



Highlights from the May 27, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

- Council supported a proclamation for June, 2019 as Recreation and Parks Month in Yorkton. The Community Development, Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Yorkton has many opportunities and events planned for this month. More information can be found at the City of Yorkton's website here:
<https://www.yorkton.ca/pdf/2019JuneCDPRNewsletter.pdf>
- Council supported a proclamation for June, 2019 as Canadian Tire Jumpstart Month in Yorkton. The program helps to fund activities and programs for children who require funding to become involved in sporting activities. The Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program invested \$43,000 into Yorkton in 2018, and an additional \$20,000 to the Soup Haven which helps to feed roughly 300 youth daily in the community.
- Council passed two tax abatement bylaws, which come up annually. Bylaw No. 5/2019 abates certain properties in the city due to the nature of their operation, or because they are approved through an established tax incentive program policy. Bylaw No. 6/2019 was responsive to a mid-revaluation model change done by SAMA for 2019 with respect to the assessment of hotels. This bylaw will work to moderate drastic swings in taxes for hotels in 2019, and provide a more reliable mechanism when budgeting for tax revenues.
- The Director of Finance presented the 2018 Year End report with the recommendation to transfer 50% of the surplus to reserves on a per department basis when a department had achieved a surplus compared to budget. Also recommended was withdrawing funds from reserves to cover departmental deficits. Council approved reserve transactions withdrawing from the Fire and Gallagher Centre reserve accounts, and depositing to the Leisure - Outdoor Parks, Engineering and Planning reserve accounts. The Net Rainy Day deposit to reserves was \$140,000.
- The Director of Engineering and Asset Management presented an update on further research of the safety of roundabouts, residual from the May 6, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. The report preceded Councillor Randy Goulden's Notice of Motion to Move re-consideration of Council's Decision on the roundabout. An option to include flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights to the roundabout was suggested in the report, as well as mention of other traffic calming measures such as installation of speed bumps. There was much discussion surrounding the topic of the roundabout, which was focused around the safety of the crosswalks, considering the proximity to two elementary schools. As the roundabout matter would be dealt with in the next order of business, Council resolved to receive and file the report as information.
- Councillor Goulden's Notice of Motion, to reconsider the roundabout decision of April 15, 2019 was brought forward. Council was split 4-3 in favour of reconsidering the vote on the roundabout. The same 4-3 vote supported Administration to

authorize the design of the roundabout for that intersection on the premise that pedestrian crosswalk lights be installed as part of the project.