



Swift Current, Sask.
May 12th, 2025

Within the Council Chambers, City Hall, a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Swift Current was held on May 12th, 2025, commencing at 6:28 p.m.

Attendance: Mayor A. Bridal
Councillor T. Christiansen
Councillor B. Deg
Councillor R. Plewis
Councillor C. Stewart
Councillor R. Switzer
Councillor L. Tuntland-Wiebe

Jim Jones, CAO
Kari Cobler, Executive Director of Strategic Operations
Daniel Martins, Acting Director of Light and Power
Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations
Melissa Shaw, General Manager of Cultural and Aquatic Services
Jackie Schlamp, City Clerk
Nicole Spenst, General Manager of Community Services
Noreen Volk, Senior Director of Human Resources
Saleem Sandhu, Director of Financial Services
Jolene Peters, Director of Asset Management
Keegan Story, Manager of Environmental Services
Robert Potter, CUPE 183 President
Kayla Gaetz, Communications & Stakeholder Relations Coordinator
Danielle Magnusson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor/ CAO
Sandra Kern, Assistant to the City Clerk

At the request of the City Clerk, the Agenda was amended to include two additional reports under New Business, regarding CUPE Tentative Collective Agreement 2024-2027 and Appointment of Interim Chief Administrative Officer.

Adoption of
Agenda.

No. 111 Moved by Councillor Deg, Seconded by Councillor Switzer:

“THAT the Agenda for the Council meeting of May 12th, 2025, be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED.

Adoption of
Minutes.

No. 112 Moved by Councillor Stewart, Seconded by Councillor Christiansen:

“THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 28th, 2025, be approved.”

CARRIED.

Proclamations.

Video presentation from Carrie Davis, Program Coordinator with Victim Services – Southwest was played proclaiming May 11th to May 17th, 2025, as “Victims and Survivors of Crime Week.”

Delegations.

Public
Hearings/
Notice
Matters.

Items for
Action.

Accounts. The General Revenue Fund Disbursement Records for the period of April 18th to May 1st, 2025, were presented by the Executive Director of Strategic Operations.

No. 113 Moved by Councillor Tuntland-Wiebe, Seconded by Councillor Plewis:

“THAT the General Revenue Fund Disbursement Records for the period of April 18th to May 1st, 2025, in the amount of \$682,275.04 be approved.”

CARRIED.

Notice of Motion for Annual Taxation. A report regarding Notice of Motion for Bylaws to Establish the Mill Rate and Mill Rate Factors, Special Levy, and Exempt the 2025 Assessment of Certain Properties was presented by the Executive Director of Strategic Operations.

No. 114 Moved by Councillor Switzer, Seconded by Councillor Christiansen:

“THAT Notice of Motion be given at this time by advising the public of City Council’s intention to consider a bylaw to establish the mill rate and mill rate factors.”

CARRIED.

No. 115 Moved by Councillor Plewis, Seconded by Councillor Deg:

“THAT Notice of Motion be given at this time by advising the public of City Council’s intention to consider a bylaw to establish a special levy for funding of the long-term care facility.”

CARRIED.

No. 116 Moved by Councillor Tuntland-Wiebe, Seconded by Councillor Stewart:

“THAT Notice of Motion be given at this time by advising the public of City Council’s intention to consider a bylaw to exempt the 2025 assessment of certain properties.”

CARRIED.

Chain Trencher Replacement. A report regarding Replacement of E35 – Ditch Witch RT40 Chain Trencher was presented by the Acting Director of Light and Power.

No. 117 Moved by Councillor Christiansen, Seconded by Councillor Deg:

“THAT City Council approves the purchase of 2022 Ditch Witch RT45 chain trencher with backhoe attachment from Brandt Tractor Ltd., of Regina, SK, in the amount of \$135,739.40 (PST included, GST excluded).”

CARRIED.

Effluent Irrigation Land Lease Agreements. A report regarding Effluent Irrigation Land Lease Agreements was presented by the Manager of Environmental Services.

No. 118 Moved by Councillor Stewart, Seconded by Councillor Christiansen:

“THAT City Council awards the East and West Pivot Lease Agreement to Jeff Wiebe in the amount of \$330,750 (GST included) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said Lease Agreement.”

CARRIED.

No. 119 Moved by Councillor Plewis, Seconded by Councillor Deg:

“THAT City Council awards the South Pivot Lease Agreement to Monette Farms Ltd. in the amount of \$136,664.55 (GST included) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said Lease Agreement.”

CARRIED.

Agricultural Land Lease Agreements. A report regarding Agricultural Land Lease Agreements was presented by the Manager of Environmental Services.

No. 120 Moved by Councillor Tuntland-Wiebe, Seconded by Councillor Deg:

“THAT City Council awards the Airport Lands agricultural lease agreement to Carefoot Acres in the amount of \$100,500 (GST included) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said Lease Agreement.”

CARRIED.

No. 121 Moved by Councillor Switzer, Seconded by Councillor Stewart:

“THAT City Council awards the Kite Festival Lands agricultural lease agreement to Dale Buckingham in the amount of \$38,500 (GST included) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said Lease Agreement.”

CARRIED.

No. 122 Moved by Councillor Plewis, Seconded by Councillor Deg:

“THAT City Council awards the NE ¼ 5-16-13 W3M and NW ¼ 5-16-13 W3M agricultural lease agreement to Connor Hildebrandt of MD Acres Ltd. in the amount of \$69,750 (GST included) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said Lease Agreement.”

CARRIED.

No. 123 Moved by Councillor Christiansen, Seconded by Councillor Switzer:

“THAT City Council awards the East 80 Lands agricultural lease agreement to Nicole McClelland in the amount of \$17,500 (GST included) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said Lease Agreement.”

CARRIED.

Reports for
Information.

Bylaws.

Unfinished
Business.

New
Business.

No. 124 Moved by Councillor Christiansen, Seconded by Councillor Plewis:

“THAT the following be received as information and filed:

- Drug Strategy Action Committee Meeting Agenda from April 10th, 2025;
- Prairie Pioneers Independent Housing Inc. Meeting Agenda from April 23rd, 2025;
- Tourism Swift Current Annual General Meeting Agenda from April 23rd, 2025;
and
- Swift Current City Detachment Community Policing Report for April 2025.”

CARRIED.

CUPE Collective Agreement. A report regarding CUPE Tentative Collective Agreement 2024-2027 was presented by the Senior Director of Human Resources.

No. 125 Moved by Councillor Tuntland-Wiebe, Seconded by Councillor Stewart:

“THAT City Council ratifies the tentative agreement reached by the bargaining committees of the City of Swift Current and CUPE 183 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a Collective Agreement incorporating the revisions outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement dated May 8th, 2025.”

CARRIED.

Interim Appointment of CAO. A report regarding Appointment of Interim Chief Administrative Officer was presented by Mayor Bridal.

No. 126 Moved by Mayor Bridal, Seconded by Councillor Deg:

“THAT City Council approves the appointment of Melissa Shaw as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Swift Current effective immediately.”

CARRIED.

Communi-
cations.

En Camera
Items.

A request was presented by the Executive Director of Strategic Operations to discuss the matter of Property Tax Bylaws “En Camera”.

No. 127 Moved by Councillor Switzer, Seconded by Councillor Tuntland-Wiebe:

“THAT pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the matter of Property Tax Bylaws be dealt with at an “En Camera” Council meeting to be held in Council Chambers immediately following this Meeting.”

CARRIED.

Reports of
Council
Members/
Enquiries.

The following topics were raised by members of Council:

- Upcoming Bike Safety Event being held at Kiwanis Bike Park;
- Aquatic Centre closure and transition to Fairview Pool;
- Museum Lunch 'n Learn;
- "Long Days Music Festival" June 19th to June 21st, 2025;
- "SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival" June 21st, 2025;
- "Wings and Wheels" fly in air and car show June 21st, 2025;
- "Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament" July 25th, 2025;
- Mosquito control underway;
- Vandalism to public washrooms;
- Soccer pitches in excellent condition, thank you to Community Services staff;
- Paving Program and Pavement Maintenance Program underway;
- Retirement of Chief Administrative Officer, Jim Jones, thank you and best wishes.

Adjourn-
ment.

No. 128 Moved by Councillor Deg, Seconded by Councillor Tuntland-Wiebe:

(7:18 p.m.) "THAT we do now adjourn."

CARRIED.

Mayor

City Clerk