

***CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN***

***REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2025***

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 23, 2025 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Aaron Kienle, Councillors: 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: Councillor Dustin Brears

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 Territory Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00202-2025**

Zaharia/Haider

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of June 23, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Haider:

1. Congratulated all the 2025 graduates from Sacred Heart High School and the Dreambuilder's High School, as well as the upcoming graduates from the Yorkton Regional High School who are graduating this weekend. He wished them all the best with their future plans.

Councillor Zaharia:

1. As fastball, flag football, the basketball club, and other sports are wrapping up for the season, he thanked all the volunteers, coaches, referees and umpires who, without them, sports would not be possible.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Announced that at the Western Development Museum, in partnership with Tourism Yorkton, there will be Canada Day activities on July 1, including novelty games, Canada Day cupcakes, food booths, as well as entertainment from local groups and organizations all starting at 12:30 p.m. and going until 4:00 p.m. Afterwards at 10:30 p.m. there will be fireworks at the Gallagher Centre courtesy of the City of Yorkton. She encouraged everyone to come out for a full day of celebrating how thankful we are to be living in this country.

Councillor Ortynsky:

1. Gave a shout out to the Women's Empowerment event that she attended in Canora on June 7.
2. Shared that she attended a Water Treatment Plant tour where many members from the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce also attended. It was a great tour that really shows the process of how we have clean drinking water.
3. Reported that there has been three Culture Fest events so far with the fourth and final one coming up this Thursday, highlighting the Nigerian and Filipino communities. She gave a shout out to the Yorkton Business Improvement District for putting those on, in addition to the community groups who put on all the programming on from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
4. Shared that there were numerous events that took place on June 21, including the Yorkton United Football Club who had their Soccer Festival that saw the highest number of registrants in years, as well as National Indigenous Peoples Day where herself, along with Councillors Haider and Zaharia, and Mayor Kienle attended. The Yorkton Tribal Council had a full day of events for it, including a

discussion about Truth and Reconciliation with Cadmus Delorme, with the day ending with fireworks. There was also a Filipino Pinoy Festival at the Yorkton Regional High School, and the Thunder in the Parkland Truck and Tractor Pulls at the Gallagher Centre.

5. Reminded everyone that SIGN has their Annual General Meeting on June 25.

6. Shared that Yorkton Exhibition's Summer Fair will be held this year from July 2-5.

Mayor Kienle:

1. Reminded everyone that you have until June 30 to buy advance tickets for the Summer Fair, with Wednesday being Seniors' Day and Thursday Kiddies' Day.

2. Gave a shout out to all the organizations that have been hosting fundraising BBQ's in the community lately, including the Boys and Girls Club, the Yorkton and District Nursing Home, Sask Abilities, and Yorkton Toyota. He encouraged everyone to support them as all the money raised stays within the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2025

*****R00203-2025**

Goulden/Zaharia

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

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

– No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

a. Development Appeals Board Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2024

b. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2025

c. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025

d. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2025

*****R00204-2025**

Ortynsky/Haider

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. Development Appeals Board Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2024**
- b. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2025**
- c. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025**
- d. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2025**

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle – Appointment to Community Futures Ventures Board – City Rep

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Brears 5:06 – 5:07 p.m.

The General Manager of Community Futures Ventures submitted a letter dated May 27, 2025 regarding the 2025 Voting Representative. Mayor Kienle presented on the matter.

*****R00205-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That the Council of the City of Yorkton appoint Jennifer Brooker, Business Liaison, as the Voting Representative to the Community Futures Ventures Special Meeting of Members on June 26, 2025.

Carried Unanimously***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

CORRESPONDENCE

City Controller – Year End Write-Offs

*****R00206-2025**

Ortynsky/Litvanyi

That Council receive and file receive and file the memo from the City Controller regarding the account write-offs for 2024.

Carried Unanimously.***

Yorkton Chamber of Commerce – Letters re: Fire Protection Fees and Property Tax Increases

*****R00207-2025**

Litvanyi/Zaharia

That Council receive and file receive the letters from the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce regarding Fire Protection Fees and Property Tax Increases.

Carried Unanimously.***

BYLAWS

Land Use Planner – Bylaw No. 20/2025 Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Include Night Clubs as a Defined Land Use Category with Special Use Provisions [Introduction and First Reading]

A report dated June 19, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 20/2025 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Include Night Clubs as a Defined Land Use Category with Special Use Provisions. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

*****R00208-2025**

Goulden/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 20/2025, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 to include Night Clubs as a defined land use category with special provisions, be introduced and given 1st Reading this 23rd day of June A.D., 2025, and that Administration be authorized to initiate the Public Notice process.

Carried Unanimously.***

Land Use Planner – Bylaw No. 21/2025 Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Include Truck Stops as a Defined Land Use Category with Special Use Provisions [Introduction and First Reading]

A report dated June 19, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 21/2025 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Include Truck Stops as a Defined Land Use Category with Special Use Provisions. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

*****R00209-2025**

Haider/Ortynsky

That Bylaw No. 21/2025, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 to include Truck Stops as a defined land use category with special use provisions, be introduced and given 1st Reading this 23rd day of June A.D., 2025, and that Administration be authorized to initiate the Public Notice process.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Finance – Preliminary 2024 Year End Report

A report dated June 19, 2025 from the Director of Finance regarding the Preliminary 2024 Year End Report was circulated for consideration of Council. Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance, presented the report to Council.

*****R00210-2025**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That Council authorize Administration to make the 2024 year-end transfers to reserves in conjunction with net departmental results depicted as follows:

Estimated Net Departmental Surplus	1,642,549
<u>Deposit to reserves:</u>	
Airport	(46,000)
Planning & Building Services	(466,000)
Public Works	<u>(110,000)</u>

Net deposit to “Rainy Day” reserves

1,020,549

And further that Administration bring a final report back to Council noting the transfers and the remaining surplus for Council’s consideration in conjunction with the year-end audit results and financial statements.

Carried Unanimously.***

City Manager – Not for Profit Rent Relief Program/Community Contribution Rental Support Policy No. 10.130

A report dated June 19, 2025 from the City Manager regarding Not for Profit Rent Relief Program/Community Contribution Rental Support Policy No. 10.130 was circulated for consideration of Council. Brad Hvidston, City Manager, presented the report to Council.

*****R00211-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That Council approve the Community Contribution Rental Support Policy No. 10.310, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Public Works – Residential Recycling Blue Cart Collection Program

A report dated June 19, 2025 from the Director of Public Works regarding Residential Recycling Blue Cart Collection Program was circulated for consideration of Council. Aron Hershmiller, Director of Public Works, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Acting Deputy Mayor Goulden 6:18 – 6:21 p.m.

*****R00212-2025**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That Council approve the purchase and implementation of the Residential Recycling Blue Cart Collection Program - Proposal A - Weekly garbage collection (52 collections/year), NEW Blue Carts - Bi-weekly Recycling Collection (26 collections /year). Weekly organics collection (30 collections/year (April – November)

- 1-2 Residents total solid waste collection levy (garbage, compost and recycling) will stay the same at \$21.00/month collectively,**
- 2 unit basement suite stay the same at \$18.00 / unit / month**

- 3-4 unit stay the same at \$18.00 / unit /month
- 5+ units stay the same at \$16.00 / unit per month
- Administration to proceed with the purchase of Blue Recycle Carts through the current garbage /organics collection contractor in the amount of up to \$620,000 from Recycling Reserves for a projected November 1, 2025 program roll-out.
- Plus eventually combine the levy charges on the water bill to one (1) solid waste management line item.
- Bylaw changes and Levy changes will be further assessed and future changes will be brought to council.

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Ortynsky – Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 15/2010 Rental Housing Amendments

A memo dated June 18, 2025 from Councillor Ortynsky regarding Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 15/2010 Rental Housing Amendments was circulated for consideration of Council. Councillor Ortynsky presented the memo to Council.

*****R00213-2025**

Ortynsky/Haider

That Council direct Administration to prepare an amendment to Bylaw 15/2010 the Fire Prevention Bylaw, which would apply changes to the rental housing inspection portion of the bylaw as initially contained in the report from May 12, 2025, which highlighted the focus on safety over revenue, to the July 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously.***

Councillor Litvanyi – Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 15/2010 Emergency Response Charge Amendments

A memo dated June 18, 2025 from Councillor Litvanyi regarding Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 15/2010 Emergency Response Charge Amendments was circulated for consideration of Council. Councillor Litvanyi presented the report to Council.

*****R00214-2025**

Litvanyi/Zaharia

That Council refer the matter of Emergency Response Charges as contained in Bylaw 15/2010 the Fire Prevention Bylaw, to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting for discussion.

Carried Unanimously.***

IN CAMERA SESSION

– No items

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00215-2025**

Goulden/Ortynsky

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 6:27 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 14th day of July, A.D. 2025

Mayor

City Clerk