of Yorkton bylaw registry.**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

Land Use Planner – Discretionary Use DU01-2025 Business Expansion – Addition of Electrified Parking Area [2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings]

A report dated February 26, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding Discretionary Use DU01-2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Michael Eger, Director of Planning, Building & Development, presented the report to Council on behalf of Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner.

**\*\*\*R00071-2025**

**Brears/Zaharia**

**That Discretionary Use application DU01-2025, which proposes the installation of a power post in an existing parking area at 537 Broadway Street East, legally described as Blk/Par K, Plan 101839798, be tabled to the next Council Meeting date of March 24, 2025.**

**Mayor Kienle and Councillors Litvanyi and Ortynsky opposed.**

**Carried.\*\*\***

Director of Recreation and Community Services – Response to Yorkton United Football Club Request for Interest Free Loan – Bylaw No. 9/2025 YUFC Loan Bylaw [Introduction & First Reading, Authorization of Public Notice]

A report dated February 26, 2025 from the Director of Recreation and Community Services regarding a response to Yorkton United Football Club Request for Interest Free Loan – Bylaw No. 9/2025 YUFC Loan Bylaw [Introduction & First Reading, Authorization of Public Notice] was circulated for consideration of Council. Taylor Morrison, Director of Recreation and Community Services, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Acting Deputy Mayor Zaharia 6:34 – 6:35 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00072-2025**

**Haider/Ortynsky**

**That Council approve the request from the Yorkton United FC Soccer Club and direct Administration to:**

- a. Permit the Yorkton United FC Soccer Club to install and operate a mini-pitch facility located at the facility known as the Gladstone Storage Compound; and**
- b. Permit the Yorkton United FC Soccer Club to conduct lease-hold renovations to the Gladstone Storage Compound building to facilitate mini-pitch use; and**
- c. Permit a long-term lease agreement of the Gladstone Storage Compound; and**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00073-2025**

**Litvanyi/Zaharia**

**That Bylaw No. 9/2025 a Bylaw in the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan to Lend Money to the Yorkton United Football Club Inc. for the Development of Two Outdoor Turf Fields at Logan Field be introduced and given First reading this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, A.D., 2025, and authorize Administration to proceed with the public notice process for intent to lend \$545,000.00 to the Yorkton United FC Soccer Club for the mini-pitch project.**

**Carried Unanimously\*\*\***

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Letter from Yorkton Minor Baseball re: Yorkton Minor Baseball's Response to Yorkton Minor Football's Request for a City Owned/Operated Football Field

Councillor Zaharia declared a conflict of interest for this item as he is on the board for Yorkton Minor Football. He excused himself from Council Chambers - 6:36 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00074-2025**

**Ortynsky/Litvanyi**

**That Council receive and file the letter from Yorkton Minor Baseball regarding Yorkton Minor Baseball's Response to Yorkton Minor Football's Request for a City Owned/Operated Football Field.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Councillor Zaharia was invited back into Council Chambers as the matter to which he had declared a conflict of interest for had been dealt with - 6:38 p.m.

## BYLAWS

### Director of Legislation and Procedures– Bylaw No. 8/2025 – Noise Bylaw Amendment

A report dated February 18, 2025 from the Bylaw & Safety Supervisor regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 8/2025 – Noise Bylaw Amendment was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, Director of Legislation and Procedures, presented the report to Council on behalf of Nicole Baptist, Bylaw & Safety Supervisor.

**\*\*\*R00075-2025**

**Brears/Haider**

**That the Noise Bylaw exemption granted to Truck Pro be extended until the next Council Meeting of March 24, 2025.**

**Councillors Litvanyi and Ortynsky opposed.**

**Carried.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00076-2025**

**Brears/Zaharia**

**That Bylaw No. 8/2025, being a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend the Noise Bylaw No. 21/99 to prohibit certain activities creating noise, to abate the incidence of noise and to restrict the hours when certain sounds may be made be tabled to the next Council Meeting of March 24, 2025.**

**Mayor Kienle and Councillors Ortynsky and Goulden opposed.**

**Carried.\*\*\***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Engineering and Asset Management – Smith Street Culvert Replacement – Tender Award

A report dated February 24, 2025 from the Director of Engineering and Asset Management regarding Smith Street Culvert Replacement – Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Rene Richard, Director of Engineering and Asset Management, presented the report to Council.

**\*\*\*R00077-2025**

**Litvanyi/Haider**

**That Council direct Administration to award the tender for “2025 Smith Street Culvert Replacement” to G Ungar Construction Co. Ltd. for \$370,612.50 plus applicable taxes, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Director of Finance – Adoption of 2025 Operating and 2025/2026 Capital Budgets

A report dated February 13, 2025 from the Director of Finance regarding the Adoption of the 2025 Operating and the 2025/2026 Capital Budgets was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

**\*\*\*R00078-2025**

**Haider/Zaharia**

**That Council vote on the two matters separately; firstly adoption of the Capital Budget 2025/2026 and secondly adoption of the Operating Budget 2025.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*R00079-2025**

**Ortynsky/Haider**

**That Council adopt the 2025/2026 Capital Budget as presented.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Councillor Brears electronically exited the meeting due to connection difficulties 7:32 p.m. and reconnected 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Acting Deputy Mayor Zaharia 7:34 – 7:36 p.m.

**\*\*\*R00080-2025**

**Ortynsky/Zaharia**

**That Council adopt the 2025 Operating Budget as presented.  
Councillors Brears and Haider opposed.**

**Carried.\*\*\***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

IN CAMERA SESSION

- No Items

ADJOURNMENT

**\*\*\*R00081-2025**

**Litvanyi/Ortynsky**

**That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:38 p.m.**

**Carried Unanimously.\*\*\***

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2025

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Mayor

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City Clerk

As contained in R00062-2025:



February 14, 2025

Dear Mayor Aaron Kienle,

**Re: Nominations for YBID 2025 Board of Directors**

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

As you know, we said farewell to Andrew Rae, Phoebe Buckle, Laretta Ritchie-McInnes, Todd Kulcsar, and Ken Chyz, all board members we appreciated having on the YBID Board of Directors.

We are grateful to have Lori Chute, Dave Nussbaumer, Doug Hall, Sean Craib-Petkau, and Damon Syrota continue to serve on the board this year. We have happily welcomed, with your appointment, Logan Bury, Ernesto Martinez, Kelly Hancock, Mark Smith and Stephanie Ortynsky to the YBID Board of Directors.

Through our recruitment efforts, we would like to put forward Harley McClughan, General Manager at Legacy Co-op to fill the final opening on our board.

Once your appointment has been made, please advise the YBID Executive Director. The Executive Director will contact your city clerk to provide your office with updated contact information for 2025.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Kitzan".

Kaitlyn Kitzan,

Executive Director, YBID