



Highlights from the July 29, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

- The Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society presented to Council requesting support of \$300,000 to cost share an addition and renovation to the Yorkton Brick Flour Mill located at 120 Livingstone Street. The Brick Flour Mill is owned by the City of Yorkton, and has designated Heritage Property status. The Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society has invested in the restoration of the Old Mill building and the site between 2012 and 2019, raising some \$230,500 to date towards the project. In efforts to preserve the Mill and create a City attraction, the Society proposed building on to the Mill, and adding attractions such as a farmers market, coffee/gift shop, bakery, a teaching/art lab, or even office or event space. The Society expressed concern regarding the loss of other historical sites in Yorkton, and shared proposals on how to keep the Mill alive in the Community. Council referred the matter to Administration.
- The Director of Finance presented a report responsive to the Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society's funding request, with several funding options that Council could consider. They ranged from smaller incremental payments, to a tax increase to drawing from reserve accounts. Ultimately, due to the 2020 Capital Budget already being approved, Administration recommended that any decision of Council to fund the Mill Society's request, should be deferred to 2020 Budget deliberations for consideration at that time. Council accepted that recommendation, and resolved to offer to sell the Mill Building to the Society for a nominal fee to provide the society more control over development of the site. It would also relieve some liability for the City going forward.
- Council approved the 2020 Council Meeting Calendar which includes Regular Council Meeting dates, Strategic Planning Meetings, and election dates. The Council Meeting calendar for 2020 will be published on the website here:
<https://www.yorkton.ca/council/meetings.asp>