

***CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2025***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, April 7, 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), Michael Eger – Director of Planning, Building & Development, and Amanda Krysa – Executive Administrative Assistant.

Regrets: Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk

Absent: None

Recording: Amanda Krysa – Executive Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00107-2025**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of April 7, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Litvanyi:

1. Congratulated and thanked the Yorkton Gridder Cheer program who represented Yorkton this past weekend and hosted their year-end showcase at the Yorkton Regional High School.

Councillor Haider:

1. Shared that a couple of weekends ago he brought greetings at the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions Annual Convention, where local residents Bob and Kathy Rusnak received Honorary Life Membership awards.
2. Reminded everyone that the Parkland Dance Festival is this weekend, which sees groups from all over, as well as another dance competition coming up from April 23-26 called The Vibe.

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Thanked the organizing committee, namely Darren Wandy, for the Parkland Outdoor Show, which was here two weekends ago. It was a great time and there were over 80 exhibitors.
2. Thanked all the volunteers, coaches and organizers, namely Chad McDowell and his family for the Jr. NBA Basketball program, which has now ended with the boy's tournament last weekend and the girl's tournament finishing up yesterday.
3. Sent a shout out and congratulations to some local hockey players who got the call to play up in the WHL, Aiden Wagner with the Regina Pats, and Cameron Allard with the Brandon Wheat Kings.
4. Reminded everyone that the Yorkton Activity Expo is tomorrow at the Gallagher Centre from 5:30-8:00 p.m., which highlights all the programs the city has to offer.
5. Shared that the 36th Annual Student Teacher Benefit Game is on April 10 at the Westland Arena. All proceeds will go to Halle Thompson who is this year's beneficiary.
6. Shared that tomorrow, April 8, the Yorkton Photography Guild's meeting will be held at the East Tim Hortons from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for anyone who is interested in photography.
7. Announced that the Yorkton SJHL Terriers will be hosting games 3 and 4 Tuesday and Wednesday this week in round two of playoffs against the Melfort

Mustangs at the Westland Arena, and he encouraged everyone to get out and cheer them on.

8. Announced that there will be two trade and craft shows this weekend, one being the Spring Expo held at the Gallagher Centre on April 11-13 organized by the Yorkton Exhibition, and the Spring Fling held at St. Mary's Parish Ukrainian Catholic Cultural Centre from 11:00-4:00 p.m.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Announced that there are a few concerts coming up, the first being the last of the YAC... Presents Series, which is The Wardens on April 8 at the Painted Hand Casino, as well as Kim Mitchell on April 25, also at the Painted Hand Casino.
2. Shared that the Annual Prairie Wildfire Taekwondo Challenge will be held on April 26 at the Gallagher Centre Flexi-hall which will see athletes from all over.
3. Announced that April 16 is National Canadian Film Day and to celebrate, the Yorkton Film Festival, partnered with Creative Saskatchewan and the Tower Theatre, will be showing a free screening. Lowell Dean's "Die Alone" will be playing at the Tower Theatre at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Ortynsky:

1. Shared and gave a shout out to the YAC Presents... play "Every Brilliant Thing" that she was able to attend a couple of weeks ago, which focused on mental health for children and adults.
2. Shared that she attended the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery opening, which will run until May 24. She also mentioned that due to the weather, there was not as large of a turn out as expected, so there will be a closing reception closer to the end date.
3. Announced that this Saturday the Ukrainian Orthodox Church bake sale will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Bradbrooke drive. She encouraged everyone to go early.
4. Reported that the Yorkton Exhibition's 2nd Annual Ag night is coming up on April 11. She also gave a shout out to a few past and upcoming Chamber of Commerce events including the Yorkton Chamber and Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan Meet, Greet & Network last week with WESK Connect, as well as an All Candidates Forum on April 22 at the Anne Portnuff Theatre for the Federal Election. They will also be holding their AGM on April 23 at The Owl's Nest Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. where Mayor Kienle will be presenting the State of the City Address.

Mayor Kienle:

1. Gave a shout out to Mayor Joe Kirwan from Melville for being a good sport during the Highway 10 Battle between the Yorkton Terriers and the Melville Millionaires. The Yorkton Terriers came out on top so he will be wearing a Yorkton Terriers jersey for his next Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2025

*****R00108-2025**

Haider/Litvanyi

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

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

- a. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025
- b. Recreation and Community Services Committee Minutes – February 19, 2025

*****R00109-2025**

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. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025
- b. Recreation and Community Services Committee Minutes – February 19, 2025

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Goulden declared a conflict of interest on this item, as she is employed by the Yorkton Film Festival. She exited Council Chambers – 5:10 p.m.

- a. Yorkton Film Festival – 2024 Financial Statements and 2025 Budget

*****R00110-2025**

Ortynsky/Litvanyi

That Council receive and file the Yorkton Film Festival 2024 Financial Statements and 2025 Budget.

Carried Unanimously.***

Councillor Goulden re-entered Council Chambers, as the matter in which she had declared a conflict of interest in had been dealt with – 5:12 p.m.

BYLAWS

- No items

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Manager of Community, Culture & Heritage - National Volunteer Week 2025

A report dated March 31, 2025 from the Manager of Community, Culture and Heritage regarding National Volunteer week as April 27-May 3, was circulated for consideration of Council. Taylor Morrison, Director of Recreation and Community Services, presented the report to Council on behalf of Lisa Washington.

*****R00111-2025**

Brears/Goulden

That Council receive and file the National Volunteer Week 2025 - April 27-May 3 presentation and further, recognize and thank all the volunteers that contribute to our community.

Carried Unanimously.***

Land Use Planner Discretionary Use DU03-2025 Veterinary Service, Type 1 in C-1 City Centre Commercial – Dog Grooming at 12 First Avenue N [Authorization of Public Notice]

A report dated April 1, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding Discretionary Use Application DU03-2025 for Veterinary Service Type 1 in C-1 City Centre Commercial zone for Dog Grooming at 12 First Avenue N [Authorization of Public Notice] was circulated for consideration of Council. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner presented the report to Council.

*****R00111-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That Administration be authorized to proceed with Public Notification for Discretionary Use application DU03-2025 which proposes a Veterinary Service – Type 1 use at 12 First Avenue North and that the application be brought back to Council at a later date for its review and decision.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Engineering & Asset Management - Sully Avenue and Highway 9 Infrastructure Improvements – Tender Award

A report dated March 28, 2025 from the Director of Engineering and Asset Management regarding the tender award for Sully Avenue and Highway 9 Infrastructure Improvements Project was circulated for consideration of Council. Rene Richard, Director of Engineering and Asset Management, presented the report to Council.

*****R00112-2025**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That Council direct Administration to award the tender for “2025 Sully Avenue and Highway 9 Infrastructure Improvements” to KMS Construction Ltd. for \$4,050,000.00 plus applicable taxes, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Environmental Services - 2025 Water Main Replacement Program – Dalebrooke Drive – Tender Award

A report dated April 2, 2025 from the Director of Environmental Services regarding the 2025 Water Main Replacement Program – Dalebrooke Drive Tender Award, was circulated for consideration of Council. Connor Hunt, Director of Environmental Services, presented the report to Council.

*****R00113-2025**

Litvanyi/Goulden

That Council award the 2025 Water Main Replacement Program tender to G. Ungar Construction Ltd. for \$1,915,301.00 (plus applicable taxes), and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No Items

IN CAMERA SESSION

- No items

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00114-2025**

Ortynsky/Litvanyi

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 28th day of April, A.D. 2025

Mayor

City Clerk