Highlights from the July 8, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

- Council proclaimed July 21-27, 2019 as National Drowning Prevention Week in Yorkton. The Access Communications Water Park will be hosting free activities and events such as a mock rescue demonstration and encouraging participation in the Swim to Survive® challenge. More information can be found here: http://www.gallaghercentre.com/default.aspx?page=12 and on Facebook @AccessCommunicationsWaterPark
- Council proclaimed August 7, 2019 as “Garden Day” in Yorkton, facilitated by the Yorkton and District Horticultural Society. The Society has been active since 1906 and encourages the love of horticulture. The Society has seasonal plant sales, hosts meetings, events and presentations, does volunteer work at senior and special care homes and the hospital to help plants and gardens there thrive!
- Public Hearings were held for two bylaws closing rights-of-way adjacent to 115 Palliser Way, and adjacent to 230 Broadway Street East. Introduction and First Reading of these bylaws was passed at the June 17, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Public notification was published for three (3) weeks on the City’s website, local newspaper, and posted at City Hall. There were no written submissions received from the public and no petitioners were present in the gallery to speak to these bylaws. Both bylaws were subsequently passed following the Public Hearing.
- A Public Hearing was held for the Concept Plan for Cowessess Flood Claim Holdings Inc. that was introduced to Council at the June 17, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Cowessess intends to apply for Federal Reserve-status on a portion of the land located in the Yellowhead Commercial Subdivision (south of Yorkton Dodge, and East of Walmart), and develop it in phases including a gas station, office buildings, residential development, commercial/retail, and outdoor entertainment area, depending upon market demands. A Concept Plan provides a more detailed guide for the development of a specific portion of lands and investigates local physical, environmental, financial, and social factors before creating an outline for future land use, parcel configuration, street network, and municipal utilities within the affected area. There were no written submissions received from the public and no petitioners elected to speak at the public hearing. The Concept Plan was subsequently adopted and will become part of the City’s Official Community Plan.
- A new Sanitary Landfill Fees Bylaw was passed which saw some streamlining regarding unit conversions for materials such as asbestos. When comparing ourselves to 12 other communities, some fees were adjusted so that contractors have more clarity regarding costs in advance.
- Council resolved to contribute funding to the R.M. of Orkney towards the improvement of Grain Millers Drive, with the intent that it become a heavy haul connector road which should eventually reduce the volume and strain of heavy trucks on York Road.
Council approved a scope increase on the Airport Runway Project (runway resurfacing) that was originally tendered in March of 2019. The contract was awarded to Fedorowich Construction Ltd. for $1,383,682, with work to begin at the end of July 2019.