

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2025**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 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), 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

*****R00286-2025**

Goulden/Litvanyi

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of October 6, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:05 – 5:07 p.m.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Litvanyi:

1. Thanked all the organizers, dealerships, and companies involved in the Farming for Health Program, which raises money towards the new hospital. He and the Mayor and were able to have lunch with the crews recently while they were out harvesting their crop.

Councillor Haider:

1. Announced that on Wednesday there is a free pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall. It is always well attended and he hopes to see everyone there.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Reminded everyone that on October 7 the film, “Play It Loud” will be showing on behalf of the Yorkton Film Festival celebrating Jamaican culture. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.
2. Shared that this Thursday, October 9 the Yorkton Arts Council presents... will be having their first concert of the year.

Councillor Ortynsky:

1. Acknowledged that September 30 was Orange Shirt Day with events organized by the Yorkton Tribal Council. She, along with Councillors Brears and Zaharia and City Administration were able to participate in this very important day.
2. Shared that on October 1 the Heritage Brick Mill hosted their annual fundraiser dinner. It was very well attended with over 300 people present.
3. Shared that on October 2 she and Councillor Litvanyi attended the Grand Opening at the new Yorkton Airport terminal. It was a beautiful day with many in attendance.
4. Thanked the Yorkton Business Improvement District Executive Director, who hosted a women’s entrepreneurial Saskatchewan group at the new All About Flowers second space. It was a great evening to connect with young women in business in the City of Yorkton.
5. Shared that she attended the release party for Taylor Swift’s new album, “The Life of a Showgirl” on October 3 at the Yorkton Public Library.
6. Thanked Laurie Renton and David Hickey who hosted a Crystal Journey Tour at The Loft on October 5.

Mayor Kienle:

1. Thanked the Yorkton Tribal Council for hosting numerous events for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30.
2. Shared that on September 29 the Yellow Thunderbird Lodge hosted an Every Child Matters Walk, which started at the Lodge located behind the Painted Hand Casino and worked its way to the City Centre Park. He learned how they work with and represent 15 First Nations from across the province, and now have over 325 staff members. He further was thankful for everyone who participated in the walks and hosted events to mark this very important day.
3. Shared that he was happy to be a part of the flag raising ceremony held at the Royal Canadian Legion recently, and that events will continue throughout the rest of the month to honor Veteran's Week.
4. Reported that he was recently in Regina to discuss infrastructure funding, and that the meeting went very well with the province.
5. Shared that he was honored to be part of a mission to Ottawa alongside other City Mayors as well as reps from SUMA and SARM to talk about infrastructure needs in the province of Saskatchewan, as well as small to medium sized communities across Canada. He further thanked the Ministry and Provincial Government for seeing the need and giving them the opportunity to advocate at the Federal level.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2025

*****R00287-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes – September 29, 2025

*****R00288-2025**

Goulden/Ortynsky

That the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

- a. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2025
- b. Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2025

*****R00289-2025**

Zaharia/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. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2025**
- b. Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2025**

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Royal Canadian Legion Yorkton – Veteran’s Week November 5-11 & Remembrance 2025

Correspondence from the Royal Canadian Legion Yorkton dated September 22, 2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Brittany Johnson, President of the Royal Canadian Legion General Alexander Ross Branch #77, presented to Council.

*****R00290-2025**

Haider/Ortynsky

That Council receive and file the presentation from the President of the Royal Canadian Legion General Alexander Ross Branch #77 regarding Veteran’s Week November 5-11 & Remembrance 2025.

Carried Unanimously.***

Presentation – Royal Canadian Legion Yorkton and Yorkton Tribal Council – Civic Property (Street/Park) Renaming Proposal (Portion of Darlington, Livingstone, City Centre Park)

Correspondence from the Yorkton Tribal Council dated October 6, 2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Tribal Chief Isabel O'Soup and staff members Ajay Tadi and Mitch Hipplesley from YTC were in attendance in support of Brittany Johnson, President of the Royal Canadian Legion General Alexander Ross Branch #77, who presented to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:19 – 5:20, 5:23 – 5:24 p.m.

*****R00291-2025**

Zaharia/Litvanyi

That Council refer the presentation from the President of the Royal Canadian Legion General Alexander Ross Branch #77 and the representative of the Yorkton Tribal Council regarding Civic Property (Street/Park) Renaming Proposal (Portion of Darlington, Livingstone, City Centre Park) to Administration for review and report back to Council with further analysis on the request, with consideration of renaming the park first.

Carried Unanimously.***

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

CORRESPONDENCE

- No items

BYLAWS

Land Use Planner – Bylaw No. 25/2025 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Establish Definitions and Special Land Use Regulations for Fleet Service Uses [1st Reading and Authorization of Public Notice]

A report dated October 3, 2025 from the Land Use Planner regarding Bylaw No. 25/2025 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 – Text Amendment to Establish Definitions and Special Land Use Regulations for Fleet Service Uses [1st

Reading and Authorization of Public Notice] was circulated for consideration of Council. Carleen Koroluk, Land Use Planner, presented the report to Council.

*****R00292-2025**

Goulden/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 25/2025, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 by establishing definitions and special land use regulations for Fleet Service uses, be introduced and given 1st Reading this 6th day of October A.D., 2025, and that Administration be authorized to initiate the Public Notice process.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Councillor Goulden declared a conflict of interest for the next item, as she is the President of SUMA. She excused herself from Council Chambers – 5:34 p.m.

Director of Finance – Investment Policy

A report dated September 22, 2025 from the Director of Finance regarding the Investment Policy was circulated for consideration of Council. Amber Matechuk, City Controller, presented the report to Council on behalf of Ashley Stradeski, Director of Finance.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:45 – 5:47 p.m.

*****R00293-2025**

Ortynsky/Zaharia

That Council refer the policy back to Administration for the inclusion of further elements common to investment policy, being definitions and terms and outlining which investments and creditors we are prepared to take on, including risk tolerance and credit rating of investors; and further defer creation of investment accounts until the policy is approved.

Councillor Litvanyi opposed.

Carried.***

Councillor Goulden was invited back into Council Chambers as the item that she had declared a conflict of interest for had been dealt with – 5:54 p.m.

Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk) – Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole – September 29, 2025

A report dated October 1, 2025 from the Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk) regarding the Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole – September 29, 2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk), presented the report to Council.

*****R00294-2025**

Litvanyi/Zaharia

That Council accept the recommendation, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting minutes of September 29, 2025 as C00027-2025, to direct Administration to prepare draft regulations to allow for washroom facilities (sink, toilet, shower) in accessory buildings, and further to bring a report back to the next Committee of the Whole Council Meeting; and

That Council accept the recommendation, as contained in the minutes of September 29, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as C00028-2025, to approve the Council Priorities Chart as presented, and further authorize Administration to publish the chart.

Carried Unanimously.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

– No items

IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00295-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That this Regular Council Meeting move to an In-Camera Session to deal with one matter categorized as ‘Other’ as per LAFOIP contained in Appendix A of *The Procedures Bylaw No. 1/2016*, Sections 3,5(c) – 5:57 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Mayor Kienle called a fifteen (15) minute recess to clear Council Chambers at 5:57 p.m.

Mayor Kienle called the In-Camera session to order at 6:17 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Aaron Kienle, Councillors: 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, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk.

*****R00296-2025**

Litvanyi/Zaharia

That Council Rise and Report to the regular scheduled meeting agenda – 6:46 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

*****R00297-2025**

Goulden/Haider

That Council approve the renewal of agricultural land leases for the following organizations:

- i) The Health Foundation Farming for Health Project – based on the funds from the proceeds being put towards the City’s committed portion to the new hospital, effective 2026-2029**
- ii) Suncrest College effective 2026-2029; and further**

That Council direct Administration to tender eligible agricultural lands in accordance with the policy.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00298-2025**

Litvanyi/Goulden

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 27th day of October, A.D. 2025

Mayor

City Clerk