



### Highlights from the May 6, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

- Council supported a proclamation for May 26-June 1, 2019 as Tourism Week in Yorkton. It is estimated that visitors to Yorkton and area spend an estimated \$38.1 million annually in the City. The tourism industry engages people in the community, and encourages community pride and development.
- Council supported a proclamation for May 19-26, 2019 as Film Festival Week in Yorkton. This is the longest running film festival in North America with 2019 marking it's 72<sup>nd</sup> year in operation. Yorkton shares it's prairie hospitality to visitors from far and wide during the Festival, and showcases world class films as well. This year there are 62 screenings up for enjoyment.
- The Rotary Club of Yorkton promoted the Running of the Ducks Fundraiser on May 26, 2019. Funds raised will go towards supporting Yorkton Minor Football and the Yorkton Community Clubhouse, as well as many other Rotary initiatives which benefit Yorkton.
- The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce made a request for Council to reconsider their April 15, 2019 decision on a potential roundabout at Mayhew Avenue and Darlington Street. There needed to be a unanimous vote of Council for this to occur at this meeting and that did not happen. However, Councillor Randy Goulden submitted a "notice of intention to move" to reconsider the decision at the May 27, 2019 Council Meeting. This topic has been a focus of Council discussion for the last several meetings. For more information [please see the original report of April 15, 2019 here](#).
- The Community Development Manager for the City of Yorkton, along with the Fire Chief presented on Emergency Preparedness, and Council supported a proclamation that May 5-11, 2019 is Emergency Preparedness Week in Yorkton. The presentation included a guide prepared by Public Safety Canada, which is a good resource when preparing for an emergency.
- Yorkton Active Transportation Collaborative (YATC), established in 2009, presented to Council to raise awareness of the initiatives within the City to promote active transportation. They advocate for the implementation of safety practices and resources within the City to ensure safe, active transportation for all. A few items they touched on were the request to prioritize the painting of bike lanes and crosswalks in the City, and to promote the Bicycle Safety Week, May 12-18, 2019 with special attention to the Bike Rodeo on May 22, 2019.
- Council approved Discretionary Use Application DU-2019 for 46 Myrtle Avenue, which proposed a Contractor Facility Use with conditions that the building maintain a retail presence along Myrtle Avenue.
- Council passed two (2) taxation bylaws pertaining to establishing sub-classes within the City of Yorkton, as well as setting the mill rates for 2019. When Budget 2019 was passed earlier in 2019, Council approved a 2.9% tax increase, which is reflected in these bylaws. In response to an increase in protective services, base taxes were raised slightly, and a high-density vacant land subclass was newly created. You can view these bylaws online here: <http://www.yorkton.ca/dept/admin/bylaws/> or by contacting the City Clerk's

office at [cityclerk@yorkon.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yorkon.ca), or visiting City Hall. Tax notices are now being prepared and will be issued before the end of May 2019. Taxes are due on June 30, 2019 to avoid any penalties.

- Council awarded the tender for the paving of York Road East, and two service streets in locations north and south of the City along Highway 9. These services streets are being cost shared 50/50 between the City of Yorkton and two different developers. Fedorowich Construction Ltd. was awarded the tender with a low bid of \$771,053.00. Construction is expected to occur this summer, with an end date of October 2019, weather permitting.
- Council waived the parking fees at the City owned parking lot located at 15 Myrtle Avenue for the duration of construction of Broadway Street Repaving Phase II, Stage 1. This will enable those visiting businesses in the area under construction a place to park. Half of Broadway was repaved in the summer of 2018, and the second half will occur this summer. For information on traffic accommodation for this project, please check the website here: <https://www.yorkton.ca/cityhall/construction/2019-broadway-st-east-resurfacing.asp>