

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2025**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 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), 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 Territory Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00266-2025**

Goulden/Ortynsky

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of September 2, 2025 be approved as presented.

*****R00267-2025**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That the agenda be amended by adding In-camera item b. Property Item A.

Carried Unanimously.***

That Council proceed to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Litvanyi:

1. Gave a shout out to the organizers of the Yorkton Motocross Club who hosted a provincial race last weekend with over 250 riders from across Western Canada.

Councillor Haider:

1. Announced that coming up this weekend is the Yorkton Lions 22nd Annual Tasting Festival at St. Mary's Cultural Centre. Tickets are available at a number of local businesses and he encouraged everyone to come out and support the cause if you are able to.

Councillor Ortynsky:

1. Acknowledged the city staff who received service awards on September 4. There was a luncheon at the Gallagher Centre where Mayor Kienle and the City Manager gave wonderful remarks about the city staff.
2. Announced that on September 26 there is a Perogy Supper at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
3. Shared that September 27 is the Western Development Museum's BMO Day where there will be free admission to the museum from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
4. Shared that Culture Days had their kick off at the Yorkton Public Library this past Saturday. There will also be numerous other events happening throughout the city for Culture Days from September 19 to October 12.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Shared that there are still available spots for the Cemetery Walking Tour on Tuesday night, which is part of Culture Days starting at 5:00 p.m. at the main gates at the Yorkton Cemetery. There you will be able to learn about the history of the almost 12,000 interments that we have in the Yorkton Cemetery.

2. Shared that this week is National Legion Week and the Yorkton Film Festival will be showing a film at the Yorkton Legion beginning at 7:00 p.m. called Another Day's Past, which is about Hitler's regime during World War II.
3. Announced that on October 7 at the Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre there will be a reggae night with a screening of "Play it Loud! How Yorkton Got Reggae". There will also be Jamaican food, entertainment, and more.
4. Announced that October 9 is the annual Mental Health Walk at the Yorkton Regional High School sponsored by The Medicine Shoppe at 6:00 p.m. All funds raised will go to the Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbours.
5. Announced that the Chamber of Commerce's 26th Annual Business Dinner will be held on October 8 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre.

Councillor Zaharia:

1. Shared that this past Saturday the Harvest Hot Shots and the Yorkton Blue Jays Basketball Club hosted a basketball clinic ran by University of Regina Cougars basketball team. There were over 75 athletes registered, and it was awesome to see so many youth involved. He thanked Sask Lotteries who provided a grant for the event.
2. Reported that it was the Yorkton Terriers home opener this past weekend and himself, Mayor Kienle, and Councillor Haider were able to attend. There were just over 1,700 fans in attendance, and the next home game is October 4 against Humboldt.
3. Announced that the Yorkton Brick Mill will be holding their Heritage Dinner on October 1 featuring guest speaker Kevin Hursh.

Mayor Kienle:

1. Thanked Pickleball Yorkton who had their grand opening recently at the four new courts in Heritage Heights. The tennis courts there have also been redone.
2. Shared that the futsal facilities at Logan Greens are coming along nicely, and he thanked the groups for continuing recreation for Yorkton.
3. Congratulated the inductees who were inducted in the Yorkton's Sports Hall of Fame over the last couple of weeks.
4. Thanked everyone who worked on the Western Hockey League and the women's university hockey games that recently came to Yorkton. It was a good way to kick off hockey for the season.
5. Thanked the volunteers and participants who were involved with this year's Terry Fox Run, which was hosted by Royal Honda.

6. Congratulated Larry Hillworth who was recently inducted as an honorary life member for the Chamber of Commerce. He further thanked the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing their members.
7. Announced that this Friday at Century Field is 'Friday Night Lights' which will be the last night to catch a home game for the Yorkton Regional High School Raider Gridders.
8. Reminded everyone that September 30 is National Truth and Reconciliation Day. The Yorkton Tribal Council is planning and hosting numerous events throughout the day in recognition of Orange Shirt Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2025

*****R00268-2025**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

– No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

- a. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2025
- b. Development Appeals Board Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2025

*****R00269-2025**

Goulden/Litvanyi

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. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2025
- b. Development Appeals Board Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2025

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle – Appointment to the Environmental Committee

A memo from Mayor Aaron Kienle, dated September 22, 2025 regarding appointment to the Environmental Committee was circulated for the consideration of Council. Mayor Kienle presented on the matter.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:09 – 5:11 p.m.

*****R00270-2025**

Goulden/Livanyi

That the Council of the City of Yorkton appoint Aleksandra Hoeber to the Environmental Committee for the remainder of 2025.

Carried Unanimously***

Mayor Kienle – Appointment City Representative to Community Futures Ventures Board

A memo from Mayor Aaron Kienle, dated September 22, 2025 regarding Appointment City Representative to Community Futures Ventures Board was circulated for the consideration of Council. Mayor Kienle presented on the matter.

*****R00271-2025**

Brears/Zaharia

That the Council of the City of Yorkton appoint Jennifer Brooker as both the Voting Representative and Director to the Community Futures Ventures Board for a term of three (3) years.

Carried Unanimously***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

CORRESPONDENCE

Chamber of Commerce Letter re: Rescind Section 3 Emergency Response Charges for Fire Suppression – Bylaw No. 9/2024

*****R00272-2025**

Haider/Ortynsky

That Council receive and file the letter from the Chamber of Commerce dated August 19, 2025, regarding ‘Rescind Section 3 Emergency Response Charges for Fire Suppression – Bylaw No. 9/2024.’

Carried Unanimously.***

BYLAWS

Director of Public Works – Proposed Bylaw No. 4/2025 – Solid Waste Management

A report dated September 12, 2025 from the Director of Public Works regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 4/2025 – Solid Waste Management was circulated for consideration of Council. Aron Hershmiller, Director of Public Works, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:22 – 5:24 p.m.

*****R00273-2025**

Goulden/Haider

That Bylaw No. 4/2025 a bylaw in the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to Provide Solid Waste Management (Landfill Operations, Garbage, Organics and Recycling Collection) be introduced and given 1st Reading this 22nd day of September, A.D., 2025; and

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00274-2025**

Brears/Litvanyi

That Bylaw No. 4/2025 be given Second Reading, this 22nd day of September, 2025, A.D.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00275-2025**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That with the unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 4/2025 proceed to third reading this 22nd day of September, 2025, A.D.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00276-2025**

Haider/Ortynsky

That Bylaw No. 4/2025 a bylaw in the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to Provide Solid Waste Management (Landfill Operations, Garbage, Organics and Recycling Collection) be given 3rd and final Reading this 22nd day of September, A.D., 2025 and entered in the City of Yorkton Bylaw Register.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Public Works – Residential Recycling – City of Yorkton/SK Recycles Agreement

A report dated September 12, 2025 from the Director of Public Works regarding the Residential Recycling – City of Yorkton/SK Recycles Agreement was circulated for consideration of Council. Aron Hershmiller, Director of Public Works, presented the report to Council.

*****R00277-2025**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That Council approve entering into an agreement with SK Recycles to adopt the Community-Led Model with the City of Yorkton as responsible for the collection of recyclable materials listed by SK Recycles and delivery of those materials to the post collection depot, projected for February 2026 target start date.

Carried Unanimously.***

Director of Recreation & Community Services – Municipal Heritage Property Designation Request

A report dated September 18, 2025 from the Director of Recreation & Community Services regarding the Municipal Heritage Property Designation Request was

circulated for consideration of Council. Taylor Morrison, Director of Recreation & Community Services, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:49 – 5:50 p.m.

*****R00278-2025**

Brears/Ortynsky

That Council refer the request for municipal heritage property designation for Hanger #2 at the Yorkton Airport to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Sub-Committee for review and recommendations; to report back to Council at a later date.

Carried Unanimously.***

Fire Chief – Fire Fighting Charges

A report dated September 18, 2025 from the Fire Chief regarding Fire Fighting Charges was circulated for consideration of Council. Trevor Morrissey, Fire Chief, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 6:17 – 6:25 p.m., 6:30 – 6:32 p.m., 6:33 – 6:34 p.m.

*****R00279-2025**

Litvanyi/Haider

That Council rescind current firefighting fees, which would remove any fees for firefighting charges.

**Mayor Kienle, Councillors Brears, Goulden, Ortynsky and Zaharia opposed
Defeated.*****

*****R00280-2025**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That Council direct Administration to prepare a bylaw to amend the current Fire Bylaw Emergency Response fee structure to put a maximum charge on firefighting cost recovery as follows:

- \$5,000 for Residential**
- \$50,000 for Commercial**
- No limit for Industrial or Agricultural**

Councillors Litvanyi and Haider opposed.

Carried.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No items

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00281-2025**

Ortynsky/Zaharia

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with two matters categorized as ‘Budgetary’ and ‘Property’ as per LAFOIP contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,5(e) – 6:36 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle called a fifteen (15) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor Kienle called the In-Camera session to order at 6:54 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, Trevor Morrissey – Fire Chief, (6:54 – 7:21 p.m.), Dallas D’Aoust – Deputy Fire Chief (6:54 – 7:21 p.m.), and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

*****R00282-2025**

Brears/Zaharia

That Council Rise and Report to the regular scheduled meeting agenda – 7:58 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00283-2025**

Haider/Brears

That Council direct Administration to proceed with an onsite inspection of a heavy rescue apparatus, and complete the purchase to a maximum of \$700,000 if the inspection is satisfactory, with the funds to come from an internal loan.

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00284-2025**

Brears/Ortynsky

That Council table the land lease matter to the October 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting for further analysis and discussion.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00285-2025**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 6th day of October, A.D. 2025

Mayor

City Clerk