

***CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2025***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, March 24, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00082-2025**

Ortynsky/Goulden

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of March 24, 2025 be approved as presented.

*****R00083-2025**

Haider/Litvanyi

That the agenda be amended by removing item 11b. – Discretionary Use Application DU02-2025 due to a withdrawal from the applicant.

Carried Unanimously.***

That Council proceed to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Goulden:

1. Shared that on Saturday her and Councillor Ortynsky attended a tour of our water treatment plant. Many residents also attended and expressed appreciation in how much is involved to provide clean, safe drinking water. There were also requests for more tours in the future.
2. Thanked the Yorkton Arts Council for putting on a phenomenal concert last Monday. Four time Juno award winner Susan Aglukark was here on her “This Child 30th Anniversary Tour”. With her on stage were 50 voices from both the Sacred Heart High School Choir and the Yorkton Community Choir, as well as drummers and singers from Dr. Brass Elementary School. She also announced that on Thursday evening Burnt Thicket Youth Theatre will be having a 7:30 p.m. performance, and she encouraged everyone to attend.

Councillor Ortynsky:

1. Announced that a couple of weeks ago she attended an “Art of Hygge” event at the Western Development Museum which featured Danish comfort and cozy activities for all ages.
2. Shared that there will be two new artists opening at the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery. An opening reception for artists Lindsey Rewuski and Bret Parenteau will be held from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. this Saturday with the exhibits running until May 24.
3. Announced that the local Canadian Federation of University Women’s group will be having fundraiser dinner at Tapps on April 6. They help to provide scholarships to women in need. Tickets are available at Co-op.
4. Announced that the Yorkton Brick Mill Fundraiser Online Auction will begin on April 29 and run until May 4.

Councillor Haider:

1. Congratulated Leslie Hanishewsky, who while at a recent Kinsmen function, was surprise honored with the Life Membership Award. She has a lengthy list of accomplishments, and has been a key driving force between the Kinsmen and Kinettes.
2. Shared that Canadian band Finger Eleven put on a great show at the Painted Hand Casino a couple of weeks ago, which he was able to attend. He also shared that coming up on April 25 Kim Mitchell will be at the Painted Hand Casino, and he encouraged everyone to attend if you can.

Councillor Litvanyi:

1. Gave a shout out to the Blitz Volleyball teams who had success at the provincial level recently in Saskatoon, with another team in Winnipeg this past weekend.
2. Shared and passed along a message from a non-resident friend who commended our Public Works Department for the great job they did all winter with snow removal.

Mayor Kienle:

1. Shared the many events that he and/or members of Council have been able to attend recently, including a tour of the SIGN building, an appreciation night held by the Yorkton Exhibition, as well as an ice show hosted by Skate Yorkton featuring Elvis Stojko.
2. Shared that him and Melville Mayor Joe Kirwan have entered a “Battle of the Mayors” to kick off the last two regular hockey season games between the Yorkton Terriers and Melville Millionaires, with the losing Mayor having to wear the winning Mayor’s team jersey. Tuesday and Wednesday’s games are in Melville and tickets are available online.
3. Announced that the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce will be holding a public Town Hall Meeting to discuss property assessment and property taxes on March 26 from 7:00- 9:00 p.m.
4. Reported that the Curbside Organic Program was supposed to begin this week, but has been delayed until later next week with bins being delivered then.
5. Reminded everyone that registration for the S-CAPE summer program for children opens tomorrow, March 25.
6. Announced that the 2025 Spring Activity Expo, formally the City Wide Registration Night, will be taking place this year on April 8 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Gallagher Centre.

7. Announced that there will be a steak fundraiser held for a close friend and supporter of his, Rick Fedun, at Tapps on March 30. He encouraged everyone to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2025

*****R00084-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

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

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

- a. Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2024
- b. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2024
- c. Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2024
- d. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2024
- e. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2025
- f. Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2025
- g. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2025

*****R00085-2025**

Goulden/Ortynsky

That Council receive and file all committee meeting minutes listed on the agenda under reports of ‘Council Committees and Matters Referred’ items as follows:

- a. Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2024**
- b. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2024**
- c. Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2024**
- d. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2024**
- e. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2025**
- f. Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2025**
- g. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2025**

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle – York Lake Regional Park – Board Member Appointments 2025-2026

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:11 p.m. – 5:12 p.m.

A memo from Mayor Aaron Kienle dated March 24, 2025 regarding the York Lake Regional Park Board Member Appointments 2025-2026 was circulated for the consideration of Council. Mayor Kienle presented to Council.

*****R00086-2025**

Litvanyi/Ortynsky

That pursuant to section 7.E. of the York Lake Regional Park Authority Constitution, the Council of the City of Yorkton approve the following appointments to the York Lake Regional Park Authority Board for 2025-2026:

York Lake Residents Representatives – Cindy Schell, Lee Rusnak, Cara Sharpe, Tanya Lemond, and Jake Zapshalla.

User Group Representatives – Merv Wasylenchuk (Yorkton Gun Club) Director, Marie Whitney (Yorkton Canoe & Kayak Club) Director, Laura Uhryn (Yorkton Wildlife Federation) Director, and Marlene Schrader (York Lake Golf & Country Club) Director.

Carried Unanimously***

Director of Legislation and Procedures – Appointments to Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association 2024-2028 Council Term

*****R00087-2025**

Haider/Brears

That Council approve the appointments of the representatives for the City of Yorkton to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association for the 2024-2028 Council term:

Primary voting representative: Councillor Randy Goulden, 2nd Voting representative Mayor Aaron Kienle, 3rd Voting representative, Councillor Quinn Haider, and 4th voting representative: Councillor Dustin Brears.

Carried Unanimously***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Public Hearing – Bylaw No. 9/2025 Yorkton United Football Club Loan Bylaw for Two Outdoor Turf Fields at Logan Field

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing as open - 5:16 p.m.

The City Clerk advised that there were no written submissions received as of the deadline of Wednesday, March 19, 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 - 5:17 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Director of Recreation & Community Services – Bylaw No. 9/2025 Yorkton United Football Club Loan Bylaw for Two Outdoor Turf Fields at Logan Field [2nd & 3rd Readings]

A report dated March 20, 2025 from the Director of Recreation & Community Services regarding Bylaw No. 9/2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Taylor Morrison, Director of Recreation & Community Services presented the report to Council.

*****R00088-2025**

Brears/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 given 2nd reading this 24th day of March, A.D., 2025.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00089-2025**

Litvanyi/Goulden

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 given 3rd reading this 24th day of March, A.D., 2025, and entered in the City of Yorkton bylaw registry.

Carried Unanimously***

CORRESPONDENCE

– No Items

BYLAWS

Bylaw & Safety Supervisor – 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. Nicole Baptist, Bylaw & Safety Supervisor, presented the report to Council.

*****R00090-2025**

Brears/Ortynsky

That Council lift the matter as tabled from the March 3, 2025 meeting: Bylaw No. 8/2025 – Noise Bylaw Amendment.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00091-2025**

Litvanyi/Goulden

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 introduced and given First Reading this 24th day of March, 2025, A.D.; and Councillor Brears opposed.

Carried.***

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:25 – 5:27 p.m.

*****R00092-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

**That Bylaw No. 8/2025 be given Second Reading, this 24th day of March, 2025, A.D.
Mayor Kienle, and Councillors Brears, Haider, Goulden, Litvanyi, Ortynsky and Zaharia opposed.**

Defeated.***

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:39 – 5:40 p.m.

Dean Fyck, owner of Truck Pro, spoke to this item 5:35 – 5:39 p.m.

*****R00093-2025**

Brears/Zaharia

**That the Noise Bylaw exemption granted to Truck Pro be modified or extended to a future date.
Mayor Kienle, Councillors Brears, Goulden, Haider, Litvanyi, Ortynsky and Zaharia opposed.**

Defeated.***

Councillor Ortynsky declared a Conflict of Interest for the next item as she has an interest in the area. She excused herself from Council Chambers – 5:43 p.m.

Director of Planning, Building & Development – Bylaw No. 10/2025 –
Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – To Clarify Architectural Controls and

Design Guidelines for Riverside Terrace [Introduction and First Reading/Authorization of Public Notice]

A report dated March 20, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 10/2025 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 was circulated for consideration of Council. Michael Eger, Director of Planning, Building & Development, presented the report to Council.

*****R00094-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 10/2025, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 by clarifying Architectural Controls and Design Guidelines for the Riverside Terrace Subdivision, be given 1st Reading, and that Administration be authorized to proceed with the Public Notice process.

Carried Unanimously.***

Councillor Ortynsky was invited back into Council Chambers as the matter that she had declared a Conflict of Interest for had been dealt with – 5:48 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Planning, Building & Development – Discretionary Use DU01-2025 Business Expansion – Addition of Electrified Parking Area – Application Withdrawal

A report dated March 20, 2025 from the Director of Planning, Building & Development regarding Discretionary Use DU01-2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Michael Eger, Director of Planning, Building & Development, presented the report to Council.

*****R00095-2025**

Ortynsky/Goulden

That Council lift the matter as tabled from the March 3, 2025 meeting: Discretionary Use DU01-2025 Business Expansion – Addition of Electrified Parking Area – Application.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00096-2025**

Brears/Zaharia

That Council accept the letter dated March 19, 2025 from the applicant, withdrawing Discretionary Use Application 01-2025 for ‘Business Expansion - Addition of Power Pole to existing Parking Area’ at 537 Broadway Street East.
Carried Unanimously.***

Councillor Ortynsky declared a Conflict of Interest for the next item as she has an interest in the area. She excused herself from Council Chambers – 5:51 p.m.

Director of Planning, Building & Development – Response to Request to Provide Additional Funding for the Residential Lot Sales Rebate Program

A report dated March 19, 2025 from the Director of Planning, Building & Development regarding the Response to Request to Provide Additional Funding for the Residential Lot Sales Rebate Program was circulated for consideration of Council. Michael Eger, Director of Planning, Building & Development, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 6:04 – 6:07 p.m.

*****R00097-2025**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That Council remain status quo with the existing funds available for the incentive for Residential Lot Sales Rebate Program.
Councillors Brears and Haider opposed.

Carried.***

Councillor Ortynsky was invited back into Council Chambers as the matter that she had declared a Conflict of Interest for had been dealt with – 6:08 p.m.

Director of Finance – Canada Community Building Fund Program – 5 Year Capital Plan

A report dated March 11, 2025 from the Director of Finance regarding the Canada Community Building Fund Program – 5 Year Capital Plan was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

*****R00098-2025**

Goulden/Ortynsky

That Council approve the City's Five Year Capital Plan – March 2025, in order to meet the terms of the Municipal Funding Agreement under the Canada Community-Building Fund Program.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Recreation & Community Services – Heritage Heights Court Expansion Project Capital Funding Request

A report dated March 20, 2025 from the Director of Recreation & Community Services regarding the Heritage Heights Court Expansion Project Capital Funding Request was circulated for consideration of Council. Taylor Morrison, Director of Recreation & Community Services, presented the report to Council.

*****R00099-2025**

Haider/Ortynsky

That Council direct Administration to proceed with the Heritage Heights Court Expansion project as approved in budget (\$220,000 + \$100,000), with the condition of Pickleball Yorkton entering an agreement to contribute \$50,000 over the next five (5) years as reimbursement for their funding commitment for the project.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Recreation & Community Services – Water Park UV & Filtration Replacement Project Tender Award

A report dated March 20, 2025 from the Director of Recreation & Community Services regarding the Water Park UV & Filtration Replacement Project Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Taylor Morrison, Director of Recreation & Community Services, presented the report to Council.

*****R00100-2025**

Litvanyi/Brears

That Council direct Administration to proceed with the Water Park UV and Filtration Replacement Project and award the tender to Ful-Flow Industries Ltd. for \$1,164,764.92, plus applicable taxes, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

Mayor Kienle delivered the Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement.

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00101-2025**

Brears/Ortynsky

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with three matters categorized as ‘Other’ as per *LAFOIP* contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,5(a)(c)(e) - 6:39 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle called a fifteen (15) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:39 p.m.

Mayor Kienle called the In-Camera session to order at 6:57 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, Michael Eger – Director of Planning, Building & Development (6:57 – 7:09 p.m.), Trevor Morrissey – Fire Chief, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk

*****R00102-2025**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That Council Rise and Report to the regular scheduled meeting agenda – 8:11 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00103-2025**

Brears/Haider

That Council direct Administration to proceed with the federal grant program to support training for the City of Yorkton Economic Development initiatives and commit \$20,190 to be allocated from the 2024 Surplus Account.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00104-2025**

Zaharia/Brears

That Council direct Administration to investigate retention of a third party to manage the administration of certain fees and charges as contained within *the Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 15/2010*, and further that a report be brought back to Council with bylaw revisions regarding fees and charges. Councillor Litvanyi opposed.

Carried.***

*****R00105-2025**

Haider/Brears

That Council receive and file the letter regarding Fire Protective Services – Cost Recovery Model as presented by the Fire Chief.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00106-2025**

Goulden/Zaharia

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 7th day of April, A.D. 2025

Mayor

City Clerk