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**Annexation Of City Lands Approved**

The City of Yorkton has received approval from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for annexation of city owned lands within the RM of Orkney No. 244.

The Approval was by a majority vote of members of the Municipal Boundary Committee of the Board, and the ruling was provided to the city last week.

“All of the land in question is already owned by the city and this ruling allows us to move forward to meet growing demands for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional developments,” said Mayor James Wilson. Much of the subject land is either currently used for or is occupied by city utilities and services, such as the airport, wastewater treatment facility, sewage lagoon, landfill and a proposed new public works facility. Other lands can now be prepared for residential and commercial development by upgrading and extending city infrastructure, said the Mayor. Annexation will add 450 acres for industrial development and 400 acres for residential and some commercial development.

“Other than the RM, no other party expressed any objection to the annexation occurring through either the City’s or the Committee’s processes. In fact, the evidence before the Committee shows overwhelming support from a broad cross-section of the Yorkton community,” the ruling states.

“We are pleased that after nearly two and one half years of negotiations with the municipality, the board’s ruling was within one per cent of the city’s original offer,” said Mayor Wilson.

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