



The City of Yorkton

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*Containing Facts and Figures About
The City and its Various Departments*

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PREFACE

This Manual is updated annually by the City of Yorkton in order to provide the citizens of Yorkton, and others, with information relative to the history of the City, its form of government, departments and general activities.

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City of Yorkton

Location

Yorkton enjoys a strategic location ideally suited for serving central and western Canada as well as the U.S. market. Linked by one of the most sophisticated fibre optic communications networks in the world, businesses in Yorkton interact daily with customers worldwide.

- Largest city on the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway (Hwy.16) between Winnipeg, Manitoba and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- Largest city in east-central Saskatchewan, an area of approximately 14,000 square miles.
- Largest city nearest to the port at Churchill.
- Served by four main highways in all directions, with both STC and Greyhound bus lines and over a dozen trucking firms.
- On both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National rail lines.
- Adjacent to the lakes and scenic recreation areas characteristic of the city's rolling parkland setting.

Early History of Yorkton

It falls to the firstly arrived of a frontier settlement - if it is to be a successful one, to firmly establish the essential services required of the people of a community, and set up institutions to meet their needs, and the needs of the settlers yet to come.

In the history of the Yorkton area, this mantel fell primarily on the shoulders of the founding

members of a chartered company - the York Farmers' Colonization Company. Early in 1882, a group of businessmen met in Toronto, Ontario, to discuss a plan to invest in the opening of lands for homesteading in Western Canada, specifically in the newly created Provisional District of Assiniboia, North West Territories. The Dominion Government had provided for the acquisition of free homestead quarter sections, as well as offering certain sections for sale to companies, who in turn could sell for profit, at the same time furthering the Government's dream of Western expansion. The York Farmers Colonization Company, with an Ontario Member of Parliament N. Clark Wallace as President, and a capital shareholders' investment of \$300,000.00 was incorporated May 12, 1882. Their charter allowed them not only to buy and sell certain lands, but to set up businesses, build roads, operate ferries, run stagecoaches, make loans, and generally take charge of the founding of a new colony. They also acted as agents of the Dominion Government for the assigning and filing of free homesteads.

When four company officials, one being the Managing Director, James Armstrong came to view the area, they were impressed with the woodland scenery which resembled parts of Ontario, and with the rich quality of the soil. They obtained 6 townships and invited settlers from York County and other parts of southern Ontario, Quebec, the Maritimes, Manitoba, Great Britain and United States. Settlers began arriving in the summer of 1882, most of them heading east for the winter and to return the following spring. Four men stayed and wintered in one shack, existing on a minimum of supplies and with the help of Native people. They called their settlement "York Colony" and the hamlet, erected on the banks of the Little White Sand River "York City" situated 2 ½ miles (4.6 kilometres) north of present day Yorkton. The name of the hamlet changed to

“Yorkton” with the official opening of the post office on January 1, 1884. Compared to most other communities out West, it had an added boost simply because it had the backing of a wealthy colonizing company and its members who had business savvy and political clout. The company and the settlers transplanted from Eastern Canada the political, social, religious, educational, judicial and entrepreneurial systems. With the influence of the settlers from the British Isles, an English culture dominated in organizations, clubs, churches, and the business sector. Some settlers would make their mark beyond the colony - Joel Reaman, and Dr. T. Patrick, for example, were both elected to the Council of the Territorial Government.

By 1883, Rufus Stephenson, Inspector of Colonization Companies reported: “The total number of settlers is one hundred and fifty-eight.” He goes on to explain: “Altogether the Colony is *very prosperous*.” While this was a successful venture, Yorkton was not well positioned for growth. No village was if it was not located on a rail line. After seven years, the railway had not extended beyond Saltcoats. There were also the usual hardships of farming, with some years of poor crops. Many took up cattle raising to increase their income.

By 1887 the York Farmers’ Colonization Company had met its requirements with the Dominion Government. It had founded a colony, and settled most of the homesteads and its lands in the acquired townships. Contrary to previous writings however, the Company did not quit doing business. It continued to have land holdings in the Yorkton area, until 1947 when the company was dissolved.

When the Manitoba & North Western Railway extended westward in 1890, Yorkton moved to its present location. Some buildings were moved from the old site, and construction of new ones began. Progress continued with the arrival, in the late 1890s, of immigrants from many lands; Poland, Russia, Germany, Hungary, Sweden, and in greater majority

Ukraine. The Dominion government erected an Immigration Hall, and hired interpreters to assist the newly arrived. Most being experienced farmers, they took up homesteads still available in the outer reaches of the original York Colony lands; Rhein, Canora, Beaver Hills, Crooked Lakes, Otthon, Ebenezer, etc. In time, these settlers, in particular the Ukrainian people would build new institutions, and bring a wealth of cultural diversity to the city and the region. Another main factor in the community’s prosperity was the emergence of a strong Board of Trade. Yorkton soon became known as an important distribution and trading centre.

This community has never experienced a “boom” but rather it has been characterized by a steady growth, making for a very stable economic base. For a couple decades, at the beginning of the 20th century, Yorkton had the appearance of a western frontier town. An article written in 1922 by a former manager of the town’s Union Bank gives us that impression. C.W.R. Pearson who had worked here from 1897 to 1917, describes Yorkton as follows: “Cattle ranching was the main business in the early days and our customers extended over a large territory. The cattle used to be driven from great distances to Yorkton to ship. Yards full of cattle and the town full of ranchers meant a busy time in the bank, as these men crowded in to cash their cheques.”

When Saskatchewan became a province in 1905, the population of Yorkton was 1,200. It is projected that by 2005, the population could reach about 20,000. The more dramatic growth of the last few years is due to the general urbanization of Saskatchewan, and the regionalisation of government and corporate services.

In the annals of our history, the work of the York Farmers’ Colonization Company as colonizers of farming lands and village builders needs to be recognized as having set the direction for the later and present prosperity of this community.

Yorkton History and Folklore Summary

1882

The York Farmers' Colonization Company Limited of #1 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ontario, under the presidency of N. Clark Wallace was incorporated May 12, 1882 with a capital of \$300,000. The Company sent emissaries to this area of the North West Territories to view the land. Impressed, they purchased portions (the odd-numbered sections) of 6 townships and began inviting settlers from York County, and other parts of Ontario, Quebec, the Maritimes, Manitoba, British Columbia, England, Scotland, Ireland, and United States.

Four settlers, Wm. Meredith, Cosmo McFarlane, Wm. Hopkins and Edward Hopkins stayed the winter of 1882-1883. They lived in one shack, existing on a minimum of supplies and with the assistance of Native people.

1883

The York Farmers' Colonization Company opened for business at York City, District of Assiniboia, North West Territories. They acquired 2 more townships. Acting as agents of the Dominion Government for the assigning of free homesteads, they also sold their lands at \$3.00 per acre. The settlement was called "York Colony" and the hamlet, situated on the banks of the Little White Sand River became "York City." Mail would be freighted from Whitewood, and delivered at Reaman's store.

It would appear that in the summer of this year, a colonist by the name of David Livingstone returned from a trip to Minnedosa, Manitoba with a cat and four kittens. He sold each for a dollar and half--a high price for the times. These "pioneer" cats saved the colony from being overrun by mice, and being robbed of their precious food.

1884

On January 1, 1884, the post office was officially opened under the new name of "Yorkton." The first postmaster was Joel Reaman. The change of name occurred to prevent confusion with "York" in Ontario. (The hamlet or post office was never named "Yorktown.")

SE 1/4 of Section 2-Township 26 Range 4 West of the 2nd Median, (designated a Pre-Emption quarter) which comprises north of Broadway Street, now part of the downtown business sector and northward, (includes City Hall on Third Avenue North) was entered as a pre-emption quarter by the first woman in York Colony, Ida Jane Reaman to make entry on a homestead quarter (NE 1/4 S2-T26 R4 W2nd Mer.) and this pre-emption quarter, on July 15, 1884. Ida Jane Reaman's entry was cancelled in a letter dated May 11, 1885.

Residents of York Colony got together for their first Fair and Exhibition.

1885

The new colony now comprised 180 settlers. Fearing that the Riel Uprising might find sympathetic followers with Native people of the region, Fort Watson was erected nearby the Hamlet of Yorkton. The "Yorkton Home Guard" made up of 58 volunteers was organized.

Charles H. Smith made entry on the cancelled SE quarter Section 2, Township 26 Range 4, on June 2, 1885. Charles Smith, at the turn of the century sold this land to his brother John J. Smith who had the land surveyed into lots. John J. Smith's development plan represents Yorkton's first privately owned sub-division.

Canada's first intercontinental railway was completed at 9:22 am on November 7, 1885 in Craigallachie, British Columbia when a construction crew from the east and one from the west met at this location. The Canadian Pacific Railway representative, Donald Smith drove the last spike.

1886

Joel Reaman's store and hotel served for multi-purposes; entertainment centre, church, and other public gatherings.

The crops were poor this year.

Thomas H. Garry became operator of the stone grist mill.

The Yorkton Home Guard volunteers received Military Bounty Warrants or cash as grants for service in the militia organized at Yorkton.

1887

Few women made entries on homesteads in this area. Mrs. Jane Fergusson made entry on North East Quarter of Section 26, Township 26, Range 5 West of the 2nd Meridian on June 6th.

1888

The York Farmers' Colonization Company had now successfully achieved settlement as per the agreement with the Dominion Government. Contrary to previous writings, the Company did not become "obsolete." It continued to have interest in local land holdings until 1947, and was doing business in Ontario and other parts of Canada.

The Manitoba and North Western Railway built a line up to Saltcoats, 16 miles (26 Kilometers) east of Yorkton.

Joel Reaman, who was Dominion Land Agent for the York Farmers Colonization Company was still recording entries for homestead and pre-emption quarters.

1889

On January 18th, the first Yorkton and District Board of Trade was organized.

First school was opened in a cottage near the old flour mill on the banks of the Little White Sand River, December 13th. There were 15 pupils.

During the summer of this year, a North West Mounted Police outpost was established in Yorkton, under the command of the Saltcoats detachment.

1890

On August 16th, the Dominion Land Surveyor, R.C. McPhillips declared that the map of the "Plan of Yorkton" bearing the seal of the Manitoba and North Western Railway Company of Canada dated Dec.12, 1890, being the north half of Section 35, Township 25, Range 4 West of the 2nd Meridian was accurate and made in accordance with the "Territories Real Property Act."

The Manitoba and North Western Railway extended its line to Yorkton, now at the new location, 21/2 miles (4 kilometers) south of the old site. The railway company put their lots for sale and businesses moved to the new site.

1891

Yorkton's first school at the new location was "Argyle School" constructed of field stone and situated on Argyle Street.

The M. & N.W. Railway's first train pulled into Yorkton on January 9th.

A settlers' train arrived in Yorkton in May, 1891. They had left South Dakota after a series of very dry years. They brought their household effects and farm machinery on the train and drove their livestock across country.

1892

Joel Reaman was elected as Yorkton's first representative to the Territorial Legislative Council.

The first newspaper THE MESSENGER, published Issue No. 1 on June 24, and the last one in September. It was handwritten by Editor, Rev. R.P. Byers, a Presbyterian missionary.

Frederik Robert Insinger, immigrant from the Netherlands, educated businessman, fluent in English, rancher near Willowbrook, was elected as the member for Wallace Constituency (which included Yorkton) to the Legislative Assembly of the North West Territorial Council. He resigned in 1897 and moved to Spokane, Washington to manage a bank.

1893

John F. Reid, early York Farmers' Colonization Company settler served on the first board of the Orkney Presbyterian Church.

On April 29, the Yorkton Anglican Church was officially established as a parish. Christie's Funeral Home was founded.

1894

On July 15th Yorkton achieved the status of "VILLAGE' with a population of 215.

1895

The Legislative Assembly of the North West Territories authorized the appointment of a deputy clerk of the court of the Judicial District of the Eastern District of Assiniboia for the Yorkton area.

1896

THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE began publishing a weekly newspaper.

The Legislative Assembly of the North West Territories established a Cheese and Dairy Association and appointed a Dominion Dairy Commissioner.

It was reported that the wheat crops of the Yorkton and Saltcoats districts were excellent.

1897

An influx of settlers began to arrive by train from various countries, they were Germans, Russians, Poles, Hungarians, Americans, and in greater numbers, Ukrainians. The great majority of these pioneers came for the most part to settle on homesteads still available in the outer reaches of the original York Colony lands; Rhein, Canora, Beaver Hills, Crooked Lakes, Otthon, Ebenezer, Preeceville, etc. They continued to arrive until the early 1900s.

An epidemic of scarlet fever and typhoid fever ravaged the area.

Dr. T. A. Patrick was elected to the Territorial Council of the North West Territories.

On December 10, C.W.R. Pearson opened a branch of the Pickering Private Bank.

The Hudson Bay Company opened a store.

The Balmoral Hotel was built by R.C. Arnold, and initially known as "Arnold House."

Ukrainian pioneers arrived to this area from Vitlyna, Makovyska, Liasky, in the Jaroslaw County of Ukraine.

1898

Dr. T. A. Patrick, Secretary of the Board of Trade was corresponding with THE GOLDIE & McCULLOCH CO. LTD., for equipment supplies for the flour mill being constructed in the village.

The City's second school—Victoria School was built on 5th Avenue North.

1899

On July 1, the Union Bank of Canada, took over the Pickering Private Bank.

Two organizations were founded this year; the Masonic Lodge and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

In July this year, after taking part in a parade, Scotty McDonald a well known horseman took the notion to ride his horse into the Balmoral Hotel bar and order a drink.

1900

Yorkton was officially incorporated as a TOWN, with a population of 600. It was then larger than Saskatoon, which did not obtain "Town" status until 1903.

The "Travellers' Aid Society" was organized under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. These volunteers provided assistance to travelling women and children arriving in the town.

On April 13th, a meeting was held at Meredith Hall to discuss cricket, baseball and football.

1901

Bylaw #28 was enacted exempting from taxation Levi Beck's Flour Mill enterprise for one year. It was signed by W. Hopkins, Mayor and R. H. Lock, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital was erected at a construction cost of \$5,380.00, \$100.00 for the land and furnishings: \$3,131.11.

The record of the first organized hockey was January 10th with a game played by two Senior Teams, the "Reds" and the "Blues."

The population of Yorkton was 1,486.

1902

The Yorkton Hotel was built this year. Over the 103 years of its existence, the Yorkton Hotel had a number of successful owners/managers. It was only during Prohibition in Saskatchewan (1915-1923), when bars were closed that the Yorkton Hotel fell in the hands of creditors. Famous owners were Harry and Sam Bronfman of Montreal from July 18, 1927 to November 28, 1945, when Frank Brunner purchased it. The Bronfmans were never the operators of the Hotel, but had a lease agreement for both the Yorkton and the Balmoral Hotel with their friend, Frank Brunner. The hotel has been closed since 2001. <Written Feb. 9, 2006>

THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE of July 18th reports that the 17th Annual Exhibition was a successful one. Native people from the Little Bone Reserve and other Reserves in the region arrived early to camp, and soon the town took on the appearance of an old frontier post. They participated in pony races and pow-wows.

Levi Beck erected a mansion on Smith Street and 2nd Avenue North --site of present day fire hall.

1903

Bylaw #40 (now obsolete) stated: "It shall be the duty of the Town Constable, at least once in every year, to enter the premises of any baker or vendor of bread, within the said town and weigh the bread found therein."

The Scandinavian Canadian Land Company began operation in Yorkton under the management of John D. Lageson, a graduate of Agriculture from Minnesota. The Company established an office in Canora as well, and helped settlement of mostly Scandinavians in Sturgis, Preeceville, Ketchen and North Prairie districts.

Citizens of Yorkton were able to talk to each other via telephone for the first time.

A faction of the Doukhobor sect marched from their communities in the Good Sprit Lake area to stage a nude parade near Yorkton to protest homestead policies.

1904

"A windmill was erected on Front Street in Yorkton to pump water from a hand dug shallow well."

"It was early in the year that agitation began for a public library, skating rink, curling rink and electric light plant for Yorkton." (THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE –Jan. 15, 1914.)

January 21st, The Yorkton Enterprise reported that a telephone was to be installed in the office of the Town Clerk, Robert Lock.

The Roman Catholic Redemptorist Fathers broke the first sod on Third Avenue North to erect a monastery, the first in the North West. The work will be under supervision of Rev. Father Gerard. (THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE July 7th, 1904.)

Detachments of the Royal North West Mounted Police were circulating a warning to newly arrived American settlers that the practice of carrying revolvers was prohibited in Canada. (THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE May 19, 1904.)

1905

The Saskatchewan Act and *The Alberta Act* both came into force on the first day of September 1905. Alberta's inaugural ceremonies took place on September 1st, 1905 in Edmonton. Saskatchewan's inaugural celebrations took place in Regina on Monday, September 4th, 1905. No special celebrations took place in Yorkton on either of those dates.

A resolution was passed by Council to send a telegram to the Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Winnipeg, stating that "Yorkton is blocked with grain elevators all full."

On August 4th this year, Abe Bronfman and Harry Bronfman became owners of the Balmoral Hotel.

On Tuesday, September 5th, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Magrath were the host and hostess at a garden party attended by about 50 guests. "Time was spent in dancing, promenading and playing cards. A sumptuous repast was held at 11:30 and guests dispersed at 1:00 A.M." (*The Yorkton Enterprise Wednesday Sept. 6th, 1905.*)

1906

Thomas Veitch Simpson, veterinarian travelled to Chicago, and returned with a "Jolsman"—Yorkton's first automobile.

About this time, Jewish settlers of the Yorkton area founded the congregation, Shaarey Shomayim, and made plans to erect a Synagogue.

The Horticultural Society made its debut with an exhibition in the town hall on September 7th.

1907

In the YORKTON ENTERPRISE VOL.11 NO.5 OF JANUARY 31ST: "Doukhobours were warned by means of a circular printed in both Russian and English by the Dominion Government, that they can hold land only by obeying regulations and becoming British subjects. They can occupy and cultivate their lands individually as other citizens do. It assured them of protection of religious beliefs. Warned them that entries on lands not properly held will be cancelled, but the Doukhobours will be given an opportunity to make re-entries so as to hold lands properly."

The land abandoned by the Doukhobours was opened for homesteading by the Dominion Government, causing the largest land rush in the region.

Yorkton was established as a judicial district exercising the powers of the Court of Queen's Bench.

Two brick yards were in operation; one by Carl T. Erichsen and the other by the Doukhobour Brickyard Society.

Prairie Schooners from Nebraska were photographed on Broadway Street in front of Collacott's Hardware store. Settlers were looking for land in the region. At time of settlement, a study of the differences in farming between some north-central states such as Nebraska and the Canadian West had shown that from the middle of June to the middle of July there were over 2 hours more daylight in every 24 hours than in Nebraska. The longer period of sunshine was one reason why Western Canadian wheat grew to such perfection.

1908

The Post Office building was erected at 29 Third Avenue North. It also housed the Lands and Customs Office, and the upper story provided a residence for the R. N. W. M. Police.

The Fire Brigade consisted of a chemical truck, a fire engine, two hose reels, and the ladder truck; all horse-drawn and manned by volunteers.

Harry Bronfman became sole owner of the Balmoral Hotel on June 8th.

The newspaper THE YORKTON TIMES announced in the November 5th issue that it would feature a "Ladies Column" on a weekly basis. Church activities, social and philanthropic news would be topics of interest.

The Ladies Auxiliary were planning a Shakespearian tea at the home of Mrs. Christopherson in the afternoon of Tuesday, November 10. Admission was .25 cents.

THE YORKTON TIMES announced that "sign boards indicating names of streets were put up by the town fathers. The new boards are made of enamel and fill a long felt want besides adding greatly to the appearance of the town." (Dec. 24, 1908 issue.)

1909

The Canadian Bank of Commerce opened a branch in Yorkton.

The City purchased the property west of the Hospital for a town gravel pit. Cost: \$1,500.00.

THE YORKTON TIMES newspaper was established by supporters of the Liberal party to oppose the Conservative monopoly of THE ENTERPRISE.

William Simpson, Clerk of the Surrogate Court and his wife Margaret built a large house at #51 Smith Street East, which still stands today.

This year the directors of the Yorkton Agricultural Society concluded that the work involved with the annual fair had increased to the extent that a more formal organization was necessary. In December, the Yorkton Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Association, Limited, was incorporated. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (St. Andrew's United Church) was opened this year.

On May 15, at 10:15 pm, Yorkton residents felt the tremors of an earthquake, especially experienced by those who were indoors. Some at first thought that a box car of dynamite had blown up in Melville, and that the vibration felt in Yorkton was an aftermath. However, it was soon learned that the earthquake was felt all over the Southern part of the Prairie Provinces.

The first cement sidewalks were built by C. Deverill of Winnipeg, starting on North Front Street. After the fair was over, the workmen did Broadway. "From the favorable remarks heard on every hand it is safe to predict that few wooden sidewalks will ever again be asked for in this growing burgh." (THE YORKTON TIMES, June 17, 1909.)

On December 16, the Yorkton Fire Brigade held their fourth annual banquet at the Balmoral Hotel. (THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE –Dec. 23, 1909.)

1910

The C.P.R. roundhouse was in operation in December with two freight trains leaving daily, one going east and one west. While this building is sometimes referred to as a “roundhouse”(usually found in large railroad divisional points) in fact it was an engine shed, with a spur line, likely holding no more than two locomotives. These were brought into the building to keep them warmed up, and for the purpose of cleaning and repairs. The train would proceed in either direction by using rails shaped in a “Y” on which the train would back up, then the rails were moved using the “switch” device. The “Y” lines were located about where the Yorkton Tourism offices are today. (Sources: THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE, and interview with retired CPR Conductor, John Maluga.)

Father Achille Delaere founded St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic parish.
The Agricultural Society was absorbed by the Yorkton Agricultural and Industrial Association Ltd.
Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier visited Yorkton.
St. Gerard’s Roman Catholic Church and Monastery were built this year.
Yorkton received long distance telephone service.

1911

Levi Beck, Yorkton’s “Merchant Prince” was elected Mayor.
The citizens of Yorkton turned on their electric lights during the spring of this year.

Yorkton shipped 2,600,000 bushels of grain. 125,000 remained in the farmers’ hands.

The Yorkton High School was officially opened on December 20th by Lieutenant-Governor Brown and Dr. Murray, the First President of the University of Saskatchewan. Total cost of the structure and the equipment was \$75,000.00.

The population of the town was 2,309.

1912

January 2nd, a company of 24 from Sydney Australia, known as the “Lilliputians”were in Yorkton for a performance and stayed overnight at the Balmoral Hotel.

The YORKTON ENTERPRISE reported that Levi Beck’s Yorkton Flour Mill was regarded as the pioneer industry of the town, making products that have become household words in eastern Saskatchewan.

The Hudson Bay Company erected a new building this year.

Yorkton boasts to be the “largest and most prosperous community in eastern Saskatchewan.”

A major fire occurred on April 19th when the Canadian Grain Elevator was badly damaged.

The Rural Municipality of Wallace was organized.

1913

Charles Douglas Livingstone, a lawyer became Mayor. He resigned within a year to join the army. He achieved the rank of Major, and died in battle in 1916.

On July 3rd, 1,635 Yorkton people visited a "Made in Canada" touring train of exhibits of a great variety of manufactured products.

The Rural Municipality of Orkney was organized.

1914

World War 1 began. Yorkton became the squadron training base for such areas as Indian Head, Regina, Weyburn and Moosomin. The Royal Hotel became a mess hall for Yorkton recruits.

Chief Peepeetch of the Little Bone Reserve was interviewed by a reporter of THE ENTERPRISE. He gave an account of the local incidents surrounding the events of the 1885 Riel Uprising.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Order of Odd Fellows was founded this year.

1915

A barrel of oil exploded in the basement of T. H. Collacot's Hardware and caused a disastrous fire.

Prohibition in Saskatchewan was enacted July 1st, shutting down the hotel bars, resulting in province-wide illegal manufacturing of booze. The Bronfman brothers began to capitalize on all the loopholes of the complicated prohibition laws.

Simpson School was built on Melrose Avenue.

1916

The Sacred Heart Institute, a boarding school and orphanage was opened under the ministry of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

Saskatchewan women, over 21 years of age won the right to vote in municipal, civic and provincial elections.

At the October 13th Council Meeting a motion was passed to reduce Harry Bronfman's water account for the year by 40%. This was in consideration of the lavatories and wash houses in the premises known as the Balmoral Hotel being kept open for the use of the public.

1917

John F. Reid was elected Member of Parliament for the Mackenzie Constituency.

Thomas Garry defeated J.A.M. Patrick in the Provincial election.

1918

Lieutenant Edmund De Wind, a former Yorkton banker was killed while defending a position near Grougic, France. He was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously.

A Yorkton landmark, the Royal Hotel was torn down.

The Yorkton Literary Society held a meeting at the Collegiate Institute on April 8th. The purpose was to study Longfellows' "EVANGELINE."

Women over 21 years of age obtained the right to vote in the Federal elections.

1919

A "Peace Arch" was erected on the corner of Third Avenue and Broadway to welcome returning servicemen.

Harry Bronfman erected a building on the east side of the Balmoral Hotel and opened the CANADA PURE DRUG COMPANY.

In a colourful ceremony Right Reverend Bishop Budka laid the cornerstone of St. Joseph's College on September 7th of this year.

1920

The Allen Theatre was built at 17, 3rd Avenue North and opened for business on February 5th.

Burke School was opened this year.

1921

On May 24, Deer Park Golf Course held its official opening.

March 29th of this year, the Rotary Club of Yorkton held its first luncheon meeting.

The population of Yorkton was 5,151.

1922

The Council made a resolution whereby unemployed men who refused to make themselves available for employment would be refused relief.

1923

Spring floods affected Yorkton in April.

A.R. Reusch was the man in charge of the local Wheat pool campaign.

Harry Bronfman purchased the Yaholnitsky Block on Betts Avenue.

The unveiling of a memorial tablet dedicated to Major C.D. Livingstone took place at the Provincial Court House on November 11, 1923. The tablet was a project of the International Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

The *Yorkton Enterprise* Friday Nov. 23, 1923 published this message:

WHAT WE NEED

What we need in this country today is more common, old-fashioned horse sense and less damn foolishness.

We need more backbone and less wishbone,

We need more honest, sincere, courageous thinking along sane constructive lines and less chasing after rainbows and following false ideals,

We need to check our mad career of lawmaking and law tinkering and make some effort to return to the old-fashioned principles of right and justice,

We need to abolish the mess of red tape in our business government that envelopes us in a fog of doubt and uncertainty, that bewilders and befuddles everybody and gets us nowhere!

1924

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities held a meeting in Regina on March 6, 7 & 8th.

This year saw the opening of the Hudson Bay Railroad. Yorkton now had north-south, and east-west railway traffic.

1925

George Headon—six feet two inches tall and 215 pounds—became chief of police at \$165.00 per month. He immediately recommended that the curtains be removed from the windows of the Chinese Restaurants.

1926

The Yorkton Rotary Club established a library in the Patrick Block on Third Avenue.

This was the last year gas lamps were used on Yorkton's streets.

The Yorkton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was organized with General Alexander Ross as President.

1927

Chinese restaurant owners still had to apply to Council for a permit to hire white waitresses.

C.J.G.X. Radio Station was officially opened on August 19th.

1928

Yorkton was incorporated as a CITY on February 1st.

J. J. Maloney leader of the Provincial Ku Klux Klan was in town to make a speech.

York Farmers' Colonization Company Limited of Toronto donated \$500.00 to help with the construction of the new hospital (The Yorkton Enterprise).

1929

Building permits for the City of Yorkton amounted to over \$62,000.00

J.T.M. Anderson, school inspector and leader of the Conservative Party was elected Premier of Saskatchewan.

A.C. Stewart, who was Mayor from 1927-1929, became an MLA and joined the new Anderson Government.

The official opening of the Roxy Theatre at #11 on Broadway Street was held on Number 5th.

The new Queen Victoria Hospital was erected on the same grounds at the cottage hospital (Source: Eighty Years of Caring by Kathleen Wood).

1930

The mercury dropped to 50 below zero Fahrenheit on January 8th.

On April 10th, the first Canadian National Railway train passed through Yorkton on its way to Churchill.

The Royal Canadian Legion founded the Ladies Auxiliary on April 22nd.

On May 25th, Yorkton's War Memorial was erected on Darlington Street.

THE ENTERPRISE Sept. 16th: "Famous Montreal Distiller and Former Yorkton Man is Found Not Guilty By Jury on Last Charge of "Tampering with Witnesses." This news referred to Harry Bronfman's acquittal.

The first water tower manufactured by Horton Steel Works Limited of Brigeburg, Ontario was erected this year.

1931

On March 31st, the Bank of Toronto was robbed of \$3,000.00 The culprit was arrested at Fenwood on April 3rd.

Dr. Harry Spalding Swallow opened a Chiropractic clinic in Yorkton.

There was a robbery at the Bank of Toronto.

The first bus arrived in Yorkton to compete with rail passenger service.

1932

Richard Beatty was chosen president of the Yorkton Agricultural and Exhibition Association.

This year Howard Jackson, who later became known as a local historian obtained the position of City Clerk.

The Doukhobor Community erected 6 brick houses on Myrtle Avenue for rental purposes.

1933

Peter Veregin, prisoner at Prince Albert was taken to the Atlantic seaboard for deportation to Russia.

In July, 363 old-timers were present at a reunion celebration in conjunction with the annual Yorkton Exhibition.

Enthusiasts founded the Yorkton Hardball Association under the Presidency of D.R. Ball.

Headline of YORKTON ENTERPRISE: Thurs. Aug. 10; "Each freight train brings more "rod riders."

A coned shaped cairn was erected on July 17th on Darlington Street, in honour of Yorkton pioneers.

An unsuccessful robbery attempt was made at the Crescent Creamery.

1934

A Council resolution read: "That all recipients of relief be required to work for the amount of relief given."

Jubilee Park was the place where baseball games were held.

1935

150 unemployed petitioned Council for an open voucher system, and increased quotas.

3 people were arrested in an unemployment strike on March 16th.

1936

B. Sachatoff presented a petition to Council signed by the unemployed protesting the City's policy to appoint a doctor for indigents.

1937

The first mechanical sewage plant was constructed at Dracup Avenue and York Road.

Yorkton Minor Hockey was in the limelight, when the Midgets won their first Provincial Championship.

1938

A colourful Pow-Wow took place by the Crescent Lake Indian Reserve on Sunday July 24th, as part of a joint celebration with Yorkton and area people.

1939

Charles A. Peaker returns to the Mayor's chair and remained for 8 years.

Construction of the new Armoury was underway when war broke out in September. Stephen Meush undertook the work of creating the beautiful painting of St. Mary's dome, completing it May, 1941.

1940

In May, Mayor Charles Peaker and Council dedicated a park in memory of Brother Stanislaus, which is located between Wellington and Ontario Avenues, facing Darlington Street.

Chief Kinistino of the Little Bone Reserve died.

The Yorkton Coop was organized on March 6th.

1941

Council resolved that any City employee wishing to enlist for military service, would be assured of a job upon return.

By May, the first class of Australians arrived for training at No.11 Yorkton Service Flying Training School of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

Official opening of the B.C.A.T.P. base took place on June 11.

In May, there was an armed robbery at the Bank of Toronto.

1942

The City of Yorkton was asked to find a name for a war ship. "ORKNEY" was chosen. During war time maneuvers, a ship named "Yorkton" could have been confused with the existing ship USS YORKTOWN.

On January 20th, Miss Phyllis Brown was appointed superintendent of nurses at Yorkton hospital.

On February 9th, "all clocks in Yorkton advanced one hour to start one of the greatest controversies in Yorkton's history." (From an outline of past events published in 1955 in *The Enterprise Golden Jubilee Edition, July 14th.*)

In June of this year, sugar was rationed on an "honour" basis of half-a-pound per person per week. The coupon ration system was to go into effect across Canada on July 1st. (*The Yorkton Enterprise June 18th, 1942.*)

Charles Beck's Hardware on Broadway East closed after providing 40 years of service.

On November 18th, 40 Yorkton young women left to work in munitions plants in Eastern Canada.

Representatives of Ducks Unlimited were honoured on November 20th for building a \$15,000 ditch at Willowbrook Creek.

1943

Three of Yorkton's first pioneers Cosmo J. McFarline, John F. Reid and Dave Fergus visited the offices of THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE in July to reminisce about their 60 years in Yorkton.

Over 1000 people attended a hoof and horn dance at the John Deer showrooms.

The Rotary Club raised \$5,000 for the "Milk for Britain" fund.

John F. Reid, parliamentarian farmer and public spirited citizen died in July.

No. 11 S.F.T.S (Fight Training School) won the pennant for the most efficient twin-engine school in Canada.

September 6th, pioneer doctor Thomas Patrick died.

October 18 Archie Fraser signed a professional hockey contract with the New York Rangers.

On December 6th, the Yorkton Community Savings and Credit Union was incorporated.

1944

The sale of Victory Bonds in the City of Yorkton totalled \$662,000.00.

January 29, Bob Rousay, pioneer Orkney farmer shipped a car of outstanding cattle to Winnipeg. (It was a big deal in those days when a farmer came into town to ship a carload of cattle.)

King's Counsel F.C.Wilson, who practiced law in the city for years died in Vancouver on Feb. 16th.

Toy Ying, former longtime Yorkton restaurateur died in China on May 4th.

On June 11th, Cosmo J. McFarlane one of Yorkton's first citizens died.

1945

The Victory over Japan Committee requested that a civic holiday be declared for VJ Day celebrations. This year Yorkton was mentioned in Robert L. Ripley's BELIEVE IT OR NOT. Broadway Street constituted a section of highway deemed the "longest straight road in the world". It ran 82 miles without a curve, from Roblin, Manitoba to Ituna, Saskatchewan.

On January 15th, A.P. Simpson presided at the annual meeting of the Yorkton Queen Victoria Hospital at which time it was decided to transfer ownership of the hospital to the City.

James Sinclair, a Yorkton pioneer died at Flin Flon on the 24th of January.

On March 16th, the Yorkton Kinsmen Club received their charter.

June 20th, Premier T.C. Douglas opened a new wing in the hospital.

August 14th, "The greatest war in history ends. Yorkton with all humanity goes wild." (The Enterprise Golden Jubilee Edition published 10 years later on July 14, 1955.)

On September 2nd, Japan formally surrendered to the Allies after two major events: Hiroshima, a city of considerable military importance was almost completely wiped out when an American Air Force bomber dropped the first atomic bomb used in warfare over the city on August 6th, followed three days later by the second bomb to explode over the City of Nagasaki.

October 15th, the First Yorkton Light Anti-Aircraft Unit was given a thunderous welcome home.

October 17th, Yorkton sent a railroad car full of clothing to Europe.

December 18th, Yorkton viewed a total eclipse of the moon.

1946

The Dept. of Veterans' Affairs officer, Jack Willis and Dr. H. G. Grant of the Yorkton branch of the Canadian Legion attended a convention in Regina about rehabilitation of veterans.

The Yorkton Flying Services was organized with cooperation of the Board of Trade.
A school for Metis children of Crescent Lake settlement was opened in the autumn of this year.

Retail sales and services in Yorkton approximated \$20,000,000.00

On April 14th, a Mammoth Auction Sale of Power Farm Equipment took place in Yorkton. One report has it that 10,000 farmers attended.

March 2, an air ambulance brought in the first patient, Mrs. Charles Rathgaber of Macnutt to the Yorkton hospital.

March 18th, Yorkton wanted a Union Station--a combined CPR and CNR station, and relocation of tracks.

On May 22nd, the Rotary Club celebrated its silver anniversary.

On June 16th, a dance pavillion and booths were being erected at York Lake.

On September 27th, Mayor Charles Peaker officially opened the York Theatre on Third Avenue.

On October 22nd, Mayor Charles Peaker opens the first wartime house and handed over the keys to Charles Taylor, the first veteran to move into the house.

1947

Yorkton District Board of Trade reports that Yorkton region has the biggest crop in the province.

The first 50 wartime houses were filled on May 15th.

A 50-bed Auxiliary Hospital opened at the airport on May 20th.

On June 2nd, 5,000 people flock to Yorkton to visit Cardinal Eugene Tisserant.

On March 11th, local organizations founded the Yorkton Film Council.

On July 6th, thousands of Lutherans gathered at the Fair Grounds for a divine service.

On July 7th, 4000 attend the religious feast of Vidpust.

The Board of Trade organized a drive on October 8th to collect funds for a gift to Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her wedding. It was decided to send her a carload of flour milled in Yorkton to help with post war shortage of food in England.

The Post Office reported that letter carriers delivered 82,700 Christmas cards in Yorkton in the five days preceding Christmas.

1948

The City Planning Commission recommended Peaker Heights for new homes on January 8th.

On March 10th, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation agreed to soon start building 58 houses here, which were part of the wartime housing project.

Cliff Shaw of the Yorkton Historical Society requested that City Council erect a cairn for the old millstone and locate it at the York City site, not far from where the old mill stood.

On March 13th, Samuel Wynn, Editor of *THE YORKTON ENTERPRISE* sent a wire from Ottawa to announce that Yorkton would be served by the Trans Canada Airlines. The TCA officially opened for service on May 10th.

The Yorkton Lions Club received its charter on September 13th.

1949

A Parks Board was set up by the City of Yorkton to plan for any development of designated areas.

George Morris moved his farm implement business from Bangor to Yorkton.

City Council sent a telegram of good wishes to the Government of Newfoundland on becoming Canada's tenth province.

Dr. Harley Large purchased the dental practice of Dr. D.J. Brass on May 23rd.

On August 7th, an all-time heat record was set at 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit (37.7 degrees Celsius.)

On August 28th the Yorkton Branch of the Canadian Legion dedicated a cairn in the cemetery to "To the glory of God and in grateful memory of our gallant dead."

Mac's Barber Shop, Lutcher's Leather Goods and Wolfe's Shopping Centre opened stores on First Avenue in November.

1950

The first Yorkton International Documentary Film Festival was held at City Hall.

The Pro for York Lake Golf Course was Metro Prystai, Detroit Red Wings Hockey star.

Emmanuel Balacko and M. J. Yaroshak took over the ownership of the Balmoral Hotel in March.

The Coop Store opened on Betts Avenue on January 14th.

Cradle phones were installed in the city in mid-January.

On the weird side of life, it was reported January 28th that Derek Everard set a new record by consuming 38 eggs in 25 minutes!

On March 11th, over a thousand people flocked to the opening of the new Bank of Montreal.

On June 26th, the Crest Drive-In Theatre on Broadway East opened with a capacity crowd.

In mid-July, Yorkton and district raised \$9,000 for the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

1951

The Patrick Block on Third Avenue North was sold in early January to Levine and Silverman.

On January 28th, a huge fire consumed Croll's Broadway Store.

A movement began to restore the Presbyterian Church in Yorkton, and on February 15th, it became officially known as Knox Presbyterian Church.

In May the famous R.C.M.P. dogs were being trained in Yorkton.

In a newspaper column "Along Game Trails" dated July 5th the author Harry Swallow reports that 2 whooping cranes had been seen in the area.

The official opening of the Dr. Brass Vocational School took place in the new auditorium on September 28th.

Over \$1, 200,000 worth of livestock was handled at the Yorkton Co-op Stockyards in the first three months of the fiscal year, August 1st to September 30th.

Preston's Prescription Pharmacy opened Monday, December 4, 1951.

1952

In June, parking meters were installed on Broadway and Betts Avenue on a trial basis, although polls showed much opposition.

King George VI died on February 6th.

Saskatchewan Motor Club opened a branch office in Yorkton.

Parking meters were installed on June 18th on Broadway Street and Betts Avenue, on a trial basis, although polls showed much opposition.

CJGX celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Blommaert and Svenson took over the General Motors agency.

Private Gregory Anaka died in battle in the Korean War on October 23. He was the only one to die of the Yorkton men who enlisted.

1953

After having been situated in two different locations in the city, the Salem Evangelical Church was relocated on the corner of West Broadway and Franklin Street.

Parrish and Heimbecker built a new elevator on 7th Avenue North.

Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister, visited Yorkton in July.

1954

In October, the traffic signal lights were in operation on Broadway Street.

Woolworth Stores bought the old Hudson Bay property on Broadway and Second Avenue North.

The Canadian Federation of University Women/Yorkton Club was established this year.

The first diesel-driven freight on the Canadian Pacific Railway passed through Yorkton at 3:10 p.m. on Friday, February 19th, having left Winnipeg at midnight on its way to Edmonton.

The official opening of the Federal Government Building at #37 Third Avenue North was held on September 20th.

1955

On the occasion of the Governor General Vincent Massey's visit a reception was held at Dr. Brass School, and a dinner at the Yorkton Armouries.

"Terriers won the league standing and went on to win the playoffs to advance to the Allan Cup playoffs. Vern Pachal won the league scoring honors."(A CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF SENIOR HOCKEY IN YORKTON, 1901-1967)

1956

The City council purchased 100 copies of Dr. H. Swallow's book "OX-TRAILS TO HIGHWAYS."

In the first part of July, Survey Aircraft Limited of Vancouver (Anson CF DLF) spent four days completing photo survey work in the Yorkton area; crew members were H.W. Topliss and H. Russel.

In July, the Deer Park Ladies Club voted in favour of affiliating with the Canadian Ladies Golf Union.

H. M. Bailey, City Engineer gave a report that the Post Office building was being renovated for City offices. The first meeting of Council took place on June 25, 1956 in the new offices.

1957

William E. Fichtner became Mayor, serving until 1969, making him the longest to hold this office in the history of Yorkton.

1958

Yorkton Television Ltd –CKOS-TV was established.

Anderson Lodge was officially opened on Wednesday May 27, with Premier T. C. Douglas officiating.

A two-man diplomatic Russian delegation from the Canadian Embassy visited Yorkton and attended Yorkton's 16th International Film Festival.

1959

This year, a monthly periodical of the Ukrainian Redemptorist Fathers, THE REDEEMERS VOICE first published in the Ukrainian language, began publishing in English and Ukrainian.

1960

Yorkton's last horse drawn milk wagon made its final run.

The last C.P.R. east bound passenger train No. 42 left Yorkton Tuesday night, May 31st to terminate its run at Winnipeg. The C.P.R. west bound passenger train No. 41 departed Yorkton at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 31st for its last run to Saskatoon.

1961

In June, one of Yorkton's early landmark buildings, the City Hall on Third Avenue North was demolished.

The population of the city was 9,995.

A men's rink from Yorkton won the Marshall Field trophy in the 12th Annual Chicago International Bonspiel.

Three thousand people from across the prairie provinces attended the Vidpust celebrations—a Ukrainian Catholic pilgrimage which took place in July.

1962

Bylaw #1503 authorized issue of debentures amounting to \$38,000.00 for the purpose of paying the cost of installing an artificial ice plant in the city skating arena. (Aug. 27/62.)

A Christmas gratuity was given by City Council to their employees; married employees received one turkey, and single people received \$5.00.

The Yorkton Union Hospital was completed at the beginning of the year.

The Dominion Silver Ladies Curling Championship was held February 13 & 14 this year.

The Yorkton Figure Skating Club was organized this year.

1963

A 48-bed Psychiatric Centre was constructed next to the Union Hospital.

Bailey's Funeral Home was established this year.

1964

The Yorkton and District Board of Trade underwent a change of name; now Yorkton Chamber of Commerce.

The Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church on the corner of Bradbrooke Drive and Independent Street was officially opened October 25th.

1965

Dr. Houston appeared before Council to promote the idea of making York Lake into a regional park.

Yorkton hosted the Saskatchewan Turkey Conference on January 27, 28, and 29th. Mrs. George Procyszyn was crowned Yorkton's Turkey Queen after winning the province-wide contest for best turkey recipe.

1966

A Farmers Tour group, led by Norman Roebuck visited Australian farms and ranches.

The Yorkton Arts Council was founded this year.

1967

Howard Jackson, retired City Clerk and local historian presented a 5 album pictorial history of Yorkton to City Council Mayor W. E. Fichtner said: "It is a pictorial essay on the settlement of Yorkton during its first 50 years."

The City of Yorkton chose as a centennial project the building of a new outdoor sports centre. The name "Century Field" was proposed by the City's Centennial Committee and the Parks and Recreation Board, and accepted by city council.

The Yorkton Regional High School was officially opened on November 10th.

Two grants were given by the City of Yorkton: \$500.00 to the Yorkton Art Centre, and \$500.00 to Yorkton Minor Sports Association.

The Kinsmen Club of Yorkton agreed to build a new fountain at the corner of Second Avenue and Broadway Street at a cost of \$3,000.

1968

Dedication of the new Yorkton Apostolic Church at 175 Gladstone Avenue South took place on October 14th.

The Yorkton Friendship Centre opened its doors this year. They provided counselling, recreational, vocational assistance to those in need, and to all races and nationalities.

The Yorkton Credit Union Ltd. was located in their new building on Fourth Avenue North and Smith Street.

1969

Some events planned for "Sno Sho '69" were: skating party, turkey shoot, dog races, contests, wild game dinner, borsch and perogie supper, and ice sculpturing.

The Church of Christ located at 550 Parkview Road opened for services in April this year.

1970

The Yorkton Terriers Hockey Club captured the Provincial Senior Championship.

A sod turning ceremony was held for the opening of Yorkton's Industrial Park.

1971

Yorkton's population was 13,430.

Yorkton International Film Festival received a grant of \$500.00 from the City of Yorkton.

1972

Jack Zepp was appointed curator for the Western Development Museum on Highway 16.

Lorne Nystrom, Federal N.D.P. candidate for this constituency was elected.

1973

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce elected its first woman president, Winnie Spence.

Brigadier General Alexander Ross died.

Fifty rinks entered the Annual Ladies Curling Bonspiel.

1974

Brother Methodius Koziak, teacher at St. Joseph's College received the ORDER OF CANADA.

The Parkland Synchronize Swim Club was founded by Margaret Cugnet, with the objective of entering a team in the first Saskatchewan Winter Games held in North Battleford.

The City donated \$500.00 for the Senior Citizens Lounge at the S. I. G. N. building.

For the first time in years Yorkton had 2 newspapers. YORKTON THIS WEEK began printing this year.

1975

The YORKTON THIS WEEK was founded by Bob Thom, Ed Betker, and Dick DeRyk.

York Lake Cross Country Ski Club was established on December 21st.

Yorkton Slow Pitch was organized this year.

Brent Logan was President of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce.

1976

The Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Yorkton and District hosted the 7th Annual Malanka at the Corona Hotel.

The Yorkton Farm and Leisure Show was founded by the Broadway Park Merchants Association, with a promotional feature held at the Broadway Park Plaza.

The Parkland Mall was opened on October 7th.

Artificial ice was installed at the Kinsmen Arena.

1977

John Wytrykush, Manager of Eaton's Store became Mayor. He was a strong proponent of railway relocation.

The Yorkton School Unit Band broke an earlier record by playing non-stop for 15 hours.

1978

Yorkton Mayor, John Wytrykush greeted Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip as they stepped down on Broadway Street from their special train.

The Dominion Lands Office, 10 Argyle Street constructed in the 1890s and one of the City's oldest buildings was demolished.

1979

Antoinette Kryski received a special Gold Sheaf Award for her many dedicated years of work with the Film Festival.

The water consumption in Yorkton was 457 million Imperial gallons per year (mga) for a population of 15,400; or an average of 81 Imperial gallons per capita per day (gcd). (Source: YORKTON MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, MAY 1982).

1980

The Orkney Historical Society was formed to plan the restoration of the Orkney Church and School.

1981

The population of the city was 15,339.

The Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre's official opening took place on October 28th, 1981. (Source: Letter signed by G.W. Crowder, City Commissioner Dec. 24, 1981).

1982

The Yorkton Centennial Committee and the City of Yorkton produced the history book: YORK COLONY TO TREASURE CHEST CITY.

In January, the City's new flag designed by Dean Printz was unveiled at City Hall.

The "Yorkton Centennial Song" was composed by Paul Malec and the Grade 6 students of Columbia School.

The Ravine Ecological Preserve was established.

A cairn was unveiled in July in Patrick Park to commemorate Dr. T. A. Patrick's efforts with conservation issues, as well as his work as a pioneer physician and legislator.

The Yorkton and District Historical Society buried a capsule at the Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre, with Norman Roebuck officiating. The capsule was manufactured and donated by RAM Industries of Yorkton.

This was the year the Yorkton Lions Club, along with The Parkland Lions, the Lionelles, and the Sunrise Lions and Sunrise Lionelles organized the Annual Bunny Drive.

1983

A group of theatre enthusiasts founded the Paper Bag Players.
St. Mary's Parish Ukrainian Catholic Cultural Centre held its official opening.

A thunderstorm deposited four inches of rain in a four hour period, causing flooding around Laurier and Assiniboia Avenue.

Christie's Funeral Home was established 100 years ago.

Yorkton Regional High School Curling team took the Provincial Championship.

1984

The Synchronize Swimming Provincial Championship event was held in Yorkton April 14th.

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League donated \$10,000 to the St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre.

The new facilities at the Western Development Museum were opened this year.

June 15th, the York Lake Ladies Golf Club invited the Deer Park Ladies Club for a "Fun Day."

1985

A prominent historical landmark, the famed Balmoral Hotel was destroyed by fire on February 12th.

1986

A group of writing enthusiasts founded the Parkland Writers' Alliance.
Yorkton hosted the Saskatchewan Winter Games attended by 2500 athletes, plus coaches, officials and spectators.

1987

The City of Yorkton Council established a Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

Norman Roebuck was nominated for the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame by the Yorkton Exhibition Association.

1988

The Yorkton Court House was declared a Provincial Heritage Property on February 15th.

The City of Yorkton opened the H. M. Bailey Water Pollution Control Plant.

On September 7, George Morris, inventor, was the recipient of the 1988 Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

In September, Mayor Brian Fromm attended the sod turning ceremony for the new Yorkton Coop Shopping Centre.

The Provincial B Men's Playdown Slo-pitch event was held here this year.
The opening of the White Spruce Youth Treatment Centre took place in June.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church celebrated its 75th Anniversary May 21 and 22.

1989

The old Land Titles Office achieved Municipal Heritage status on November 20th.

The Saskatchewan Provincial Parks & Recreation Association Conference was held at St. Mary's Cultural Centre in October this year.

Ruth Shaw received the "Yorkton Citizen of the Year" award during the Canada Day Celebrations at the Western Development Museum.

Yorkton hosted the Provincial Bantam Baseball Playdowns, and the Provincial Playdowns & National Qualifiers for Slo-pitch National.

1990

The ENTERPRISE AND YORKTON THIS WEEK are purchased by Armadale Company Ltd. of Hamilton, Ontario.

On March 26th, the old Hudson Bay Company Store on Broadway Street and 2nd Avenue received "Municipal Heritage Property" designation.

The American Bus Association selected Yorkton's Threshermen Festival as one of the top 100 events on this continent.

1991

The population of the city stood at 15,320.

The Yorkton Regional High School Girls Volleyball Team took the Provincial Championship.

The Yorkton Regional High School Football Team became Provincial Champions this year.

YORKTON & DISTRICT PAPER INC., owned by Ken Chyz and David Buscis, starts publishing THE PAPER, a free-distribution advertising publication.

1992

The Doukhobor brick house located at #29 Myrtle Avenue received Municipal Heritage designation on August 10th.

Labatt's Men's Curling Playoffs were held here this year.

Members of the Zion Eight Scout Troop planted 13 trees at the Arboretum, representing each Province and Territory, and one representing the First Nations.

The Yorkton Credit Union Ltd. introduced the city's first Drive Through ATM. (Source: Booklet "50 years of History YORKTON CREDIT UNION LTD. 1943-1993)

YORKTON AND DISTRICT PAPER INC. begins publishing THE NEWS PAPER which is free of charge to residents.

1993

On December 13, the official opening of the City of Yorkton and R.C.M.P. building was held. Master of Ceremonies was G. Wayne Jensen, City Commissioner.

In March eleven area residents received a medal each for their contribution to the community and to the country. Presentation was made by Lorne Nystrom, N. D. P. Member of Parliament.

The Sports Hall of Fame was established with founding members: Vern Pachal, President, Dave Rusnak, Randy Goulden, Bev Fruin, Patti Pilon, Lynda Ziglo, Dave Baron, Byron McCorkell, Merv Laube, Gordon Johnson and Gerry Bulitz.

The Yorkton Credit Union had the grand opening of their new building at #64 Broadway Street East on Tuesday, November 2nd.

1994

The Kinsmen Recycling Centre began operation in May this year.

Canada Post issued a stamp in the Architecture series illustrating the Provincial Court House in Yorkton, describing it as "A distinctive public landmark....a striking example of the Beaux-Arts style of architecture in Canada."

The Special Olympics Summer Games were held in Yorkton.

Yorkton was host to the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards.

Saskatchewan Wildlife Convention was held here, with 350 delegates attending.

Yorkton hosted the Western Divisional Figure Skating Competitions.
The Canadian High School Rodeo was initiated in Yorkton this year.

Yorkton Regional High School initiated the Student Leadership Conference hosting 1500 delegates from across the United States and Canada.

1995

In April a large area around Yorkton experienced extreme flooding due to the swollen Assiniboine River.

Yorkton hosted the Western Canadian Premiers Conference.

The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan held a 50th Anniversary Reunion.

On the occasion of the 65 Anniversary, Morris Industries held a "Dealer Days" event.

1996

The Painted Hand Casino opened its doors at 30- 3rd Avenue North.

The Henry Apartments at #81 Second Avenue North was designated a Municipal Heritage Property on February 26th.

THE COMMUNITY REVIEW is first published by Community Publishing Ltd.

1997

The official opening of the building housing Tourism Yorkton and The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce took place on June 6.

A reunion celebration of the Yorkton Terriers was held this year.

1998

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce held their first "Celebrate Success" Awards night.

Work got underway to redesign Jubilee Park to upgrade it to standards required for provincial competitions.

The population stood at 16,783.

The Logan Green Committee as part of the Arbor Day project asked Yorkdale School for help to plant 3,400 trees on Logan Green park. One hundred and fifty students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 were responsible for about 30 trees each. The project was funded by the Logan Green Committee and the City of Yorkton. (*Yorkton This Week & Enterprise*, May 27, 1998.)

Yorkton Tribal Council celebrated the opening of Safe Haven on Bradbrooke Drive on October 30th.

St. Paul Lutheran Church was designated as a Municipal Heritage Property on November 20th. Yorkton hosted the Saskatchewan Real Estate Convention attended by 250 delegates.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Annual Convention was held here with an excess of 500 delegates.

In December, the new water Tower was erected.

1999

Yorkton hosted the National Hockey Championship Royal Bank Cup.

The Parkland Writers' Alliance instituted a one day Children's Writing Workshop at the Public Library.

The population of the city reached 17,113. (Sask. Health figures.)

It was the 25th year of the Yorkton Arts Council "Stars for Saskatchewan Concert Series."

The first water tower built in 1930 was demolished in August this year.

2000

Yorkton was the site of the "2000 Saskatchewan Summer Games".

On February 7th City Council presented Meritorious Service Awards to Ruth Shaw and Stan Stephenson.

On August 6th, the First Baptist Church held their 100th anniversary celebration.

This year, St. Joseph's College held a reunion for approximately 500 former students and teachers.

Yorkton Short Film & Video Festival was held May 11th -14th. It's ads state: "Longest Running Short Film Festival in North America & Home of the Coveted Golden Sheaf."

The City of Yorkton Municipal Heritage Advisory Commission launched the book "City of Yorkton Cemetery Walking Tour."

On Wednesday, June 14th the Trans Canada Trail officially opened up through Yorkton. Mayor Ben Weber was presented with the official Trans Canada Trail 2000 flag.

On Nov. 15, a Plan of Survey was registered confirming the official name "Yorkton Creek" for the waterway previously known as "Little White Sand River", and/or as locals often called it "Bull's River." The creek crosses the East boundary of the North East Quarter of Section 1, Township 26, Range 4, West of the Second Meridian. (Letter signed by W. Larson, Deputy Chief Surveyor, Property Registration Branch, Chief Surveyor's Office Regina, Sask. Mar. 8, 2001.)

2001

On January 24th, YORKTON THIS WEEK & ENTERPRISE published a special booklet entitled: "A Salute to Minor Hockey 2001."

Yorkton hosted the Western Canadian Midget Softball Championships, the S.H.S.A.A. Provincial Track and Field Championships, the S.G.A. Mid Amateur Gold Championships, and R.C.G.A. Future Links Junior Golf Championship.

THE COMMUNITY REVIEW and THE NEWS PAPER amalgamate to form THE NEWS REVIEW.

YORKTON THIS WEEK & ENTERPRISE is purchased by Peter Ng, owner of THE ESTEVAN MERCURY, who shortens the name to YORKTON THIS WEEK.

Mayor Phil De Vos and Director of Leisure Services, Jody Hauta presented Norman Roebuck and Lucien Cugnet with certificates of Appreciation for their years of work in heritage preservation on Thursday, October 25th.

2002

YORKTON IS 120 YEARS OLD. The York Farmers Colonization Company was incorporated on May 12, 1882, and settlement of the area began.

City Councillor, Brian Fromm died suddenly on Thursday, August 22nd. Fromm was Mayor of Yorkton from 1985 to 1988, and was Councillor since 1989.

City Leisure Services Department installed banners on several streets as part of a downtown beautification plan.

2003

The Grand Opening of the new Sacred Heart High School located on Gladstone Avenue North took place on March 4, 5 and 6th.

The Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence was accepted by Tourism Yorkton President Terry Wright and Executive Director, Randy Goulden on March 14th.

A small publication entitled "THE WHISKEY MAN" was launched this spring by the City of Yorkton Municipal Heritage Advisory Sub-Commission. It tells the story of the Balmoral Hotel and the Bronfman family's saga in Yorkton and Saskatchewan.

In April, two brick buildings originally constructed by Harry Bronfman on the corner of Broadway and Second Avenue South were demolished. On this site the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority is erecting a liquor store. The parking lot will be located on the land where the Balmoral Hotel once stood.

A Kids Convention for ages 6 to 12 was held at the Gloria Hayden Community Centre, April 21 to 25th.

City Council announced a "Crow Eradication Program" allowing the removal of nests within the city.

City Elections were held on Wednesday, October 22. Phil De Vos was returned for a second term as Mayor. Also re-elected Councillors were: Les Arnelien, Janet Hill, Randy Goulden, and Chris Wyatt. New councilors were Bob Maloney and Deb Schmidt.

This year Morris Industries celebrated their 75th Anniversary.

2004

YORKTON THIS WEEK, THE NEWS REVIEW AND THE COMMUNITY POST are purchased by Glacier Ventures International Corp.

Robert Thom, co-founder of YORKTON THIS WEEK died on Monday, April 12th.

March 11 – The Celebrate Success Awards Night, an event held by the Chamber of Commerce handed out awards: Sherring Gold in the field of Community Development, Gene Denischuk in Property Restoration, Parkland Greenhouses in New and Expanded business, Key Chevrolet Oldsmobile Cadillac for Customer Service, Natural Nail Impressions by Leigh-Ann, Young Entrepreneur, and Harley Davidson of Yorkton Ltd., for Business of the Year. Community Merit: Kalyna Ukrainian Dance, Yorkton Community Theatre, and Yorkton Arts Council Sunflower. The Wall of Success: Christie Hill Funeral Chapel, Parkland Tire and Services, and Logan Stevens.

March 15 - The Dulmage Farmstead was designated as a Municipal Heritage Property in accordance with the *Heritage Property Act* at Yorkton City Council meeting.

March 18 – St. Michael’s School Choir sang at the opening of the session at the Legislature.

June 23 -The Yorkton Public Library closed its doors for renovations to begin

June 28 -The Public Library's temporary quarters were at the old Credit Union Building on the corner of Smith Street and 4th Avenue North.

July 1 - Bylaw 38/2003 to regulate smoking in public places and work places within the City of Yorkton came into effect.

August 15 - City of Yorkton Aquatic Centre closed for construction of the new water park.

September 23rd, the Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 Launch took place at Century Field. Dr. Lynda Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan; Lorne Clavert, Premier of Saskatchewan; Clay Serby, Deputy Premier and Minister of Rural Revitalization; Legislative Secretary Glen Hagel; Yorkton Mayor Phil De Vos and other special guests were in attendance to kick off the countdown to Saskatchewan's centennial year and preview the first of the centennial plans.

October 14 - Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors for 2004-05 are: Murray Wagner, Jim Jeske, Calvin Daniels, Don Szabo, and Rachel Spilchen.

October 20 - The Yorkton Regional High School street fair took place in the school gym.

October 20 - Deputy Premier Clay Serby and Yorkton Mayor Phil De Vos unveiled a plaque commemorating the opening of the new Parkland Regional College campus that was officially opened Dec. 11, 2003.

October 20 -Yorkton has a new logo and brand YORKTON Where Good Things Happen.

October 27 - It was announced that local author Calvin Daniels had released his hockey book GUTS AND GO.

November 26 - The World Curling Tour took place at the Yorkton Agriplex with 32 teams participating.

December 13 - The first patient was put through the new CT scan at Yorkton Regional Health Centre.

Throughout December until Ukrainian Christmas on January 7th, 2005 school children and the public were invited to tour the Yorkton Court House at #19 Darlington Street East to view the historic building and the elaborate interior Christmas decor.

2005

The Business Improvement District (BID) bylaw was enacted January 12th.

An ice sculpture of the War ship "HMCS Orkney" was created in the CPR Park on Broadway by cadets, officers and parents of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps. It was unveiled Friday, February 4th.

On April 7th the Brother Stanislaus Knights of Columbus Assembly held their Second Annual Patriotic Dinner at St. Mary's Cultural Centre. In celebration of Saskatchewan's Centennial, the special guest speaker was William A. Waiser, Historian and University of Saskatchewan professor who spoke on the hardships of the early pioneers.

Saturday, June 17th a British Garden Fete was held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church as a celebration of the British culture of Yorkton, the first settlers of York Colony and their encounter with Native people.

One unique production – a "Ghost Walking Tour" of areas and buildings of the downtown called THE HaUnTs of Yorkton written by Kathy Morrell took place on July 6th and 7th, and Sept. 1st and 2nd.

The history book "Windows on our History" was launched December 22nd at City Hall.

It has been 12 years since Sonya Pawliw of Wellington Avenue opened her Healing and Meditation Garden to the public. This year, she welcomed nearly 400 visitors from as far away as the Netherlands, Israel, Germany and the United States.

On September 4th, the special Centennial Celebration of Yorkton kicked off on the Exhibition grounds and was attended by a crowd estimated to be at 10,000. All sorts of events took place culminating with a spectacular show of fireworks. Another 5 to 8,000 people were estimated to be on surrounding streets, school playgrounds, and other places around the city.

On September 5th, Mayor Phil De Vos presided over a 1905 Mock Council meeting in City Hall.

St. Andrew's Centennial Fall Tea and Bake Sale was held on October 29th.

Corporate Logo



Community Logo



City of Yorkton Logo

Yorkton's logo grew out of a recommendation by a Good Spirit REDA sub-committee in the fall of 2003, which proposed that Yorkton develop and adopt a community brand or logo that can be widely used by businesses and organizations promoting Yorkton or identifying with Yorkton.

The REDA approached City Council for endorsement of the project, which was granted. On Feb. 11, 2004, a public forum was held at the Agriplex to get the community's thoughts on how we see our community and on how others see us. The main finding, which everyone agreed on, was that Yorkton is a place where people meet (the emphasis is on people). They meet in Yorkton for health, education, social events, retail services and sports and cultural purposes.

The second stage was to develop a logo and tagline, and numerous focus group meetings were held at the end of June for this purpose. Various proposals were reviewed, and a sub-committee short-listed the results. A logo and associated tagline was selected, and in August of 2004 the recommendation to adopt the new logo was approved by city council.

The new community logo was officially unveiled on Sep. 27, 2004.

The logo is a simple, dynamic glyph, which represents positive movement (growth), community and it's central position in one of the largest agricultural sectors in the country. The geometrical shapes, which represent wheat, community and growth, are common in many of the ethnic cultural pattern designs found in the area. The type is modified with an uneven baseline to also give it a sense of movement and playfulness. "Where good things happen" makes reference to the area known as "Good Spirit" and the wonderful people who help make this a thriving community. The message is positive and inviting for people thinking about choosing Yorkton as a destination both for business or pleasure. The logo is upbeat and positive which has great commercial appeal to help local residents use it to promote their city from within in the form of shirts, banners, stickers and countless other items. It is very easy to reproduce in many formats including print, vinyl, silkscreen and hand painted signage. There are no colour restrictions on the logo, which makes it extremely flexible to be included in a variety of promotional materials no matter what colours are used.

City of Yorkton Flag

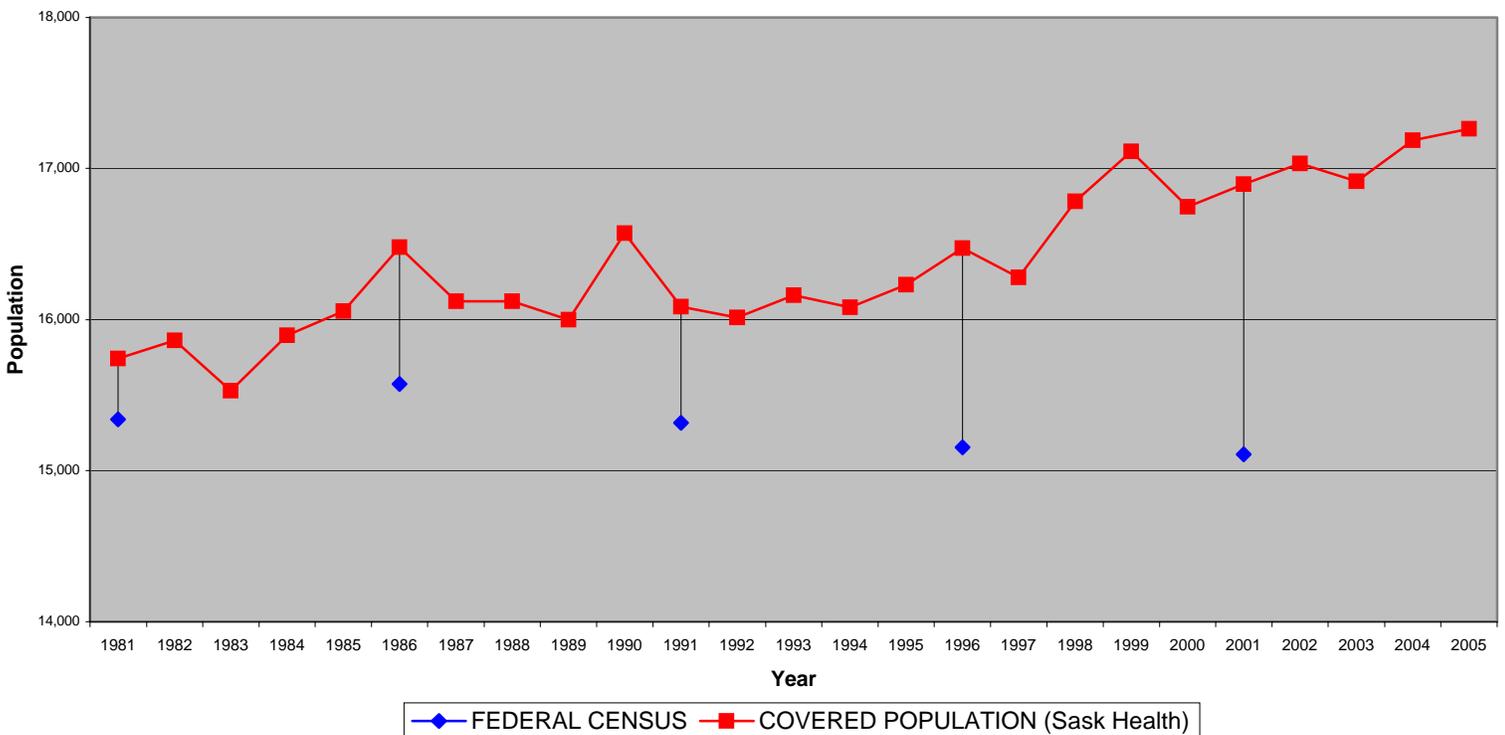
A new city flag was displayed by Mayor John Wytrykush and the flag's designer, Dean Printz at City Hall in early January, 1982. The City held a competition and former Yorkton resident, now living in Melville, Dean Printz won and earned himself the \$125.00 prize. The flag is in two shades of gold and features a stylized maple leaf and the city crest in the corner. Mayor Wytrykush presented a flag to all the schools in the city.



POPULATION

YEAR	FEDERAL CENSUS	COVERED POPULATION (Sask Health)	YEAR	FEDERAL CENSUS	COVERED POPULATION (Sask Health)
1901	700		1994		16,082
1911	2,309		1995		16,230
1921	5,151		1996	15,154	16,473
1931	5,027		1997		16,280
1941	5,577		1998		16,783
1951	7,074		1999		17,113
1956	8,256		2000		16,747
1961	9,995		2001	15,107	16,898
1966 ¹	12,645		2002		17,032
1971	13,430		2003		16,916
1976	14,119		2004		17,186
1981	15,339	15,742	2005		17,261
1982		15,862			
1983		15,529			
1984		15,895			
1985		16,055			
1986	15,574	16,480			
1987		16,121			
1988		16,121			
1989		16,000			
1990		16,573			
1991	15,315	16,086			
1992		16,014			
1993		16,162			

¹ Boundary changes were made in 1966.



City Council

City Council consists of a Mayor and six Councillors, elected for a term of three years. To be eligible to run for Mayor or Councillor of Yorkton, a person must be Canadian citizen, at least eighteen years of age, and have lived in the City of Yorkton for at least three months and in the Province of Saskatchewan for six months immediately preceding the day of the election. The only people not allowed to run for Office are judges of a court or an auditor or solicitor of a municipality.

The Province of Saskatchewan, through *The Cities Act* and, to a lesser extent, *The Planning and Development Act*, sets out the powers of municipal governments.

City Council has no powers regarding education, other than collecting taxes on behalf of the Public and Separate School Boards.

The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the City. The City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer of the City and is in day-to-day charge of City operations and employees.

City Council meets every second Monday at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. All decisions of Council are by majority vote.

Yorkton City Council -- 2005

Name	Residence	Phone No.	E-Mail
Mayor De Vos, Phil	31 Clarewood Crescent S3N 2X8	782-2736 (h) 786-1701 (w) 786-6880 (fax)	mayor@city.yorkton.sk.ca capricorn@sasktel.net
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Goulden, Randy	388 – 3 rd Ave. North S3N 1E4	782-9139 (h) 783-8707 (w) 786-6978 (fax)	tourismyorkton@sasktel.net
Hill, Janet	30 Logan Crescent W. S3N 0W2	782-8533 (h) 782-2312 (w) 786-6415 (fax)	janethill@accesscomm.ca
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Schmidt, Deb	89 Sunset Drive South S3N 3R5	783-0720 (h) 783-0720 (w) 783-2482 (fax)	prairie.investments@sasktel.net
Wyatt, Chris	202 Dalebrooke Drive S3N 2P1	783-0686 (h)	chriswyatt@sasktel.net



His Worship
Mayor Phil De Vos

Yorkton City Council – 2005



Councillor
Les Arnelien



Councillor
Randy Goulden



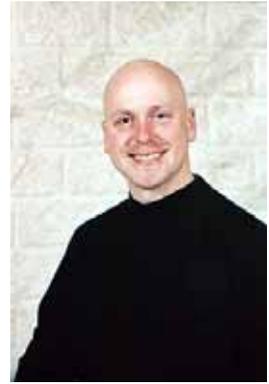
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Janet Hill



Councillor
Bob Maloney

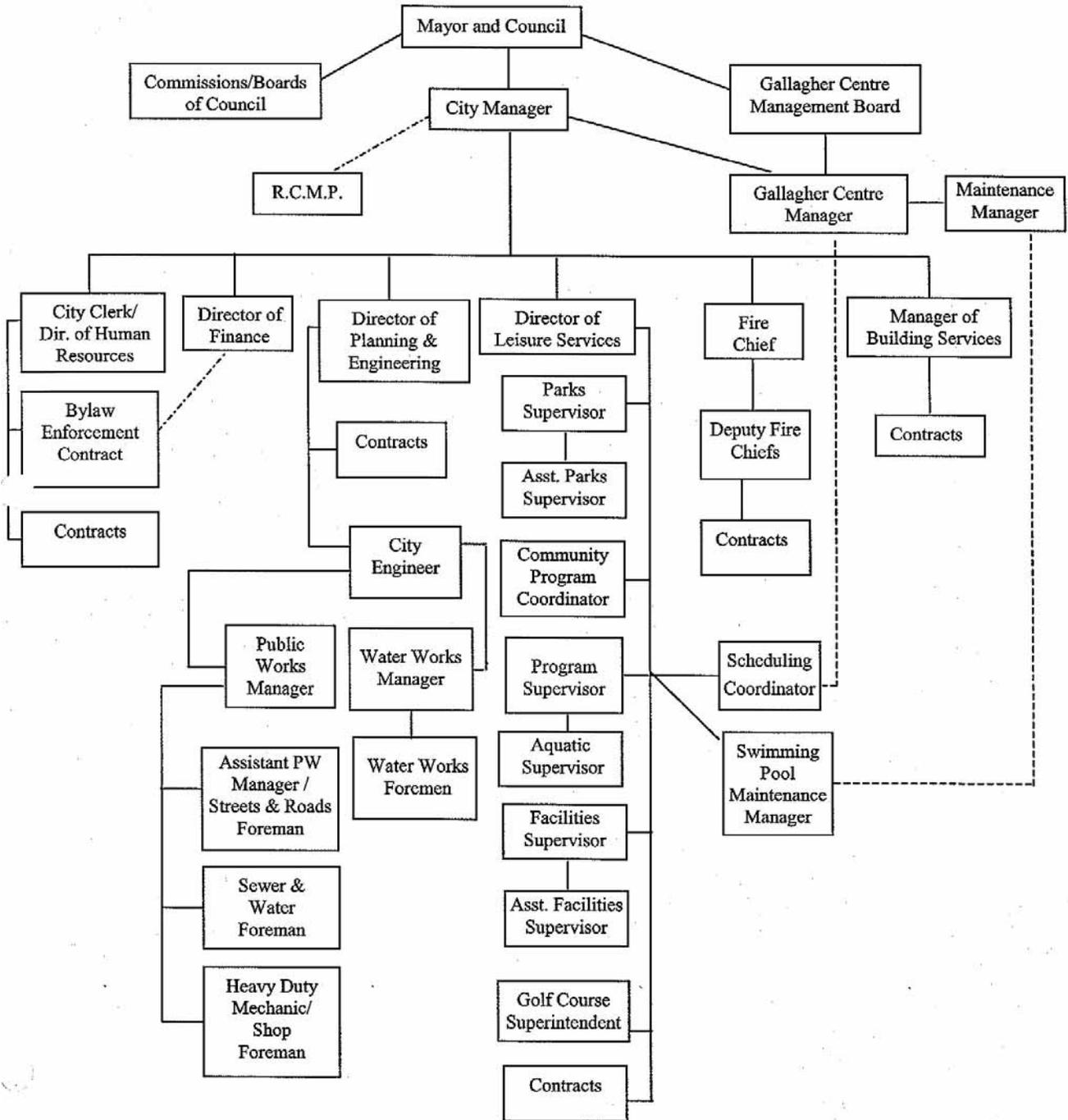


Councillor
Deb Schmidt

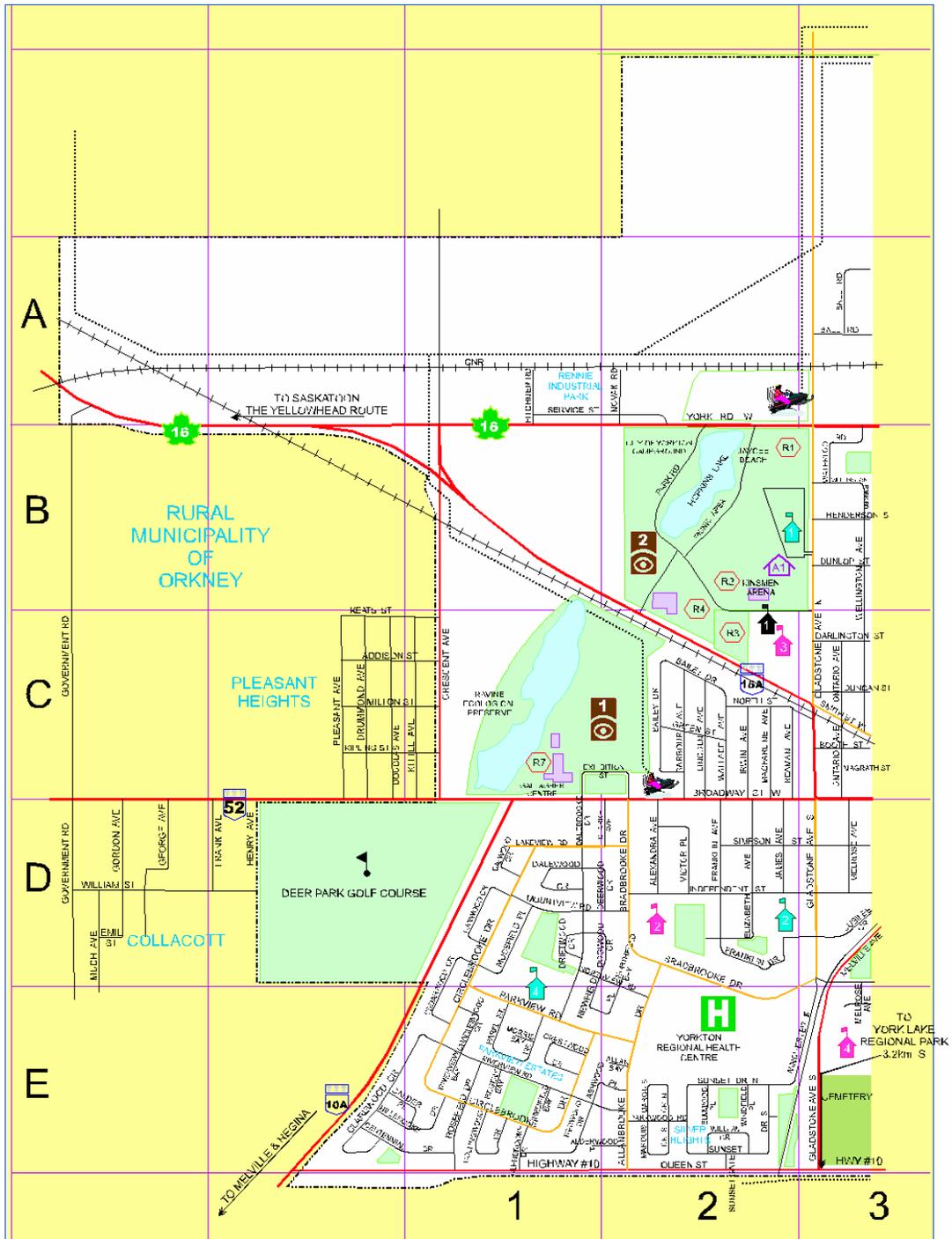


Councillor
Chris Wyatt

City of Yorkton Organizational Structure

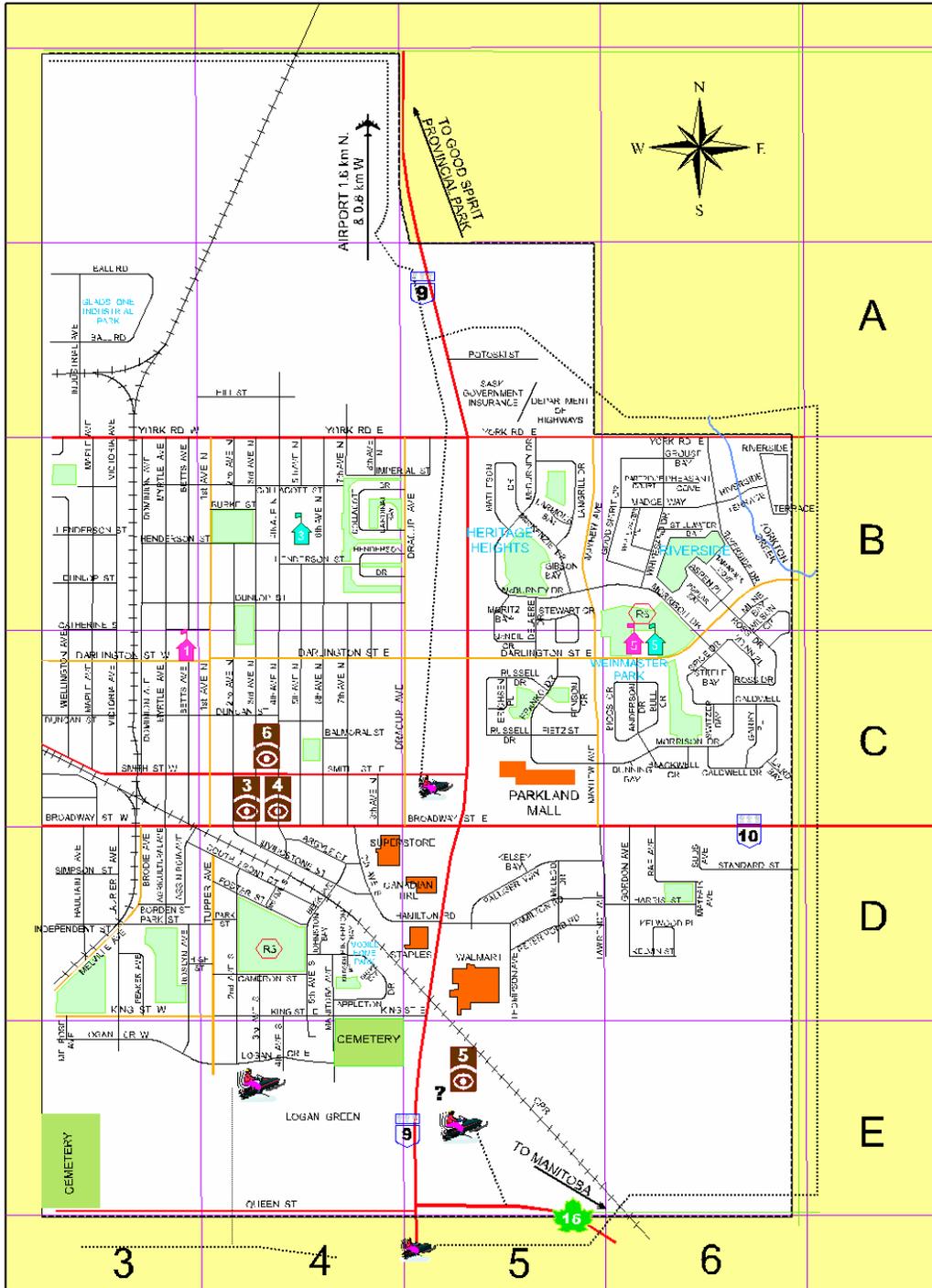


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MUSEUM B-2
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5. TOURISM YORKTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE E-5
6. GODFREY DEAN
ART GALLERY C-4

GOLDEN SHEAF AWARDS
YORKTON SHORT FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL
ANNUALLY - LAST WEEK OF MAY

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3. REGIONAL HIGH C-2
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YORKTON SEPARATE SCHOOLS 

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2. ST. MARY'S ELEM. D-2
3. ST. ALPHONSUS ELEM B-4
4. ST. PAUL'S ELEM. D-1, E-1
5. ST. MICHAEL'S C-6

OTHER SCHOOLS 

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COLLEGE C-2

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RECREATION 

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- R2. LIONS BALL PARK D-2
- R3. CENTURY FIELD C-2
- R4. TENNIS COURT B-2
- R5. JUBILEE BALL PARK D-4
- R6. GLORIA HAYDEN CENTRE
& INDOOR WALKING TRACK C-6
- R7. PARKLAND AGRIPLEX
AQUATIC CENTRE C-1

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

R.C.M.P.	911
HOSPITAL	782-2401
AMBULANCE	911
FIRE HALL - EMERGENCY	911
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	783-4368
CITY OF YORKTON	786-1700
TOURISM YORKTON	783-8707

HOSPITAL 

AMBULANCE 

FIRE HALL 

SNOWMOBILE UNLOADING
AREA & FUEL 

SHOPPING CENTRE 

BUILDING 

GOLF COURSES 

**SNOWMOBILE
ROUTE** 

FREEWAY / EXPRESSWAY 

ARTERIAL 

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LOCAL 

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Mission Statement

Working with our community, our committed and skilled Staff make Yorkton the friendliest, safest and most desirable city in which to live and grow.

Vision

The City of Yorkton is a growing, dynamic, regional centre, where good things happen.

Core Values

Equality and Respect:

We treat each other the way we want to be treated by:

- valuing and recognizing each individual and team, their contributions, views and differences; and
- ensuring the equitable and fair treatment of all as a foundation principle of our policies and practices.

Openness:

We inform people and are informed by them in a timely, open and transparent way by:

- creating a safe and risk-free environment for them to hear and be heard; and
- using personal and other means of communicating to ensure they have the information they need to help themselves and others, to understand the work of the City, and to contribute to the practices, plans and policies of the City.

Integrity:

We demonstrate our commitment to honesty, openness, trust, respect for others, loyalty, consistency, accountability, and sincerity in our treatment of each other, our customers and our citizens.

Teamwork:

We recognize our mutual interdependence and realize that we can best achieve our team goals and common Vision by:

- working together;
- co-operating and supporting each other in flexible and innovative ways; and
- providing camaraderie and humour along the way.

Quality:

We support our Staff to excel and provide quality service by:

- providing them with the tools which encourage their best effort;
- encouraging and supporting innovation and openness to change;
- recognizing and rewarding their accomplishments and innovations; and
- supporting training and development opportunities for their personal and career growth.



Civic Government

Mayors of Yorkton

1894 – 1895 C.J. MacFarline (Overseer)
 1896 – 1899 W.L. Kilborn (Overseer)

1900 - 1902	W.P. Hopkins	1927 - 1929	A.D. Stewart
1903 - 1905	T.H. Collacott (resigned May 4/05) W.D. Dunlop (elected May 25/05)	1930 - 1932	Robert Barbour
1906	Charles Beck	1933 - 1934	E. Pinkerton
1907	W.D. Dunlop	1935 - 1938	Robert Barbour
1908 - 1909	J.A.M. Patrick	1939 - 1947	Charles A. Peaker
1910	J.M. Clark	1948 - 1954	C.G. Langrill
1911 - 1912	Levi Beck	1955 - 1956	Dr. M.C. Novak
1913	C.D. Livingstone	1957 - 1968	W.E. Fichtner
1914 - 1915	J.A.M. Patrick	1969 - 1976	William Allan Bailey
1916	Charles Beck	1977 - 1985	John Wytrykush
1917 - 1919	James E. Peaker	1986 - 1988	Brian Fromm
1920 - 1924	J.B. Gibson	1989 - 1991	Ed Magis
1925 - 1926	E. Pinkerton	1992 - 2000	Ben Weber
		2001 -	Phil De Vos

Councillors (Aldermen) of Yorkton

* denotes also served as Mayor

Appleton, M.B.	1909 - 1910, 1933 - 1936	Duncan, W.J.	1905 - 1906
Arnelien, Les	2001 -	*Dunlop, W.D.	1903
*Bailey, William Allan	1965 - 1968	Enves, G.	1915 - 1916
Baker, Milton	1968 - 1969	Erickson, C.T.	1910 - 1911, 1914 - 1915
Ball, D.R.	1941 - 1945	Farrell, Barry	1992 - 1997
Ball, L.L.	1956	Fehrenback, Howie	1992 - 1997
Baptist, J.M.	1927 - 1928	Ferman, H.	1954 - 1955
*Barbour, Robert	1926 - 1929	*Fichtner, W.E.	1954 - 1955
*Beck, Charles	1914 - 1915	Fietz, O.	1957 - 1966, 1967 - 1973
Betker, Kenneth Edward	1968 - 1971	Flett, William	1983 - 1985
Betts, George	1900 - 1903	*Fromm, Brian	2 mos. of 1989, 1990 - 1991, 1995 - 2002
Border, Amos A.	1946 - 1951	Gallagher, George G.	1961 - 1962
Bradbrooke, G.H.	1906 - 1910, 1913 - 1914	Gibney, Tim	1992 - 1994
Breen, N.J.	1926	*Gibson, J.B.	1905
Bucsis, Dave	6 mos. of 1992, 1993 - 1994	Gillies, A.R.	7 mos. of 1972, 1973
Bulitz, Jerry Bernard	1977 - 1979	Goulden, Randy	1998 -
Bull, F.W.	1912 - 1913	Greenhorn, Lynne G.	1986 - 1991
Bull, George	1903	Hamilton, J.R.	1926 - 1928
Caldwell, J.	1919 - 1924	Harris, Donald Clair	1968 - 1971
Chapman, A.A.	1930 - 1932	Henry, Dr. C.M.	1908 - 1909
*Clark, Joseph M.	1907 - 1909	Hill, Janet	1998 - 2000, 2002 -
Collacott, F.S.	1913 - 1914	Hodgson, J.B. (Barrie)	1980 - 1982
*Collacott, T.H.	1902, 1906	Hopkins, E.	1905 - 1906
Dellow, William Arliss	1971 - 1973	*Hopkins, W.P.	1903
DeRyk, Dick	7 mos. of 1987, 1988, 2 mos. of 1990, 1991, 1998 - 2003	Johnston, T.H.	1941 - 1946
*De Vos, Phil	1988 - 2000	Johnston, Wm. J.	1948 - 1953, 1957 - 1967
Dicker, F.	1931 - 1932	Kensick, Walter John	1974 - 1976
Dowie, John	1974 - 1976, 1986 - 1988	Konkin, Irene A.	1976 (8 mos.), 1977 - 1979
Drake, C.J.	1955 - 1956	Konkin, Peter John	1968 - 1969
Duncan, J.A.	1909 - 1910	Kowall, Ben	1980 - 1982
		Kryworuchka, Ivan E.	6 mos. of 1971, 1972 - 1979
		Kuziak, Alex G.	1970 - 1973

Kyba, Stanley	1983 - 1985, 1989 - 1994	Pawlett, F.	1912 - 1913
Laird, Dr. A.F.	1929 - 1930	*Peaker, Charles A.	1920 - 1938
Lange, Madeleine	1989 - 1991	Peaker, J.E.	1902, 1904 - 1905
*Langrill, C.G.	1946 - 1947	*Pinkerton, E.	1919 - 1922
Larmour, D.S.	1917 - 1918, 1933 - 1941	Postoski, Dr. S.	1955 - 1956
Lawton, F.A.	1917 - 1918	Prystai, W.	1958 - 1964, 1966 - 1967, 1969 - 1973
Lee, Robert J.	1989 - 1991	Purvis, J.	1904
*Livingstone, C.D.	1911 - 1912	Rindernecht, J.	1904
Logan, D.P.	1956 - 1964, 1966 - 1967	Roebuck, Norman	1977 - 1982
Logan, James P.	1916 - 1919, 1922 - 1945	Rothwell, R.	1917 - 1918
Macdonald, G.A.	1925 - 1926	Sapara, M.R.	1957 - 1960
MacMillan, D.A.	1955 - 1956	Schick, R.	1956 - 1957
*Magis, Edward P.	1974 - 1988	Schmidt, Deb	2003 -
Magrath, J.L.	1900 - 1901, 1911 - 1912	Serby, Clay	1986 - 1991
Maloney, Bob	2003 -	Sheperd, T.	1929 - 1933
Matheson, D.W.	1923 - 1924	Simpson, W.	1900 - 1901, 1904 - 1907
Matheson, Donald F.	1963 - 1966, 1967 - 1970	Smith, J.J.	1900 - 1902
McBurney, A.L.	1946 - 1964	Spice, J.T.	1911 - 1914
McFarline, R.	1905	Spice, R.C.	1922 - 1925, 1934 - 1944
McKenzie, H.	1941 - 1954	Steele, F.	1938 - 1940, 1947 - 1954
McNeill, D.	1929 - 1933, 1937 - 1942	*Stewart, A.C.	1925 - 1926
Mickelson, Roy M.	1980 - 1982, 1986 - 1988	Switzer, T.	1908 - 1909
Milne, W.	1927 - 1928	Taylor, Kenneth	1986 - 1988
Moritz, F.J.	1908, 1914 - 1915 1919 - 1921	Vahala, Karel V.J.	1974 - 1976
Morrison,, W.H.	1952 - 1953	Vaughan, H.W.	1943 - 1948
Muir, Leslie Gordon	1971 - 1973	*Weber, Ben	1989 - 1991
Nortsten, J.A.	1910 - 1913	Wegner, Lawrence	1992 - 2003
*Novak, Dr. M.C.	1949 - 1954	Wentzell, Marvin D.	1971 - 1985
O'Regan, W.B.	1920 - 1925	Westerhaug, Clarence	1995 - 1997
Ovens, H.	1915 - 1916	Wilson, E.S.	1916
Overhage, J.G.	1910 - 1911, 1915 - 1919	Wood, Kenneth	1983 - 1985
Pachal, Vern	1983 - 1985	Wyatt, Chris	2001 -
Pachal, W.J.	1934 - 1937, 1939 - 1940	Wynn, S.	1916 - 1921, 1944 - 1945
Patrick, R.A.	1907 - 1908	*Wytrykush, John	1976 (8 mos.), 1992 - 1997

Elections Held

YEAR	NUMBER/NAMES/PARTICULARS	NUMBER VOTED	PERCENTAGE (approx.) *
1960 (Nov 4)	Municipal Election: - William E. Fichtner for Mayor by Acclamation - 3 Alderman elected - 2 Collegiate Institute Trustees by Acclamation - 3 Separate School Trustees by Acclamation - 2 Public School Trustees elected	2,590 2,054	25.9%
	Vote on Public School Money Bylaw: "Should the City of Yorkton expend \$130,000.00 for the purpose of paying the cost of erecting and furnishing a new Public School in the City of Yorkton?" For: Against: No. of Rejected Ballots Total Voters = 1,284	887 329 68	 13.0%
1962 (Nov 2)	Municipal Election: - William E. Fichtner for Mayor by Acclamation - 3 Aldermen elected - 2 Collegiate Institute Trustees elected - 2 Public School Trustees elected - 3 Separate School Trustees by Acclamation	1,733 1,741 1,475	16.5%
1963 (Nov 8)	Vote on Fluoridation: For: Against: No. of Rejected Ballots Total Voters = 2,908	1,008 1,827 73	 26.4%
1964 (Nov 6)	Municipal Election: - W.E. Fichtner for Mayor by Acclamation for 1965 & 1966 - 4 Aldermen elected for 1965 & 1966 - 2 Collegiate Institute Trustees elected for 1965 & 1966 - 3 Public School Trustees elected for 1965 & 1966 - 3 Separate School Trustees by Acclamation for 1965 & 1966	3,145 3,145 2,583	27.4%

* Population figures (Source: Statistics Canada)

YEAR	NUMBER/NAMES/PARTICULARS	NUMBER VOTED	PERCENTAGE (approx.) *
1965 (July 21)	Regional Comprehensive Secondary School: For: Against: No. of Rejected Ballots Total Voters = 1,571	1,204 343 24	13.1%
1965 (July 21)	Bus Transportation: For: Against: No. of Rejected Ballots Total Voters = 1,571	1,232 316 23	13.1%
1965 (Nov 5)	Municipal Election: - 3 Aldermen by Acclamation for 1966 & 1967 - 4 Separate School Trustees elected for 1966 & 1967 - 5 Public School Trustees elected for 1966 & 1967 - 3 Collegiate Institute Trustees by Acclamation for 1966 & 1967	478 743	
1966 (Nov 4)	Municipal Election: - W.E. Fichtner elected for Mayor for 1967 & 1968 - 3 Aldermen elected for 1967 & 1968 - 4 Public School Trustees elected for 1967 & 1968 - 2 Collegiate Institute Trustees elected for 1967 & 1968 - 3 Separate School Trustees by Acclamation for 1967 & 1968		
1967 (Nov 3)	Municipal Election: - 3 Aldermen elected 1968 & 1969 - 3 Collegiate Board Trustees by Acclamation for 1968 & 1969 - 4 Public School Trustees by Acclamation for 1968 & 1969 - 4 Separate School Trustees by Acclamation for 1968 & 1969	2,790	22.3%
1968 (Nov 6)	Municipal Election: - W.A. Bailey elected for Mayor for 1969 & 1970 - 4 Aldermen elected for 1969 & 1970 - 4 Public School Trustees (2 elected for 1969 & 1970 and 2 by Acclamation for 69/70) - 2 Collegiate Institute Trustees by Acclamation for 1969 & 1970 - 3 S.S. Trustees elected for 1969 & 1970	4,747 3,581	36.8%

* Population figures (Source: Statistics Canada)

YEAR	NUMBER/NAMES/PARTICULARS	NUMBER VOTED	PERCENTAGE (approx.) *
1968 (Nov 6)	Vote on City of Yorkton “Money Bylaw” “Should the City of Yorkton expend \$280,000.00 for the purpose of paying part of the cost of constructing a new elementary school in the southwest area of the city?” For the Bylaw Against the Bylaw No. of Ballots Rejected Total Voters = 2,604	1,109 1,383 112	20.2%
1969 (Nov 7)	Municipal Election: - 3 Aldermen elected for 1970 & 1971 - 4 Public School Trustees by Acclamation for 1970/71 - 3 Collegiate Institute Trustees by Acclamation for 1970 & 1971 - 5 S.S. Trustees elected for 1970 & 1971	2,920 900	22.1%
1970 (Dec 4)	Municipal Election: - W.A. Bailey for Mayor by Acclamation for 1971, 1972 & 1973 - 6 Aldermen elected for 1971, 1972 & 1973 - 4 Public School Trustees elected for 1971/72 - 2 Collegiate Board Trustees by Acclamation for 1971 & 1972 - 3 S.S. Trustees by Acclamation for 1971 & 1971	3,806 2,815	28.4%
	Vote on Fluoridation For: Against: No. of Ballots Rejected Total Voters = 3,801	1,276 2,442 83	28.4%
1971 (Jun 2)	By-Election: - 1 Aldermen elected to complete 1971-73 term - 1 Public School Trustee elected to complete 1971-73 term	2,490 1,808	18.6%
1972 (May 17)	By-Election: - 1 Alderman elected for 1972 and 1973	1,643	11.9%
1972 (Dec 6)	By-Election: - 1 Collegiate Board Trustee elected for 1972-73	517	

* Population figures (Source: Statistics Canada)

YEAR	NUMBER/NAMES/PARTICULARS	NUMBER VOTED	PERCENTAGE (approx.) *
1973 (Oct 24)	Municipal Election: - W.A. Bailey elected for Mayor - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees by Acclamation - 5 Collegiate Board Trustees by Acclamation - 7 Separate School Trustees by Acclamation	} 3,545	25.3%
1976 (Mar 31)	By-Election: - 2 Aldermen elected for balance of 1976 term	5,282	36.4%
	Vote on Money Bylaw (for purpose of building sports & agricultural complex) For: 2,441 Against: 2,291 No. of Ballots Rejected 56 Total Voters = 4,788		33.0%
1976 (Oct 27)	Municipal Election: - John Wytrykush elected for Mayor - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees by Acclamation - 5 Collegiate Board Trustees elected - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	} 4,673 4,673 1,296	32.2%
1979 (Oct 24)	Municipal Election: - John Wytrykush for Mayor by Acclamation - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees elected - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	2,649 1,645 825	17.7%
1982 (Oct 27)	Municipal Election: - John Wytrykush elected for Mayor - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees elected - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	} 5,253 3,632 1,545	34.1%
1985 (Oct 23)	Municipal Election: - Brian Fromm elected for Mayor - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees elected - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	} 5,070 3,134 1,608	32.7%

* Population figures (Source: Statistics Canada)

YEAR	NUMBER/NAMES/PARTICULARS	NUMBER VOTED	PERCENTAGE (approx.) *
1985 (Oct 23)	Vote on Railway Relocation “Should the City of Yorkton expend a sum of money not in excess of 3.5 Million Dollars on the Relocation of the C.P.R. tracks?” For: Against: No. of Ballots Rejected Total Voters = 5,045	1,152 3,844 49	32.6%
1987 (May 27)	By-Election: - 3 candidates for Aldermen (D. DeRyk elected)	2,062	13.2%
1988 (Oct 26)	Municipal Election: - Ed Magis elected for Mayor - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees by Acclamation - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	5,426 5,410 1,667	34.8% 34.7%
	Vote on Store Hours “Do you favor stores in the City of Yorkton being allowed to open for business seven days a week, including Sunday?” For: Against: No. of Ballots Rejected Total Voters = 5,410	1,690 3,674 22	34.7%
1989 (Nov 29)	By-Election: - 5 candidates for Aldermen (B. Fromm elected)	2,566	16.5%
1990 (Oct 17)	By-Election: - 5 candidates for Aldermen (D. DeRyk elected)	1,708	11.0%
1991 (Oct 23)	Municipal Election: - Ben Weber elected for Mayor - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees elected - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	} 3,915 2,530 1,290	25.6%

* Population figures (Source: Statistics Canada)

YEAR	NUMBER/NAMES/PARTICULARS	NUMBER VOTED	PERCENTAGE (approx.) *
1992 (Jun 17)	By-Election: - 3 Candidates for Aldermen (D. Bucsis elected)	1,098	7.2%
1994 (Oct 26)	Municipal Election: - Ben Weber elected for Mayor - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees elected - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	} 4,715 2,817 1,597	31.0%
1997 (Jan 8)	By-Election: - S.S. Trustee: Brenda Kondra by Acclamation		
1997 (Oct 22)	Municipal Election¹: - Ben Weber elected for Mayor - 6 Aldermen elected - 7 Public School Trustees elected - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	} 4,372 2,802 1,377	28.9%
2000 (Oct 25)	Municipal Election: - Phil De Vos elected for Mayor - 6 Councillors elected - 7 Public School Trustees elected - 7 Separate School Trustees elected	} 4,242 2,968 1,594	28.0%
2002 (Sept 25)	By-Election: - 2 Candidates for Public School Trustee (R. Sass elected)	87	
2002 (Oct 23)	By-Election: - 6 Candidates for Councillor (J. Hill elected)	1,809	12.0%

* Population figures (Source: Statistics Canada)

¹ Note: Electronic vote counting was used beginning with the 1997 Municipal Election.

YEAR	NUMBER/NAMES/PARTICULARS	NUMBER VOTED	PERCENTAGE (approx.) *
2003 (Feb 26)	Vote on Health Levy “Are you in favour of a Health Levy of \$105 per year per household as part of the property taxes for the next four (4) years to fund the City’s \$2.88 million dollar community commitment for equipment and a new multi-purpose Health Care Facility in the City of Yorkton. For: Against: No. of Ballots Rejected Total Voters = 2,490	1,313 1,170 7	16.5%
2003 (Oct 22)	Municipal Election: - Phil De Vos elected for Mayor - 6 Councillors elected - 7 Separate School Trustees by Acclamation - 7 Public School Trustees: • 4 Trustees (City at Large) by Acclamation • 1 Trustee (Sub-Division No.1) by Acclamation • 1 Trustee (Sub-Division No. 2) elected • 1 Trustee (Sub-Division No. 3) elected	5,070 165 477	33.6%
2004 (Feb 19)	By-Election: - 3 Candidates for Separate School Trustee (J. Velestuk elected)	205	

* Population figures (Source: Statistics Canada)

Boards and Commissions

Agriplex Management Board

Purpose: The following are the rights and responsibilities of the Management Board:

1. The Management Board has a right to establish its own budgets, sign its own contracts, hire its own staff, and conduct its own financial and administrative affairs.
2. The Management Board shall consist of nine members, five of whom shall be appointed by the City and four of whom shall be appointed by the Exhibition Association.
3. The Management Board shall have access to existing capital reserve accounts held by the City for the Parkland Agriplex.
4. The Management Board shall employ a General Manager to oversee the operation of the Parkland Agriplex and the programs and activities of the Exhibition Association.
5. The parties agree that for the purpose of decisions related to the employment of the General Manager and with respect to the disposition or acquisition of any land, identified in Schedule "A" (of the Agreement), the Exhibition Association and the City shall be deemed to have equal representation on the Management Board. All land/property sale proceeds shall be used by the Management Board as they see fit.
6. The Management Board shall have the following powers:
 - a) to fix the times and places of its meetings and the mode of calling and conducting of same;
 - b) to make provision for the keeping of a full and accurate record of its proceedings, transactions and finances;
 - c) to form and appoint the members of any advisory committee it may deem necessary;
 - d) to prepare a budget of the proposed expenditures and revenues for each year;
 - e) to prepare and submit an annual report of the Management Board's operation to both partners - the City and the Exhibition Association;
 - f) to appoint and remove all staff that the Management Board deems expedient and to fix their salaries and other benefits and prescribe their duties;
 - g) to appoint an auditor;
 - h) to pay all accounts submitted.
7. At the meetings of the Management Board questions shall be decided by the majority of the members voting. The chairman or presiding officer shall have the right to vote, and in the case of a tie vote, the question shall be decided in the negative.
8. The parties agree that all acts and proceedings of the Management Board, or its designate, made in accordance with the powers granted under the terms of this agreement shall be deemed valid and binding upon both parties hereto.

Development Appeals Board

Authority: Section 71, and Sections 91 to 104, inclusive, of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, and subsequent amendments thereto, and Section 3.16 of Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003.

Purpose: To hear and determine appeals provided for pursuant to Section 3.16 of Zoning Bylaw No. 14/2003 and as provided for under Section 71, and Sections 91 to 104, inclusive, of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, and subsequent amendments thereto

District Planning Commission

Authority: Sections 120 & 121 of the *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, and agreement dated November 10, 1993, between the Rural Municipality of Wallace, No. 243, the Rural Municipality of Orkney, No. 244, and The City of Yorkton.

Purpose: The District Planning Commission shall:

- (a) Hold public meetings and publish information for the purpose of obtaining the participation and co-operation of the residents of the planning district and any adjacent area in determining the solution to problems or matters affecting the development of any part of the planning district;
- (b) Assist the council of any municipality that is located in whole or in part in the planning district in the preparation of a zoning bylaw or any other bylaw authorized by this Act;
- (c) Review any existing zoning bylaw or bylaw adopted or passed under this Act and submit, to the council, suitable amendments thereto with a recommendation that they be adopted or passed;
- (d) Suggest to any council ways and means of financing works to be carried out by public authorities over a specified period;
- (e) Investigate and study proposed subdivisions or developments within and adjacent to the planning district and submit to the appropriate council reports and recommendations in that respect;
- (f) Identify the social and economic implications of the commission's recommendations;
- (g) Prepare and submit to the affiliated municipalities an operating budget for the next ensuing fiscal year. 1983-84, C.P. - 13.1, s. 125.

Economic Development Commission

Authority: Bylaw No. 21/2003 - Appointment of Economic Development Commission

- Purpose:** a) The purpose of the Economic Development Commission shall be to stimulate economic development activities in the City and area and to advise City Council on all matters pertaining to promotions or incentives within or respecting the City of Yorkton without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the members of the Economic Development Commission shall represent the City of Yorkton on the Board of Directors of the Good Spirit Regional Economic Development Authority Inc. (Good Spirit REDA). Operating through the auspices of the Board of the Good Spirit REDA in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as Schedule “A”, the Commission shall:
- i) Recommend policies for Council’s consideration;
 - ii) Recommend new measures as may be required to improve economic development activities in the City;
 - iii) Hold public meetings and publish information for the purpose of obtaining the participation and cooperation of the residents of the municipality in determining the solution to problems or matters affecting the delivery of economic development services in the municipality;
 - iv) Investigate and study the needs of the City and recommend the implementation and development of new programs and incentives that would enhance the marketability and services within and adjacent to the municipality and submit reports and recommendations in that respect to Council;
 - v) Identify the social and economic implications of its recommendations;
 - vi) The Economic Development Commission and any other Sub-Commissions thereof shall work with all other Commissions of Council, associations and organizations having an interest in the delivery of economic development services.
- b) The Commission may appoint advisory Commissions or establish Sub-Commissions consisting of members who are qualified to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties and functions and shall:
- i) Establish and maintain a standing Commission consisting of a minimum of five (5) individuals to administer a small business loans program;
 - ii) Establish any additional Sub-Commissions that are deemed necessary to meet the needs and interests of the community and the delivery of economic development services in the City.

- c) All Sub-Commissions established by this Commission shall report all proceedings and recommendations to the Economic Development Commission for their review and recommendation to City Council.

Emergency Planning Committee

Authority: Bylaw No. 7/98 - To establish a Municipal Emergency Measures Disaster Services Agency

Purpose: The Emergency Planning Committee shall:

- a) Review the Municipal Emergency Plan and all related plans and programs on a regular basis; and
- b) Advise Council, duly assembled, on the status of the Municipal Emergency Plan and programs at least annually.

Leisure Services Commission

Authority: Bylaw No. 2/2004 - Appointment of Leisure Services Commission

- Purpose:** a) The purpose of the Leisure Services Commission shall be to advise City Council on all matters pertaining to leisure services and required community services within or respecting the City of Yorkton without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Commission shall:
- i) Recommend policies for Council consideration;
 - ii) Recommend new measures as may be required to improve leisure and community services in the City and promote equal access and involvement of residents of the community;
 - iii) Hold public meetings and publish information for the purpose of obtaining the participation and cooperation of the residents of the municipality in determining the solution to problems or matters affecting the delivery of leisure services in the municipality;
 - iv) Investigate and study the needs of the City and recommend the implementation and development of new programs, facilities and services that would enhance the quality of life for residents within and adjacent to the municipality and submit reports and recommendations in that respect to Council;
 - v) Identify the social and economic implications of its recommendations;
 - vi) The Leisure Services Commission and any other Sub-Commissions thereof shall work with all other Commissions of Council, associations and organizations having an interest in the delivery of leisure and community services.

- b) The Commission shall appoint advisory Commissions or establish Sub-Commissions consisting of members who are qualified to assist the Commissions in carrying out its duties and functions and shall:
 - i) Establish any additional Sub-Commissions that are deemed necessary to meet the needs and interests of the public and the delivery of leisure and community services including, but not limited to:
 - aa) Promotion and utilization of Deer Park Municipal Golf Course;
 - bb) Allocation of funding in accordance with Policy No. 10.320, the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program;
 - cc) Preservation of the Ravine Ecological Preserve;
 - dd) The development of any passive or active park areas.
- c) All Sub-Commissions established by this Commission shall follow the procedures as established herein and report all proceedings and recommendations to the Leisure Services Commission for their review and recommendation to City Council.

Municipal Planning Commission

Authority: Bylaw No. 3/2004 - Appointment of a Municipal Planning Commission

Purpose: The Commission Shall:

- a) The Commission shall investigate and study land use, population, transportation and any matter inside or outside the municipality that, in the opinion of the Commission, is related to the physical, social, or economic circumstances of the municipality that affect the development of the municipality.
- b) i) The Commission may appoint advisory Commissions or establish Sub-Commissions consisting of members who are qualified to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties and functions and shall:
 - ii) By this bylaw Council will establish and maintain a Municipal Heritage Advisory Sub-commission consisting of a minimum of three (3) members, and a maximum of six (6) members, appointed by Council to; promote, identify and maintain Municipal Heritage Sites as provided for in *The Municipal Heritage Act and Regulations*, to provide for the evaluation of properties of architectural or historical value or interest; to update and maintain the Yorkton History Book, “*York Colony to Treasure Chest City*”; to maintain any records or artifacts having a historical significance in the community archives.
- c) Review any Development Plan, Redevelopment Plan, Special Area Study, Basic Planning Statements, Zoning Bylaw or other Bylaw adopted under *The Planning and Development Act* and submit suitable amendments to the Council with a recommendation that the amendments be passed.

- d) Recommend the implementation of any feature of any Development Plan, Basic Planning Statement or Bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act* to Council.
- e) Investigate and study proposed subdivision development within and adjacent to the municipality and submit reports and recommendations in that respect to Council.
- f) The Commission shall perform any other duties of a planning nature that the Council may refer to it and may do any other things that it considers necessary in connection with the planning and orderly development of the City.
- g) Identify the social and economic implications of its recommendations.
- h) Hold public meetings and publish information for the purpose of obtaining the participation and cooperation of the residents of the municipality and any adjacent area in determining the solution to problems or matters affecting the development of any part of the municipality.

Protective Services Commission

Authority: Bylaw No. 19/2003 - Appointment of a Protective Services Commission

Purpose: The Commission Shall:

- a) The Commission shall advise City Council on matters of policy and priorities regarding the safety and protection of people and property within the municipality; specifically those services provided by Police, Fire Services, Disaster Services and Emergency Measures Organization, Bylaw Enforcement, Ambulance and 911.
- b) The Commission may review and recommend policies and bylaws and submit suitable amendments to Council.
- c) Under the direction of the EMO Coordinator recommend an Emergency Measures Organization Plan and/or Bylaw.
- d) Identify the social and economic implications of its recommendations.
- e) The Commission may undertake to review any other matters of a protective services nature that Council may refer to it.
- f) Hold public meetings and publish information for the purpose of obtaining the participation and cooperation of the residents of the municipality in determining the solution to problems or matters affecting protective services of the municipality.
- g) The Commission may appoint advisory Commissions or establish Sub-Commissions consisting of members who are qualified to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties and functions.

Yorkton Local Library Board

Source: Public Libraries Act, 1996

Responsibilities: The functions and responsibilities of the local library board are:

- (a) to interpret and implement regional library board policy in the communities using the local library;
- (b) to formulate policy respecting the development and operation of the local library in co-operation with the regional library board;
- (c) to advise the municipality in which the local library is located concerning the provision and maintenance of adequate accommodation for the local library;
- (d) to provide for planning and local library board training;
- (e) to undertake local library promotion and public relations campaigns in the community;
- (f) to take responsibility for special library programming;
- (g) in conjunction with the regional library board to establish and maintain standards for hours of service and types of local service;
- (h) to recommend to the regional library board and to its library director programs and materials relevant to the interests and requirements of the local community;
- (i) to consult with and report on a regular basis to the council of the municipality with respect to which the local library board was created;
- (j) to advise the regional library board respecting the appointment and terms of employment of the staff for the local library;
- (k) to hold an annual meeting prior to the annual meeting of the regional library board;
- (l) to perform those other duties delegated by the regional library board; and
- (m) to perform those other functions in accordance with the regulations for the provision of adequate library service at the local level.

Parkland Regional Library Board

Source: The purpose of the said regional library shall be to provide public library services within its boundaries in accordance with the Act and Regulations and Regional Library Board Bylaws and Policy Statements as amended from time to time.

Regional Library Board Duties:

It is the duty of the Regional Library Board to provide public library services to the residents of Saskatchewan within the area it serves; subject to the approval of the minister, to designate the location of the headquarters of the regional library; to appoint staff; to prepare a policy statement to govern the operations of its libraries; to make bylaws; to administer regulations on the use of libraries and materials; and to keep records and accounts as provided in the Act and Regulations.

Yorkton Creek Watershed Association

Purpose: The Yorkton Creek Watershed Association was originally formed to develop a flood control project for the City of Yorkton and surrounding farmlands. An integral component of this proposal was its wildlife benefits.

The project was constructed during the late 1970's and early 1980's. Ducks Unlimited Canada continues to enhance adjacent uplands for waterfowl and wildlife.

A "project" under the *Watershed Associations Act* means any works providing for the improvement, development, utilization or control of water or land resources. The Board may: plan, undertake, construct, alter, improve, maintain, repair and operate projects in which the membership agencies have a common interest.....such as:

- ⇒ for the purpose of storing, conserving, using, controlling, protecting or developing the water or water resources available to the association.

- ⇒ for the purpose of conserving, controlling, protecting land, forest or recreation resources, fish, wild animals or wild birds, insofar as may be necessary or incidental to the achievement of the above stated clause.

- ⇒ In conclusion, the potential project scope available to the WSA is very broad based since basically the project may be anything that relates to or effects water (including water quality).

Yorkton Housing Corporation Board

Authority: Bylaw No. 22/2003 - Appointment of the Yorkton Housing Corporation Board

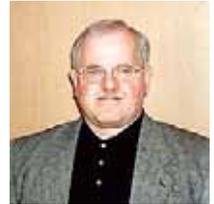
Purpose: The Board shall maintain and operate self-contained housing units for the accommodation of low income seniors on a not for profit basis as efficiently as possible to best meet the needs of the residents of the City of Yorkton.

CIVIC OFFICIALS -- 2005



City Manager
David Putz
Telephone: 786-1703
(Hired Nov. 28/05)

City Manager – Wayne Jensen
(Jan. 1/05 – Nov. 30/05*retired)



City Clerk/Director of Human Resources
Laurie-Anne Rusnak
Telephone: 786-1718

Finance Department
Director of Finance – Lonnie Kaal
Telephone: 786-1721



Fire Protective Services
Fire Chief – Dean Clark
Telephone: 786-1796

Leisure Services Dept.
Director of Leisure Serv. – Darcy McLeod
Telephone: 786-1753



Building Services
Manager of Building Services – Cynthia Alcorn
Telephone: 786-1724

Planning & Engineering Dept.
Director of Plan. & Eng. – Jeffrey Humble
Telephone: 786-1727



Economic Development
General Manager, Econ. Development/Good Spirit REDA – Gord Bulmer
Telephone: 783-7332

City Manager's Office

City Manager

- David Putz

Chief Administrative Officer

The City Manager shall:

- (a) be the chief administrative officer of the City;
- (b) perform the duties and exercise the powers and functions assigned to a chief administrative officer by the *Act*, any other acts, this bylaw, any other bylaw or by resolution of Council.

Powers, Duties and Functions of City Manager

Without limiting the generality of Section 5, the City Manager shall:

- (a) ensure that the policies and programs of the City are implemented;
- (b) advise and inform Council on the operations and affairs of the City;
- (c) supervise all operations of the City and, in particular, direct, supervise and review the performance of all departments of the City, subject to the *Act*;
- (d) restructure civic departments and, with the approval of Council, create, merge or eliminate civic departments;
- (e) have the authority to appoint and dismiss all civic staff except as provided in the *Act* and this bylaw;
- (f) be responsible in conjunction with the Director of Finance, for the preparation and submission of budget estimates for the operating and capital budgets annually, or as required by Council;
- (g) monitor and control civic spending within the program budgets established by Council;
- (h) transfer funds between program budgets with the approval of Council;
- (i) advise Council and make recommendations concerning the financial condition of the City;
- (j) advise Council and make recommendations concerning policies or programs which may be necessary to

carry out the powers, duties and functions of the City;

- (k) attend meetings of Council and such other meetings as Council may direct;
- (l) prepare and submit such reports and recommendations to Council as Council or a Committee of Council may require;
- (m) execute contracts and agreements, together with the City Clerk, as authorized by Council;
- (n) be responsible for the labour relations in conjunction with the Director of Human Resources of the City within the mandate established by Council and submit collective bargaining agreements to Council for approval;
- (o) appoint an Acting City Manager in the absence of the City Manager.
- (p) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as required by Council.
- (q) be authorized to negotiate the settlement of all records of the Director of Finance's Accounts Receivable which are disputed or of doubtful value and to authorize the writing off of all such accounts receivable in an amount not exceeding \$2,500.00 which are considered non-collectable, and report such actions monthly to the Council detailing the accounts dealt with under this power.

Claims and Lawsuits

- (1) The City Manager shall have the authority to:
 - (a) instruct the City Solicitor to commence, defend or conduct any action or proceeding in any court or before any board or tribunal; and to
 - (b) settle any claims, grievances or lawsuits.

- (2) The settlement of claims, grievances or lawsuits must be reported to City Council for their information.

Award of Contracts

The City Manager shall have the authority to:

- (a) call for tenders and arrange for contracts for the supply to the City of goods, services and work as authorized by the budget;
- (b) in the case of public tenders when the City is purchasing goods, services or work, award contracts where:
 - (i) the contract has been provided for in the approved project budget;
 - (ii) the amount of the contract does not exceed the approved project budget;
 - (iii) the contract is being awarded to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications;
 - (iv) the award of the contract is not of a controversial nature;
- (c) notwithstanding clause (b) of this Section and Section II, award all other contracts including requests for proposals when the City is purchasing goods, services or work where:
 - (i) the contract has been provided for in the approved project budget;
 - (ii) the amount of the contract does not exceed the approved project budget;
 - (iii) the award of the contract is not of a controversial nature;

- (d) call for tenders and arrange for contracts for the purchase from the City of goods, services and work of any kind.

Land Transactions

The City Manager shall have the authority to:

- (a) conduct negotiations on behalf of the City for the purchase, sale or exchange of land;
- (b) secure options and purchase land under the direction of Council; and
- (c) approve agreements for use of surplus space at city-owned and operated facilities.

Routine Expenditures

The City Manager shall have the authority to make routine expenditures as required for the City to operate on a daily basis, until the operating budget is adopted by Council each year.

Delegation

The City Manager is authorized to delegate, and to authorize the further delegation, of any authority, function or responsibility granted under this Bylaw or any other bylaw to any City employee.

Dismissal

The City Manager may only be dismissed by an affirmative vote of a majority of all Members of Council.

Yorkton Emergency Measures Organization (EMO)

Emergency Measures Coordinator
- Dean Clark

It is the responsibility of governments at all levels to ensure the safety and well being of their citizens. At the municipal level, these protective services encompass Police, Fire, Ambulance and many other agencies including EMO.

EMO is responsible for the planning, training and coordination necessary to ensure a unified and a timely response for extraordinary incidents that are natural or man made which could include large chemical spills, tornadoes, severe storms, floods, etc.

It is the regular duty of EMO to develop and coordinate emergency plans with service chiefs and to provide training in emergency site

management so that a multiple agency response can be efficiently managed.

The coordinating of a focused response occurs as a result of an operational process that gathers the service chiefs together into one room during a crisis...the EOC or the Emergency Operations Center.

EMO provides and maintains the facilities required to house the EOC for these extraordinary incidents. The EOC is equipped with a variety of communications equipment, map displays, a conference room setting and media release center.

Yorkton's EOC center is located within City Hall and an alternate site is designated at the York Road Sasktel facilities.

City Auditor

The City of Yorkton engages the services of *Parker Quine* to conduct all of its Audits.

City Solicitor

The City of Yorkton engages the services of *Rusnak Balacko Kachur Rusnak S G Kyba* as it's legal counsel.

City Clerk's Office

City Clerk

- Laurie-Anne Rusnak

Duties – *The Cities Act*

- (1) The City Clerk shall be responsible for carrying out the duties required by the *Act*.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the City Clerk shall:
 - (a) attend all meetings of Council and truly record in the minutes all resolutions and proceedings of Council;
 - (b) take charge of and safely keep all books, documents and records of the City committed to the charge of the City Clerk;
 - (c) summon all meetings of Council, prepare and distribute agendas as appropriate, communicate the resolutions and instructions of Council to the appropriate parties and conduct the official correspondence of Council;
 - (d) maintain an index register containing certified copies of all bylaws of the city;
 - (e) have custody of the seal of the City;
 - (f) ensure that Council is advised in writing of its legislative responsibilities pursuant to the *Act* or any other Act;
 - (g) ensure that public notice is given by the *Act* or any other Act;
 - (h) provide the Minister with any statements reports or other information that the Minister may require pursuant to the *Act*; and
 - (i) appoint an Acting City Clerk in the absence of the City Clerk.
- (3) The City Clerk shall ensure that the duties described in subsections (1) and (2) are provided to any Council Committee that is carrying out powers, duties or functions delegated to them by Council.

Duties – *The Local Government Elections Act*

The City Clerk shall be responsible for carrying out the duties required by *The Local Government Elections Act*, including acting as returning officer for all elections under that *Act*.

Other Duties

- (1) The City Clerk shall:
 - (a) provide administrative support services to Councillors;
 - (b) perform such other duties as required by statute, bylaw or otherwise assigned by Council;
 - (c) provide research, information and advice on procedural matters, bylaws and resolutions to the City Manager and civic administration and for such purpose shall report to and be accountable to the City Manager.
 - (d) carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the City Manager, and for such purposes, shall report to and be accountable to the City Manager.

Duties – Boards and Agencies

The City Clerk shall provide administrative support to such boards, agencies and other organizations as Council may approve, and for such purposes, shall report to the board, agency or organization.

Reporting and Accountability

Except where otherwise specified in this Bylaw, the City Clerk shall report to and be accountable to Council.

Dismissal

The City Clerk may only be dismissed by an affirmative vote of a majority of all Council Members.

City Archive

The City Clerk is responsible for preserving and providing access to City records which are deemed to have enduring historical and administrative value.

Records contained in the Archive include bylaws, correspondence, committee minutes, Council minutes, reports, statistics, tax assessment rolls, maps, photographs, and other materials.

Finance Department

Director of Finance
- Lonnie Kaal

Duties

- (1) The Director of Finance shall be responsible for carrying out the duties assigned by the City Manager.
 - (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the Director of Finance shall:
 - (a) control city funds, investments, collections, and disbursements, as well as cash forecasting and long range financial planning;
 - (b) approve cheque requisitions and payment vouchers;
 - (c) supervise all accounting functions: Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, payroll, General Ledger, Utilities, taxes, parking tickets, business and dog licenses, inventory and work orders;
 - (d) prepares financial statements for all funds;
 - (e) prepares financial analysis on various cost centres and provides pertinent information on current issues;
 - (f) prepares and compiles the annual budget estimates in conjunction with the Department Heads and City Manager;
 - (g) responsible for information systems, internal controls, data integrity, as well as overseeing hardware purchases and software development
- in co-operation with the City Clerk/Director of Human Resources;
- (h) verifies and is responsible for the Assessment/Tax collection department and balancing the Assessment Roll;
 - (i) provides information to the public on various financial issues;
 - (j) ensures department is customer service orientated. Handles customer complaints, ensures appropriate action is taken and decisions are made within City policy.

Bank Accounts

The Director of Finance is authorized by Council to open or close the accounts that hold the money of the City.

Board of Revision

Deals with appeals arising from assessment procedures, as per Section 203 of *The Cities Act*. The Board of Revision consists of three appointees from the community and a Board of Revision secretary appointed by Council.

City of Yorkton – Financial Statistics

	2005	2004	2003	2002
<u>Assessment</u>				
Residential	316,350,735	286,582,165	282,445,445	276,644,595
Commercial	<u>145,085,305</u>	<u>151,425,720</u>	<u>152,947,565</u>	<u>154,240,300</u>
Total taxable assessment	<u>461,436,040</u>	<u>438,007,885</u>	<u>435,393,010</u>	<u>430,884,895</u>
Grants in lieu/reserve	<u>17,587,980</u>	<u>15,619,600</u>	<u>15,633,600</u>	<u>14,746,600</u>
	479,024,020	453,627,485	451,026,610	445,631,495
Exemption not included in above	<u>146,301,095</u>	<u>137,772,260</u>	<u>138,901,055</u>	<u>136,067,360</u>
	<u>625,325,115</u>	<u>591,399,745</u>	<u>589,927,665</u>	<u>581,698,855</u>
<u>Uniform Mill Rate</u>				
Municipal	21.25 mills	21.40 mills	18.75 mills	18.75 mills
Education:				
Public school	19.00 mills	20.25 mills	19.25 mills	18.75 mills
Separate school	19.00 mills	20.25 mills	19.25 mills	18.75 mills
Public/separate supporter – residential	35.50 mills	37.40 mills	33.95 mills	33.45 mills
Public/separate supporter – commercial	49.50 mills	47.95 mills	43.95 mills	43.45 mills
<u>Tax Levy</u>				
City of Yorkton	10,878,484	10,424,529	9,147,347	9,082,412
Public School Division #93	6,301,763	6,346,873	6,005,593	5,724,164
Separate School Division #86	2,737,065	2,815,490	2,663,499	<u>2,634,920</u>
	<u>19,917,312</u>	<u>19,586,892</u>	<u>17,816,439</u>	<u>17,441,496</u>

City of Yorkton – Financial Statistics (Continued....)

	2005	2004	2003	2002
<u>Net Operating Cost</u>				
Fire	\$1,386,896	\$1,829,265	\$1,583,615	\$1,363,567
RCMP	\$2,457,164	\$2,314,635	\$2,153,938	\$2,106,457
Legislative/Council	\$402,712	\$405,506	\$410,016	\$194,984
Misc./Debt Payments ¹	\$720,000	\$720,000	\$720,000	\$720,000
Administration/Bylaw Control	\$1,487,844	\$1,407,403	\$1,251,103	\$1,350,178
Interest & Other Revenue	(\$88,580)	(\$355,918)	(\$527,829)	(\$552,790)
Economic/Building/Development ²	\$166,452	\$101,666	\$151,630	\$322,827
Library	\$357,088	\$332,720	\$320,426	\$297,051
Cemetery	(\$6,802)	(\$8,801)	(\$6,685)	\$6,211
Leisure Services	\$1,270,277	\$1,367,875	\$1,286,087	\$1,177,853
Gallagher Centre ³	\$739,204	\$605,878	\$429,566	\$384,083
Deer Park Golf Course	\$112,126	\$84,075	\$83,469	\$101,949
Landfill/Garbage	\$614,732	\$532,379	\$581,494	\$569,707
Planning/Engineering/Transportation ²	\$2,140,772	\$2,295,704	\$1,930,914	\$1,840,657
Transit/Airport	\$140,451	\$145,107	\$182,018	\$252,586
Debt – Gallagher Centre	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000		
TOTAL	\$13,100,336	\$12,977,494	\$10,549,762	\$10,135,319

¹ Health Levy

² In 2003, Planning moved from the “Economic/Building/Develop.” Dept. to “Engineering/Transp.”

³ Formerly known as the Agriplex in 2002 and 2003

The following City of Yorkton bylaw pertains to **Property Tax Incentives and Penalties**:

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

BYLAW NO. 46/96

**A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF YORKTON IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN TO
MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF RATES OF DISCOUNTS FOR THE
PROMPT PAYMENT OF TAXES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF
ADDITIONAL PERCENTAGE CHARGES BY WAY OF PENALTY FOR THE DEFAULT IN
PAYMENT OF TAXES**

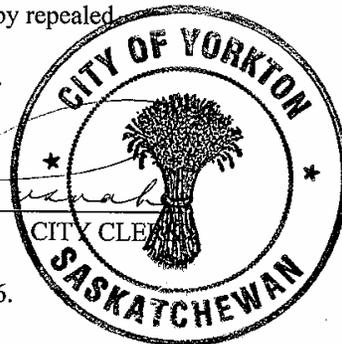
WHEREAS the Council of the City of Yorkton in its Council assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:
 - (a) "Taxes" shall mean taxes imposed on property, business, or special franchises subject to assessment, or the taxes imposed thereon for municipal, school or any other purposes, all service taxes or rental taxes and includes local improvement rates and taxes.
2. (1) The Treasurer of the City of Yorkton is hereby authorized to receive, in any year, payments on account of taxes for that year, to issue prepayment receipts and to allow a discount on such payments on accounts of taxes, notwithstanding that the taxes for such year have not been levied or that the Assessment Roll has not been adopted by the Council as follows:
 - (a) Two and One-Half Percent (2.5%) on amounts paid during the month of January;
 - (b) Two Percent (2%) on amounts paid during the month of February;
 - (c) One and One-Half Percent (1.5%) on amounts paid during the month of March;
 - (d) One Percent (1%) on amounts paid during the month of April;
 - (e) One-Half Percent (0.5%) on amounts paid during the month of May.
- (2) All prepayments received shall be applied firstly to arrears of taxes and any penalties due thereon and the balance over and above the amount paid for arrears and any penalties thereon shall be applied on the current year's taxes and the appropriate discounts will apply.
- (3) On any payment or payments of taxes made in accordance with Subsection 2(1) hereof in any year between the 1st day of January and the date on which the mill rate is fixed, the percentage discounts shall be allowed only on that portion of the advance payment or payments, plus the discount allowed thereon, is less than or equal to the total taxes to the nearest dollar for the preceding year, or an amount computed on the basis of the present assessment and the preceding year's mill rate, whichever is the larger.

- (4) No refund shall be made on any prepayment unless requested by the taxpayer and any amount prepaid in excess of the levy for the current year's taxes shall be applied to payment of the taxes levied in the next following year and shall be treated as a prepayment on the said taxes levied in the next following year.
3. (1) An additional percentage charge shall be paid by way of penalty for default in payment on any portion of taxes remaining unpaid after the 1st day of September, in the year in which the taxes are imposed, such charges to be based on a sliding scale corresponding with the length of time default is made, as follows:
- (a) A charge of Three Quarters Percent (.75%) on any taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of September, and;
- (b) An additional charge of Three Quarters Percent (.75%) on the 1st day of each of the succeeding months of October, November and December, of the year in which the taxes are imposed on any taxes remaining unpaid thereon.
- (2) The penalties provided in Subsection 3(1) hereof shall be added to and form part of the taxes remaining unpaid after the 31st day of December, in the year in which they are imposed.
- (3) If the whole or any portion of the combined amount of arrears of taxes and penalty remains unpaid after December 31st of any year in which the taxes are imposed, a penalty of Twelve Percent (12%) per annum (1% per month), shall be added to and thereby form part of the arrears of taxes and penalty on the 1st day of each month thereafter.
- (4) The provisions of Subsection 3(1) hereof shall not apply to any taxes levied pursuant to the supplemental Tax Roll.
4. The City may, in the month of January in any year, forward by ordinary mail to each taxpayer at his/her address shown on the last revised Assessment Roll, a prepayment notice showing the amount which will be accepted by the City as prepayment of the current year's taxes and the amount of discount which is provided in accordance with Section 3(1) of this Bylaw.
5. Bylaw No. 32/92 passed on the 16th day of November, 1992 is hereby repealed.
6. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on January 1, 1997.



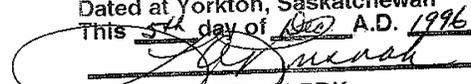
 MAYOR



Introduced and read a first time this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1996.

Read a second time this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1996.

Read a third time and adopted this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1996.

Certified a true and correct copy of
 Bylaw No. 41/96 of the City of Yorkton
 Dated at Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 This 5th day of Dec A.D. 1996


 CITY CLERK

Yorkton Fire Protective Services

Fire Chief

- Dean Clark

Yorkton Fire Protective Services
9 Smith Street East
Yorkton, Saskatchewan.
S3N 0H2

Telephone: 786-1795 (connects to all divisions)
Fax: 786-6588

Yorkton Fire Protective Services responds to and mitigates incidents involving fire, rescues (including entrapment, water and high angle rescue), dangerous goods, and provides for the prevention and education of the general public to ensure their safety from such incidents.

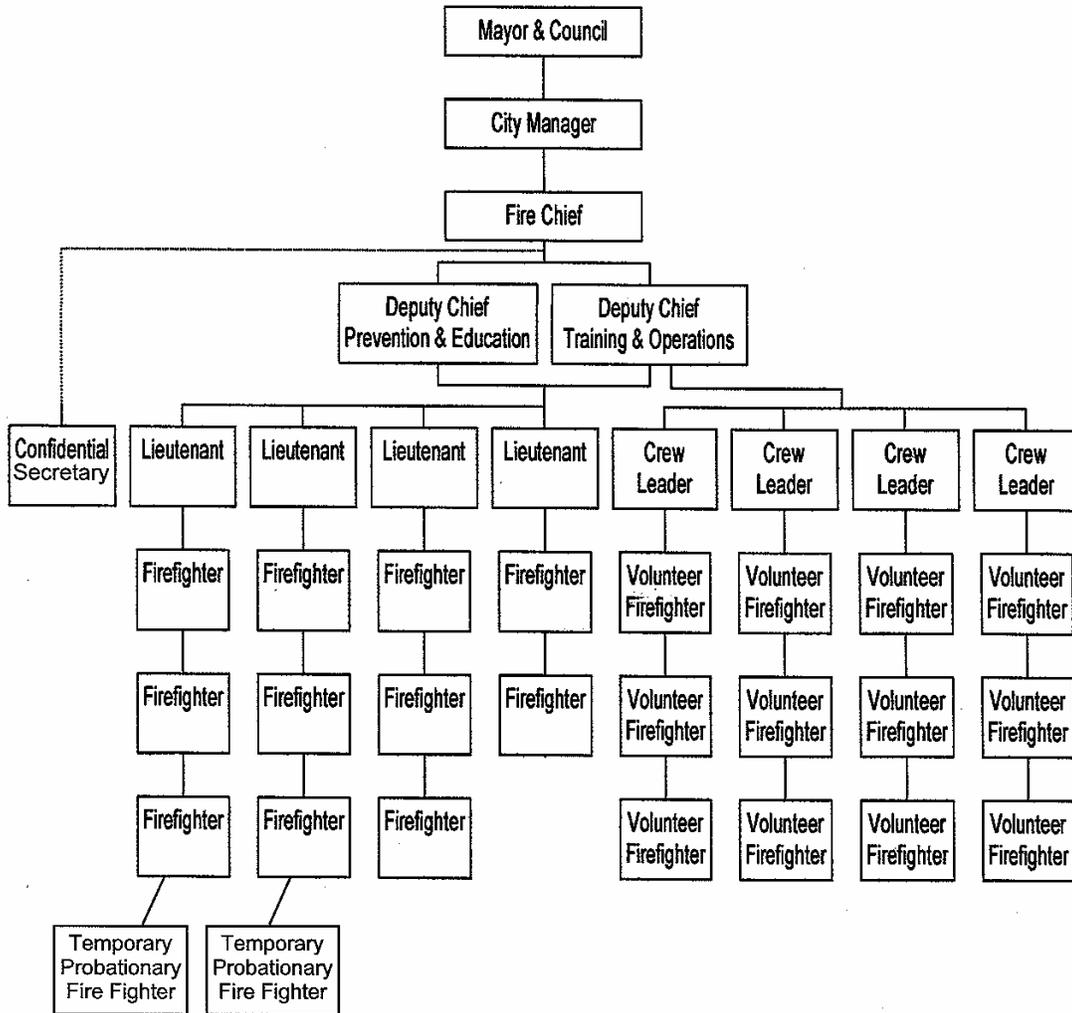
Yorkton Fire Protective Services, which is composed of 15 unionized fire fighters, 10 auxiliary volunteers, 2 temporary probationary fire fighters, 3 Chief officers and one support staff, operates out of one centrally located fire station that provides effective response to all locations within the City limits. The Department also provides fire and rescue services to the surrounding RMs of Orkney and Wallace on a fee for service basis. Yorkton Fire Protective Services has entered into a MUD (Municipal Urban Disaster) Mutual Aid Agreement with Fire Departments from Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Swift Current, and Weyburn.

The agreement allows resources to be available for these Fire Departments should they require it.

Yorkton Fire Protective Services provides twenty-four hour emergency response service in conjunction with a centrally located dispatch service operated by Med-Com located in the City of Yorkton. Yorkton Fire Protective Services also provides the City Of Yorkton with non-emergency concern/complaint phone service, which provides City residents with twenty-four hour access to the Corporation's services.

Yorkton Fire Protective Services administration office hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

Yorkton Fire Protective Services
Organizational Flow Chart



December 2005

Human Resources Department

Director of Human Resources
- Laurie-Anne Rusnak

Recruitment:

This department acts as a central resource for all departments in the provision of timely and effective recruitment, as well as maintaining up-to-date job descriptions, job evaluation, and pay research. It is responsible for:

- job advertisements and postings;
- candidate selections and interviews;
- maintaining all personnel files and developing Human Resources database.

Training:

The Human Resources Department encourages ongoing training and development of municipal staff, and maintains information relative to all training provided in accordance with city policy.

Employee Benefits:

The Human Resources Department:

- oversees and negotiates the City of Yorkton's benefits program, including long-term disability, health, dental, accidental death and dismemberment and life insurance;
- acts as liaison with the insurance company respecting claims for municipal employees;
- liaises with the Municipal Employee's Pension Plan Commission and acts as a representative for municipal employees inquiring and applying for pension benefits.

Labour Relations:

This department provides for:

- effective collective bargaining with all unions and associations representing civic employees;
- implementation, administration and interpretation of collective agreements, grievance decisions and arbitration awards;
- assisting management staff with union grievances;
- employee complaints;
- assessing appropriate disciplinary action of municipal employees; and
- advice to City Council and management on labour relations issues.

Occupational Health & Safety:

The Human Resources Director sits on the City Hall Occupational Health and Safety Committee, and as well serves as representative for the Central Occupational Health and Safety Committee and deals with all accident/incident reports generated from all municipal departments.

Policy Manual:

The Human Resources Director prepares, as directed or deemed necessary, all General Administrative and Council policies, as well as all personnel policies.

Leisure Services Department

Director of Leisure Services
- Darcy McLeod

Mission Statement

“To enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Yorkton through an effective Leisure Services and programming system that facilitates growth and development of the individual and the community.”

Director of Leisure Services

As part of the Senior Management team, and reporting to the City Manager, the Director of Leisure Services is directly responsible for the overall operation of the Department. This includes administration, planning, organizing, co-ordination, control and evaluation of City parks, facilities, programs, staff and administrative services for the Department. All of the above is implemented in accordance with approved policies of City Council.

Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for ensuring efficient office operation, accurate records and day-to-day reception of public inquiries and requests. This includes processing all correspondence, reports, minutes, memorandums, and related activities for supervisory staff in the department including the Director of Leisure Services, Parks Supervisor, Facilities Supervisor, Community Program Coordinator, Aquatics Supervisor, and the Golf Course Superintendent. This further includes processing daily cash reports from facilities and programs, acting as the Department front line representation for the City Cemetery, and preparing payroll for all Department staff.

PARKS BRANCH

Parks Supervisor

The Parks Supervisor is responsible for the maintenance, development and supervision of all park areas and outdoor facility and capital works projects ensuring the provision of safe, enjoyable and entertaining green spaces and outdoor facilities. These areas include: urban forest, horticultural services, cemetery, ball diamonds, outdoor recreation facilities and grass cutting.

Garden Plots

Located at Logan Green and Jubilee Park, a total of 35 plots are available each year. For more information contact the Leisure Services department office.

Parks

The following parks within the city provide an opportunity for a variety of activities. For exact locations on the following spaces please refer to the map at www.yorkton.ca. If you would like to host a special event or activity in one of the parks, please contact Leisure Services so that our staff can prepare the park accordingly.

Passive Parks

The City of Yorkton has a number of passive parks throughout the community. These park spaces do not have any playground or sport equipment and are designed to enhance the community through the beauty of green space. Some of the highlights at our passive parks include walking paths at **Logan Green**, **Shaw Park** and **Franco Park**, an Arboretum/Dulmage Farmstead Heritage Site at the Ravine Ecological Preserve, a mature American Elm Stand at **Tupper Park**, and the Botanical Garden located at **Logan Green**. If you're looking for a location for a quiet relaxing escape, then any of our passive parks are the place for you.

City of Yorkton Cemetery

A cemetery is a special place for remembering, reflecting and celebrating the life of a loved one. The City of Yorkton Cemetery is located at the corner of King Street and Highway #9.

Active Parks

Knights of Columbus Park

Located on Circlebrooke Drive, this park has lighting throughout, permanent benches and walking paths, an activity hill, tennis courts and skate park that are lit until 10:00 PM throughout the summer, playground equipment and a ball diamond with a backstop.

BMX Park

This is a BMX bike course located east of Columbia School.

Silver Heights Park

Located on Sunset Drive North, this active space is home to an outdoor rink, playground equipment, a tennis/basketball surface, spray pool and walking pathways with benches. Spray park months of operation (weather permitting) early June till mid September.

Patrick Park

Located on King Street, this park has horseshoe pits in addition to picnic tables and benches. A Centennial sculpture was added in the centre of the park in 2005.

Weinmaster Park

This large park space is located on Morrison Drive in Yorkton and provides a playground structure, an asphalt pad for basketball and assorted games, walking pathways, an activity hill, horseshoe pits and picnic tables and benches.

Heritage Heights Park

Located on McBurney Drive, this park includes 2 tennis courts and an outdoor rink with lighting until 10:00 p.m. during respective seasons, a ball diamond with backstop, a soccer field, and walking pathways.

Jackson Park

This park space offers playground equipment, walking pathways and a sun shelter. It is located between 2nd and 3rd Avenue North.

Jaycee Beach

This large recreational area is located on York Road and is home to 2 softball diamonds, washrooms/change rooms with running water, and a picnic area.

Waterloo Park

Located on Collacot Street East, this open park space includes walking pathways, playground equipment and picnic tables.

Ukrainian Pioneer Park

This park area offers walking pathways, playground equipment and a large soccer/lacrosse playing field. This park is also home to the Yorkton Horseshoe Club. It is located between 1st and 3rd Avenue North in Yorkton.

Logan Green

This natural setting park space is home to the Hearts in Motion Pathway and a portion of the Trans Canada Trail, 6 kms of marked trail that is accessible year round for wildlife watching, hiking, cycling, and cross country skiing.

Ravine Ecological Preserve

Experience the beauty of nature by hiking the 2.8 kms of natural trail at this location on Broadway Street West. Be sure to take in the walk on the Boardwalk and experience the water under your feet, the many animals and the natural beauty of the entire area.

Rodney Ridge

Located on Roslyn Avenue, this park has a bowl type landscape, which is perfect for tobogganing and snowboarding.

Skate Park

A temporary location has yet to be determined for the Skate Pak as a permanent location is found and developed.

Sports Fields**Crossthaite Fields**

Four pitches suitable for soccer, lacrosse and football can also be played at this park on Mountview Road.

Drake Field

Soccer pitch located within Ukrainian Pioneer Park between 1st and 3rd Avenue North.

Jaycee Beach Diamonds

Two regulation size softball diamonds each with a shale infield are located between Jaycee Beach Park and Gladstone Ave North. Access to the park is on York Road.

Jubilee Park

The city's premier baseball park located on Foster Street which is home to 4 diamonds including 2 senior (one with grass infield), 1 bantam and 1 pee wee diamond. There is water and electricity available at these sites.

Lions Ball Park

Located west of the Kinsmen Arena on Catherine Street, this is a competition level softball field with shale infield, and lights. The field must be booked through Leisure Services.

McBurney Field

One soccer pitch is located within Heritage Heights Park on McBurney Drive.

WDM Tennis Courts

Four competition level tennis courts are open for use at no cost to participants. The facility is located west of Kinsmen Century Field and east of the Western Development Museum.

Waterloo Field

One soccer pitch encompasses the majority of Waterloo Park, located on Waterloo Drive.

Winter Activities

Outdoor Rinks

There are outdoor rinks located in the city at the following locations:

Knights of Columbus Park

Heritage Heights Park

Weinmaster Park

Silver Heights Park

There are lights at Knights of Columbus Park and Heritage Heights Park that are on from dusk to 11:00pm each evening.

Toboggan Hills

There are toboggan hills located within the following parks in the City:

Deer Park Municipal Golf Course

Knights of Columbus Park

Rodney Ridge (formerly known as Roslyn Hill)

Weinmanster Park

Cross Country Ski Trails

The City of Yorkton, in cooperation with the Yorkton Cross Country Ski Club, have developed an extensive cross country ski trail system. Situated at Deer Park Municipal Golf Course on Highway #52 west, the trail system takes advantage of the natural beauty of the location.

Beginning at the club house, four individual trails have been designed to accommodate skiers of all levels. The shortest trail is the 0.6 km Novice Loop located northwest of the club house. Spruce Pond trail takes skiers on a 0.8 km tour. Skiers can appreciate the beauty of the area on the 1.2 km Jack Rabbit Trail. The 4.6 km Deer Trail incorporates the other trails and takes in the majority of the course. While on the Deer Trail, adventurous skiers can brave the Expert Hill with a 30 per cent grade or can chose to by-pass the slope.

Kinsmen Arena

The Kinsmen Arena was built in 1972 and provides indoor ice from September 1st to April 30th each season. The arena is a smoke-free building which features four dressing rooms, a meeting room (identified as the Blue Room), the Minor Sports office, a storage room and a full concession operation. This facility is available for rent during both the summer and winter seasons. Ice time is available from September to April of each year and select times are available to rent for single use or regular bookings.

Deer Park Municipal Golf Course

Located just minutes west of the city on Highway #52 you will find a golfers delight. Deer Park is considered to be one of the top ranking 18 hole golf courses in the province. Water, sand and multiple tee areas compliment the already challenging terrain. To help you enjoy your golf experience, also available are: driving range, electric power carts, rental equipment and a fully stocked pro shop with CPGA Professionals. A full service lounge and restaurant are open mid-April to mid-October. Visit www.golfdeerpark.com for more information.

WATER PARK BRANCH

Water Park Program Manager

The Water Park Program Manager is responsible for the efficient day to day operation of the Gallagher Centre Water Park including programming, scheduling, supervision and administrative duties. The Water Park is host to a beach entry leisure pool, two-story waterslide, wave generator, lazy river, tots pool, vortex, 18 person hot tub, sauna room, steam room, 1 metre diving board and a separate 6 lane 25 m lap pool. This newly renovated facility and addition was opened to the public on September 15, 2006. Some programs were offered in local hotel swimming pools during 2005 while construction was completed.

Aquatic Programs

Leisure Swims

Leisure and Family swims are available throughout the week in the new leisure pool. Lane swimmers can participate in the lap pool while children and families can have fun in any number of the features available in the leisure pool. Please visit www.gallaghercentre.com.

Aquacize Classes

Dynamic instructors lead these sessions to get you moving with the water all around you. Regular pool admission fees or pool passes apply.

Arthritis Aquacize

Classes focus on increasing joint mobility. Regular pool admission fees or pool passes apply.

Birthday Parties

A Birthday Party room is located off the deck of the leisure pool. Book this room by the hour and then enjoy the many activities in the pool. Bookings are required to avoid disappointment.

Aqua Adult Learn to Swim Lessons

A swim class for adults who wish to learn how to swim or wish to improve their swimming ability.

Swimming Lessons – Lifesaving Society Program

Programs targeted for ages three and up which focus on Water Safety Skills and comfort levels in the water. Once a week, twice a week and two week lesson formats are available.

Red Cross Leadership

The Water Park offers AquaLeader and Water Safety Instructor courses.

Lifesaving Society Programs

The Aquatic Centre offers Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, NLS, Aquatic Emergency Care, Advanced Instructor, Lifesaving Instructor, Examiner Clinics, Recertification Courses, and much more. If you would like more information on any of these courses, call 786-1740.

FACILITIES BRANCH

Facilities Supervisor

The Facilities Supervisor is responsible for the efficient day-to-day facility operation and maintenance of the following facilities including capital planning and the execution of special projects. Kinsmen Arena, Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre, Deer Park Clubhouse, City Campground, Parks Shop, Jaycee Beach washrooms, Gloria Hayden Community Centre, Yorkton Public Library, Parkland Agriplex Aquatic Centre, City Hall and the Yorkton Tourism Building.

Leisure Facilities

Gloria Hayden Community Centre

Located at 397 Darlington Street East off Morrison Drive, the centre has become a favorite recreation spot for Yorkton citizens. The Kinsmen Walking Track is a 140m rubberized indoor track that is convenient and removed from the elements for walkers and joggers. The centre also features two racquet courts that can be converted for racquetball, squash, handball, wallyball and aerobics. The Gymnasium at the centre is home to several leisure programs and community user groups throughout the winter months.

Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre

Located at 49 Smith Street East, the Godfrey Dean houses The Godfrey Dean Art Galleries, the offices for the Yorkton Arts Council, Yorkton Multicultural Council and Yorkton Short Film and Video Festival. There is also meeting and seminar space for up to 50 people available for rent. The Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame & Museum is also located within this facility. Although it does not have scheduled hours, it does provide tours upon request.

City Campground

Nestled in an aspen bluff off Yellowhead Highway 16A on the west end of the city, is the City of Yorkton Campground and Recreation Area. Open from May 15 to September 30, the Campground offers the following services and attractions:

- On site manager
- 15 and 30 Amp Service Sites
- Non-electrical Sites
- Fresh Water at Each Site
- Barbeques and Picnic Tables
- Pull Through Sites
- Minutes from Downtown
- Attractive Daily Rates
- Shower and Washroom Facilities
- Sewer Dump Station
- Firewood available on site
- Reservations Accepted
- Visa and Mastercard Accepted

PROGRAM BRANCH

Community Program Co-ordinator

The Community Program Co-ordinator is responsible for planning, co-ordinating and evaluating total city-wide leisure programs and services. Facilitation and support services are provided to community groups and associations currently offering programs and services to the city.

Promotional Opportunities

Weekly Leisure Reports

Leisure Services has weekly reports on GX94 Radio, Access 7 Communications and CTV Television. These programs feature a list of sport, recreation and cultural programs, dates, times, key details and contacts. Non-profit community groups and organizations have the opportunity to promote their programs and special events FREE OF CHARGE through these weekly programs. The GX94 Program is aired at 4:20 p.m. on Thursday afternoons. The Access 7 Communications Program is aired at various times throughout the week. CTV schedules the Leisure Report on Thursday's at Noon and 5:30pm. Submissions should be placed with Leisure Services by noon on Tuesdays.

Leisure Activity Guides

All community groups may submit information to be placed in the guides at no charge to them (distributed in the Spring and Fall of each year). Leisure Activity Guides are available at the following locations throughout the City:

- City Hall
- Gloria Hayden Community Centre
- Parkland Agriplex Aquatic Centre
- Tourism Yorkton
- Yorkton Public Library

Advertising can also be purchased through the sales staff at the Yorkton This Week, who are partners in the creation of this publication.

Community Events Calendar

A Community Events Calendar can be accessed through the websites www.yorktononline.com and www.yorkton.ca. The calendar is dedicated to promoting events in the City. Your group or organization can enter information online to promote your event. If your organization does not have access to a computer, forms can be obtained at Leisure Services and we will post the information for you.

Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program

Applications are available at Leisure Services for the Saskatchewan Lotteries funded grant program. This is open to all Culture, Recreation and Sport groups to assist with funding projects and events. Money is allocated on a first come, first served basis - there is no deadline to apply. Grant year is from April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

Urban Aboriginal Community Grant Program

Open to all non-profit organizations with sport, culture and recreation programs relating to Aboriginal participation within the City of Yorkton. Applications are now available at Leisure Services. Money will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There is no deadline to apply. For more information call Leisure Services at 786-1750.

Programs

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball League

A co-ed recreational volleyball league with all games 4-on-4. Each team must have one member of the opposite sex.

Afterschool Racquetball

This is a drop-in program at the Gloria Hayden Centre for students of all ages to learn about and play the sport of racquetball in a non-competitive, fun atmosphere. Staff will provide instruction and supervision.

Stepping Out Program

A joint effort between Leisure Services; the Sunrise Health Region; the Yorkton Chapter of the Diabetes Association; Yorkton Tribal Council; and the T.O.P.S. Group; this program is an education & exercise program for people with or at risk of high blood pressure, abnormal cholesterol, osteoporosis, increased body weight, or arthritis. Call the Gloria Hayden Community Centre for more information.

Kids Conventions

An opportunity for children to participate in recreational activities over the school break. A variety of sports, games and crafts with a seasonal theme. Kids Conventions will be held on the following school breaks at the Gloria Hayden Community Centre: Christmas Break, February Break, Easter Break.

S-CAPE

S-CAPE stands for **S**ummer **C**ulture, **A**rts, **P**hysical **A**ctivity **E**xperiences. Participants take part in a variety of sport, culture and recreational activities both indoors and outdoors. The highlight of the program is a field trip outside of the city.

Yorkton In Bloom Competition

For the past 7 years, Leisure Services and the Yorkton Horticultural Society have coordinated and promoted the Yorkton In Bloom Competition. This is an exciting program that focuses on beautification of the city. This initiative was designed to involve the citizens of Yorkton in the challenge of improving the visual appeal of our city, and to compete for local awards. Some of the categories include Best Home Grounds (Front & Back Yard) and Best Vegetable Garden. Citizens over the age of 75 years are able to compete in the Golden Bloom Competition.

Special Events

Party In The Park

Spend an evening in the park listening to local entertainers, having a hot dog and a drink and just enjoying being outdoors. Watch for further details on Park locations and dates in August. If you are a performer and would like to get involved, give us a call at the Leisure Services office at 786-1750.

City Wide Registration Night

Every September, over 30 sport, culture and recreation groups will be in attendance promoting their activities and taking registrations for the upcoming year. Please note that City Wide Registration will be ONE NIGHT ONLY this year.

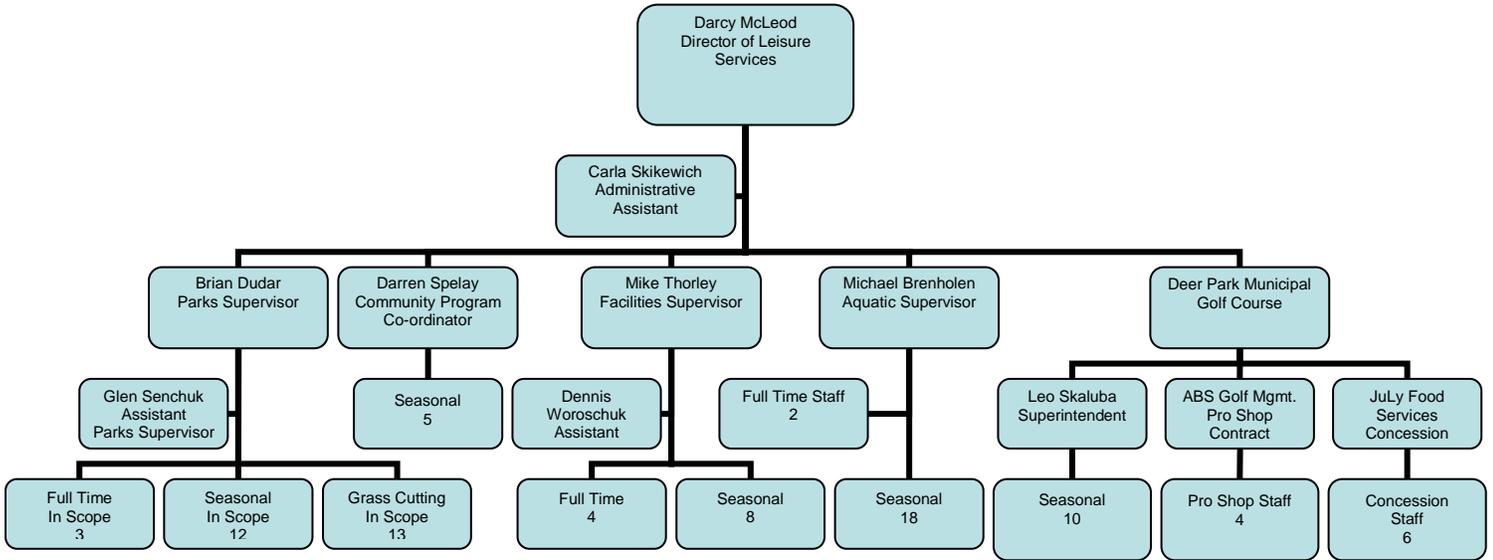
Monster Mash - Halloween Event

The Agripavillion at the Parkland Agriplex is transformed into a carnival atmosphere with a spooky twist. The Boys and Girls Club of Yorkton and Leisure Services put together an evening of fun entertainment. There will be games and shows for children of all ages and admission is free of charge.

Family Fun Festival

Annual Event held in December at the Parkland Agriplex. The day begins at NOON with sleigh rides, face painting and pre-school kids skate. In the evening, go curling, swimming or strap on the skates. Win door prizes, have FREE pop and popcorn and mingle with the mascots. It's fun for all ages and FREE of charge.

Leisure Services Organizational Chart



Building Services Department

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Departmental Role:

The role of the Building Services Department is best described as that of service provider. In the list of activities undertaken by the department most are oriented towards the delivery of specific services to residents, clients and community investors.

Services:

Working closely with all city departments the services provided include:

- **Issuance of Building Permits**

Applications for Building Permits are received by the Building Services Department for all construction, demolition, additions, alterations and renovations to buildings in the City of Yorkton. Building Officials, employed by the City of Yorkton and Licensed under Provincial Statute offer interpretation and application of *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*, the National Building Code of Canada, 1995 Edition and City of Yorkton Building Bylaw 28/2002.

Plan review, permits issued, site inspections, follow-up and enforcement and Occupancy Permits are completed and issued by departmental staff.

- **Acquisition, Sale and Leasing of Land and Property Holdings**

Inventory of all land and property holdings for sale or lease by the City of Yorkton is compiled and catalogued by departmental staff. Sale of residential property subject to City of Yorkton Policy 10.180 Sale of Residential Lots is undertaken in department offices.

Leases, commercial and industrial land sales and acquisitions are undertaken by the Manager of Building Inspections and Property in consultation and working closely with the City Manager.

- **Development Review**
Subject to City of Yorkton Zoning Bylaw 14/2003, department staff working closely with the Director of Planning and Engineering assess proposed developments for compliance with zoning regulations relative to set-back, landscaping, parking, lighting, building exteriors and land use regulations.
- **Issuance of Sign Permits**
Subject to City of Yorkton Sign Bylaw 16/2003, currently under review, department staff accept applications for sign erection and modification and consult with owners and contractors alike regarding sizing, placement and associated regulations governing signs in Yorkton. Permits for sign installation are issued on compliance with prescribed regulations.
- **Issuance of Business Licenses**
Enabled by governing provincial legislation the City of Yorkton undertakes to license all business activity conducted within the City. City of Yorkton Business License Bylaw 8/2006 indicates that the basis for municipal licensing is to ensure that zoning and building regulations have been complied with.
Further, licenses are categorized as Resident, Non-Resident, Transient Trader, Special Event and Direct Sales. Regulations and fees governing each category differ significantly. Department Staff are available to assist with all inquiries and applications.

Publications and Printed Material:

- Garage Brochure
- Fence Brochure
- Deck Brochure
- Residential Construction Brochure
- Property Catalogue
- Assorted Building Standards Brochures, (published by Saskatchewan Corrections and Public Safety, Building Standards Branch)
- Building Permit Application
 - Garage Supplement
 - Deck Supplement
- Business License Application
- Development Permit Application
- Sign Permit Application
- Sidewalk Permit Application

Referenced Documents

- **Provincial Statutes**
 - The Cities Act
 - The Planning And Development Act, 1983
 - The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act
 - The Direct Sellers Act

- **Municipal Bylaws**
 - Business License Bylaw 8/2006
 - Building Bylaw 28/2003
 - Sign Bylaw 16/2003
 - Property Standards Bylaw 17/2005
 - Noise Bylaw 21/1999
 - Municipal Planning Commission Bylaw 18/2003

- **Municipal Policies**
 - Cash Back Policy 10.40
 - Infill Housing Policy 10.50
 - Real Estate Commission and Referral Fees 10.130
 - Real Estate Marketing Strategy 10.140
 - Relocation of Single Unit Dwelling Into the City of Yorkton 10.160
 - Sale of Residential Lots 10.180
 - Sidewalk Use 10.200
 - Leasing of City Owned Farm Land 10.230
 - Development Fees Policy 10.420

Planning, Engineering and Public Works Department

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Waterworks Manager

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The Department of Planning, Engineering, and Public Works directs, controls and administers the efficient operation of the City relating to land use zoning and subdivision, site plan review, development permit approval, construction and maintenance of streets and roads, watermains, sewer mains, storm sewers, water treatment and sewage treatment and associated capital projects in accordance with good engineering practices.

The Department administers outside consultants and contractors who are hired by the City for planning studies relating to transportation and land use, as well as capital construction projects such as water and sewage treatment plants, water treatment and distribution, sidewalks, pavement, sewer and water utilities, storm drainage, traffic lights, garbage collection and landfill.

Most of the services provided by the Department typically fall under the category of “essential services”, whether of a maintenance nature such as snow removal and ice control, or larger projects such as water supply and treatment, water distribution, land development, sanitary and storm sewer collection, sewage treatment and transportation systems. These areas are broken down in more detail below.

I. Planning & Engineering Services:

1. Land Use and Zoning

In accordance with *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, the Department oversees land development throughout the City of Yorkton. The long-term objective is to manage the growth and design of the City pursuant to the policies of the Development Plan. The department works closely with the Building and Development Department to promote residential, industrial, and commercial expansion in both new and existing built-up areas.

The department is responsible for the day-to-day application of the Zoning Bylaw regulations as they relate to the development, use, and subdivision of land, including the issuance of subdivision approvals, development permits, discretionary uses, and minor variances.

2. Mapping and Geographical Information Systems

The department establishes and maintains all mapping in the City related to land use and zoning, Public Works infrastructure and housing. The department also plays a lead role in the coordination and development of the Geographical Information Systems for the City.

3. Drafting & Design

Design drafting is performed for capital and operational construction projects for the expansion and maintenance of the Public Works infrastructure. Record or as-built drafting maintains the valuable information required by the department to be able to make the necessary decisions for the maintenance of the Public Works assets.

Preliminary and construction surveying facilitates the design and installation of underground and surface Public Works infrastructure. This work includes sewer, water, streets, roads and subdivision development.

4. Municipal Airport

The Yorkton Municipal Airport is located three (3) kilometers North of the City of Yorkton on Highway #9 occupying a land area of approximately 720 acres. The airport is a base of operation for both private and commercial helicopter and fixed wing aircraft operators.

The airport is operational 24hrs per day, 7 days a week. The maneuvering area consists of two intersecting runways, a joining taxiway system, a public apron and a private apron.

The airport has no permanent operational staff on site and operates under contractual service only. Airport information is provided through the Airport Manager at the City of Yorkton Engineering office. The Airport Manager is responsible for all aspects of the airport operation and includes establishing and maintaining agreements and contracts with Transport Canada, NavCanada and with users/clients. Responsibilities include maintaining all airfield surfaces, lighting, electrical systems, facilities and mobile equipment. Implementation of the emergency response plan, Airport Safety Program, the Airport Operations Manual, the Movement Area Access and Control Procedures, and other environmental, security and safety programs are included. Airport management is co-ordinated with on site contracted services and the Public Works division.

5. Public Transit

The City's transit service, also known as the Yorkton Community Dial-a-Bus, is a convenient, personalized transportation, tailored to meet the needs of the individual. The bus service operates on a fixed route, but on a varying schedule. The City in partnership with Saskatchewan Abilities also provides transportation for those with special needs.

6. Solid Waste Management

In accordance with Municipal Waste Regulations defined by Saskatchewan Environment, this department manages the collection and disposal of solid wastes and recycling programs for the City of Yorkton. These activities are coordinated with a residential waste collection contractor, a commercial waste collection contractor and the landfill operations contractor.

Solid waste collection services are provided on a weekly basis with all waste transported to our Municipal Landfill located approximately two miles northeast of the city near the Water Pollution Control Plant. Landfill operations include site access and fee collection, developing waste cells, compacting waste and finally covering the waste to protect it from the environment. The landfill is operated six days per week with a seasonal schedule to facilitate operations and for safety reasons.

Many recycling programs have been developed in co-ordination with Sarcan and other provincial organizations.

7. Capital Works Projects

This department oversees multiple capital works projects both on an annual operating basis and larger multi-million dollar facility projects. Annual capital projects include:

1. Asphalt Program - Paving both new streets and recapping existing streets.
2. Concrete Program - Install new concrete curb and gutter throughout the City.
3. Water Main Replacement Program – Upgrade and replace old water mains throughout the City.

Large facility and infrastructure projects include:

1. Water Pollution Control Plant Facility – Wastewater Treatment Facility
2. New Water Tower
3. Raw Water Source Development and Collection
4. Potable Water Treatment Facilities.
5. Infrastructure Highways through the City – Highway #9 and #16.

Capital works projects involve the co-ordination and expertise of staff throughout the department.

II. Public Works

The Public Works Department is one of the largest in the City with about 8% of the total budget being allocated towards its operations.

Operating with a staff of approximately 30 employees, the Department responsibilities fall under three key areas:

1. Sewer & Water Division

The primary responsibilities of the Sewer and Water Division fall in the areas of distribution of potable water, and collection of wastewater, and storm water runoff. The staff undertakes scheduled programs such as water main replacement, annual water main flushing, annual meter changes and programmed flushing of both sanitary sewer and storm sewer lines. They are also called upon to perform emergency repairs to the distribution and collection system when it may be required. Also, when time permits, the staff are involved in the installation of water, sewer and drainage to new sub-division developments that the City may choose to undertake.

2. Roads and Streets Division

The Roads and Streets Division is responsible for the maintenance and repair of paved and gravel streets, roads, and lanes within the City of Yorkton. This includes maintenance programs such as street and lane gravelling, pavement overlays, cracksealing, and curb and sidewalk repairs. Also the division is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of traffic control and street name signing, traffic signals, line striping and bus stops and shelters. Again as time permits, the division is involved in larger Capital projects such as major street upgrades and installation of curb, sidewalks, and pavement in new City developments. In the winter months, the division is responsible for snowplowing, removal and road sanding to provide the best possible driving conditions.

3. Fleet Maintenance and Operations Division

The primary responsibility of this division is the care and maintenance of all equipment that is required by the Public Works Department and many other City departments to perform their duties. This is achieved through an ongoing preventative maintenance program where all City equipment is thoroughly inspected, washed, and greased at designated intervals. Equipment is serviced regularly and oil sampling is performed on all diesel engines and transmissions in order to eliminate costly repairs and downtime. As part of the preventative maintenance program, any equipment problems identified are immediately scheduled and repairs are completed as soon as possible. The Fleet Maintenance Division is also responsible for the care and maintenance of all the Public Works Buildings.

This division is also responsible for fleet management. Determining both equipment life-cycle analysis and new equipment requirements for all City operations. Equipment tendering and purchasing all also provided by this division.

WATERWORKS UTILITIES

1. Water Systems

The City of Yorkton is the largest urban centre in Saskatchewan that relies solely on ground water. It obtains this through 5 aquifers and 14 wells surrounding the City. Well water is pumped to 3 Water Treatment Plants which consist of aeration, pressure filtration followed by chlorination. At present the City removes iron and manganese at 2 of these facilities and iron at the third. Chemical additions are used for oxidation, filter aids, sequestering agents and disinfection.

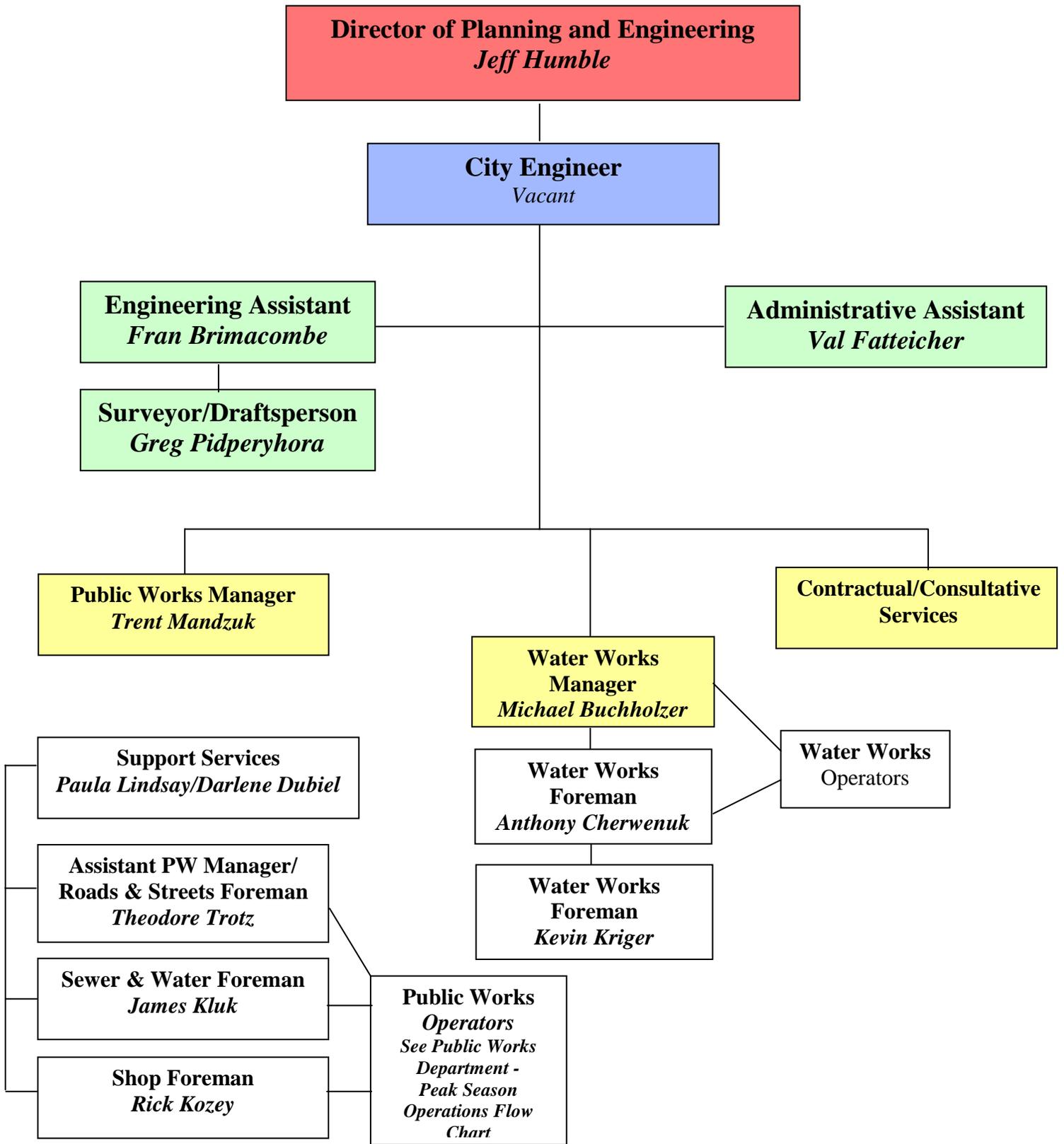
The operators test, monitor and sample water quality through out the City sending weekly samples to the Provincial Laboratory in Regina for analysis. The Waterworks Department operates under Government Regulations as stated in our Permit to Operate. This permit indicates the type and frequency of testing as well as mandatory disinfection levels and water quality.

2. Wastewater

The City of Yorkton owns and operates the H. M. Bailey Water Pollution Control Plant, a modern, semi-automated secondary wastewater treatment facility. The plant receives domestic and industrial wastewater and provides a level of treatment to meet Saskatchewan Environment water quality standards. The facilities, treatment processes, technology and operational controls rank among the best in Saskatchewan.

The main goal of any sewage treatment plant is to remove solid matter from the wastewater, purify the existing water, and reduce the oxygen demand on the receiving waters, in this case, Yorkton Creek. The danger of untreated wastewater is not only a health concern, but also a concern due to the high oxygen demand it places on the environment. As solid matter in wastewater breaks down it uses large amounts of oxygen dissolved in the water. In an environment such as a lake or stream this large oxygen demand destroys the natural balance, and aquatic life suffers. The entire process is monitored, and testing is done on a regular basis.

In brief, the entire treatment process can be described as the transformation of wastewater into treated effluent, energy, and an agricultural supplement, resulting in the protection of public health and water quality. The City of Yorkton H. M. Bailey Water Pollution Control Plant mimics mother nature, except that it reduces the natural process by the amount of time it takes to process the sewage, and by the amount of space required to do it.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Yorkton Municipal Detachment

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The policing services for the City of Yorkton are mandated to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police through a Federal, Provincial and Municipal contractual agreement. In lieu of a formal Police Commission, the City relies on direct contact between the Mayor/City Management and the Detachment Commander to ensure that the policing service is meeting the needs and expectations of the community.

The RCMP has a desire to be the police service of choice for the City of Yorkton for many years to come. In that effort, the detachment pledges to follow its Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Commitment Principles for guidance and direction. Policing priorities are reviewed regularly and are developed in consultation with the community.

MISSION - The RCMP is Canada's national police service. Proud of our traditions and confident in meeting future challenges, we commit to preserve the peace, uphold the law and provide quality service in partnership with our communities.

VISION - We will:

- be a progressive, proactive and innovative organization
- provide the highest quality service through dynamic leadership, education and technology in partnership with the diverse communities we serve
- be accountable and efficient through shared decision-making
- ensure a healthy work environment that encourages team building, open communication and mutual respect
- promote safe communities
- demonstrate leadership in the pursuit of excellence

CORE VALUES OF THE RCMP

We are guided by:

- integrity
- honesty
- professionalism
- compassion
- respect
- accountability

COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES - The employees of the RCMP are committed to our communities through:

- unbiased and respectful treatment of all people
- accountability
- mutual problem solving
- cultural sensitivity
- enhancement of public safety
- partnerships and consultation
- open and honest communication
- effective and efficient use of resources
- quality and timely service

The detachment is comprised of 23 sworn police officers, seven municipal employee support staff, three Victim Service specialists and five Auxiliary Constables. The community and detachment also benefit from an active Citizens on Patrol Program and their many volunteers.

Daily policing duties include taking complaints of crime, conducting follow-up investigations and preventative activities throughout the city on a 24 hour basis. Additionally, the local detachment offers traffic services and a youth liaison coordinator. Further resources such as Forensic Specialists, Police Dog Handler, Emergency Response Team, and Tactical Troop are available to the community in accordance with the policing agreement.

A Protective Services Commission is in place that acts as an extension of the City Council in regards to policing and other emergency services to the community.

**YORKTON MUNICIPAL DETACHMENT
SOUTH DISTRICT**

**COMMANDING OFFICER
"F" DIVISION
E. MOULTON, A/COMMR.**

**COMMANDER
GERRY GOURLAY, S/SGT.**

**OPERATIONAL SUPERVISOR
MARK DORATTI, SGT.**

**DETACHMENT CLERKS
MAVIS LUTZ
PENNY JACKSON
GLENYS ROBERTS
PAT ROMING
BRENDA SCHWARTZ
CHERYL TILLER**

**COURT LIAISON CLERK
DALE SCHMIDT**

**INVESTIGATOR/
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SUPERVISOR
HANS PELZER, CPL.**

**INVESTIGATOR/
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CRAIG MATATALL, CST.
TODD TYNDALL, CST.
SARAH KNELSEN, CST.**

**INVESTIGATORS
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DAN LARIVIERE, CST.
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**MUNICIPAL GIS
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Gallagher Centre

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The complex that is now known as the Gallagher Centre was built in 1977 as a joint project of the City of Yorkton and the Yorkton Exhibition Association, on the fair grounds at the west end of Yorkton. It was known as the Parkland Agriplex until early 2005 when it was re-named the Gallagher Centre, in recognition of the generous donation from Mr. George Gallagher.

From the time it was built in 1977 to 2002, the Agriplex was operated by a management board consisting of Yorkton city council and Exhibition Association members, who made their recommendations to the city. The Agriplex and the Exhibition Association each had their own administration and staff.

In early 2002, the operation of the facility was turned over to an independent board, still with representation from the two founding organizations, but which has the power to administer its budget, manage the facilities, negotiate and sign contracts, and hire its own staff.

The new board consists of five members appointed by the city, and four by the Exhibition Association. The city guarantees a financial contribution to the facility equal to one mill of taxation. The administration of the Agriplex and the Exhibition Association were amalgamated in 2001, with the activities of both under a single manager.

The manager of the Gallagher Centre and Yorkton Exhibition Association is Don Kunkel.

The facility initially consisted of an arena, a curling rink, an indoor swimming pool, and meeting/banquet facilities. Renovations took place in 2004/05 and facilities at the Gallagher Centre now include:

The Farrell Agencies Arena:

- ▶ Ice surface/cement floor is 200 foot by 85 foot;
- ▶ Home of the Yorkton Terriers junior hockey team and Yorkton Harvest midget hockey team;
- ▶ Primarily used in winter by Terriers, Harvest, Yorkton Minor Hockey, Yorkton Figure Skating Club, recreational hockey teams and for public skating;
- ▶ During the ice season the ice surface can be covered with a floor for other events;
- ▶ Can seat 1,483 in the stands and an additional 900 on chairs on the floor;
- ▶ Can accommodate approximately 70 display booths size 10 foot x 10 foot (depending on set-up);
- ▶ Suitable for concerts, rodeos, circus, special events such as the Lipizzaner Stallions show and mass band concerts, curling bonspiels, trade and craft shows, seminars;
- ▶ Tables, chairs, sound system, dressing rooms available with booking.

Flexihall

- ▶ The Flexihall is 165 feet by 280 feet in size;
- ▶ It is available for sports events, and is particularly suitable for soccer and volleyball;
- ▶ It is also available for trade shows, large displays, meetings, entertainment, and any group event requiring large capacity;
- ▶ It will house at least 200 trade show booths of 10 feet by 10 feet.

Curling Rink

- ▶ Size is 16,992 square feet (118 foot by 144 foot);
- ▶ Home of the Yorkton Curling Club;
- ▶ Can accommodate approximately 80 display booths size 10 foot x 10 foot (depending on set-up);
- ▶ Used for trade and craft shows, farmers' markets, seminars, special events such as pow wows, car shows, large banquets that exceed the capacity of the convention centre;
- ▶ Sound system, table and chairs available with booking.

Convention Hall

The Convention Hall is a large facility suitable for meetings, dinners and social events. It can be divided into three separate areas, either for smaller gatherings, or to be used as break-out rooms for conventions.

Room A and Room B are located at the north end and centre of the hall, while the Wellington West Room, the larger of the three, is located at the south end. It has a wall of windows, and access to a deck area.

- ▶ Equipped bar area;
- ▶ Coat check area suitable for attended use or self-serve;
- ▶ Ideal for weddings, dances, socials, seminars, trade and craft shows;
- ▶ Sound system, tables and chairs available with rental;
- ▶ Can be set up with round tables seating 10 each, or rectangular tables seating 8 each;
- ▶ Complete catering service offering coffee breaks, lunch or dinner available on the premises provided by Chalet Catering (catering information may be obtained from the Gallagher Centre or Chalet Catering on booking; final arrangements for catering are made with Chalet Catering).

BMO Sports Lounge

The BMO Sports Lounge overlooks the curling rink, and is available for meetings, dinners, receptions and social gathering. It can seat at least 125 people for meal service.

Water Park

The Water Park at the Gallagher Centre, which opened in the fall of 2005 following extensive renovations and additions, now includes features found in less than a handful of similar facilities on the prairies.

The Water Park includes:

- ▶ Wave pool with zero-depth beach entry
- ▶ 25-metre instructional pool
- ▶ Whirlpool
- ▶ Lazy river

- ▶ Two storey waterslide
- ▶ Party room
- ▶ New change rooms
- ▶ Sauna and steam room

The Water Park is located within the Gallagher Centre, and the programs and operations are administered by the City of Yorkton Leisure Services department. The instructional pool is used by the Parkland Optimist Synchro Club, the Yorkton Optimist Speed Club, and for public swimming programs and special events.



Fair Grounds

Yorkton's fair grounds moved to their present West Broadway location in the early 1900s, and have been there ever since. Some of the early buildings are still in use, along with the grandstand and racetrack. In the past 20 years, several new buildings have been added as well, including the Agripavilion and Ag Arena, used for livestock shows and sales, trade shows, and dances.

Other facilities on the grounds include horse and livestock barns, food concession booths, and an outdoor show ring.

**Tourism Yorkton
(Yorkton Visitor and Convention Bureau)**

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Tourism Yorkton is a membership-based non-profit organization whose mission is to realize economic benefit for the Yorkton area through tourism. Tourism Yorkton provides:

- Visitor services and information distribution and development promoting attractions, services and events
- Marketing services for the city and members
- Business services including assistance with convention planning, bid preparation and group tours
- Assistance with product development, providing relevant and timely trends and statistics
- Liaison to the tourism industry
- Opportunities for related training and education programs

Tourism Yorkton Board of Directors

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Darlene Stakiw, Avalon Studios and Gallery
Robert Ashcroft, Custom Micro Systems
Darcy Mcleod, City of Yorkton Leisure Services
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What is the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce?

It is a diverse group of men and women representing more than 900 businesses in the community. We share ideas, raise issues and awareness, and advance the interests of our membership in the community. We are the "voice of business". We serve as a valuable link between business and government to ensure that our opinions and suggestions are heard at all government levels. We also act as a liaison, and serve as an important resource and referral center.

The Chamber consists of 16 Board of Directors and 1 to 2 staff members. The Board of Directors is completely volunteer and represents the interests of business for the growth and prosperity of its members and community. They work on different committees which tackle the issues and are proudly a strong advocate for business development.

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce was registered with the Secretary of State for Canada on January 18, 1898, as the Yorkton and District Board of Trade. The organization continued under that name until 1958 when it's name was changed to the Yorkton and District Chamber of Commerce, and in 1964 the name was again changed to the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce, of which it is so named today.

The Chamber is membership driven and receives no other funding from any government sources. We raise other funds through events such as "Celebrate Success" the Business Excellence Awards, which has become one of the best events of it's kind in the Province. Other major events include the Premier's Business Dinner, which gives the businesses of our community the opportunity to talk directly to the Government of the day; and Dine-A-Nite, which gives employers the chance to send or take their employees out on them, in recognition of their great contribution to the business. These events not only have their own goals, but serve as networking opportunities along with our monthly luncheons for our membership.

Advocacy and events are only a small portion of what our role is as a Chamber in our Community. We offer many other benefits such as our Small Business insurance, visa and mastercard fee discounts, a referral program and many others.

Each year through an election process the Board of Directors replaces 8 to 9 of the 16 members. Our current Board of Directors includes President James Wilson; Executive Vice President David Horsman; Vice Presidents Rick Schrader, Lori Walsh, and Kent Latimer; Past President Jason Farrell; Past Past President Todd Haas; and Directors Robert Ashcroft, Judie Bernat, Sherry Grunert, Linda Ouart, Ron Evinou, Guy Gendreau, Dwight Ruf, and Phoebe Decelles.

The staff of the Chamber is also a driving force, not only for the Chamber, but for the Community. The Executive Director Donna Brothwell, along with Sherry MacDonald, share an enthusiastic attitude helping to shape the Chamber for our growing future.

Strong dedicated people are the key to the great success the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce has had in the past, present and will have for the future.

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