

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



June 2023

Highlights from the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 26, 2023

# **Public Acknowledgments**

### FILIPINO FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Councillor Nordick acknowledged the Humboldt Filipino Food and Music Festival held on June 24th and 25th. It was a huge success, and gave credit to 4 local Filipino residents from Humboldt Ink and Stage 1 Events Management. Councillor Nordick also gave special thanks to Lorena Taquiquiand and Ferdinand Mendoza.

## **Bylaws**

### **BYLAW NO. 05/2022 AMENDMENT**

As per *The Cities Act*, a bylaw must be issued when a guarantee is provided by a city to a non-profit organization.

In 2022, the Humboldt Golf Club ("HGC") began construction on the relocation and expansion of their tent Event Centre, located on City property. The City supported the project by guaranteeing a 20-year loan in the amount of \$230,522. Now that the project has been deemed complete, the loan is now changing from a construction loan to a closed mortgage, which required Council to adopt an amendment to Bylaw No. 05/2022 with the new loan terms and structure.

### **New Business**

#### **PURCHASING POLICY #1380 AMENDMENT**

Council approved the proposed amendments to the City's Purchasing Policy that changes the dollar limit thresholds on goods and services that typically would need to go through a tendering process. These new thresholds allows for quicker turnaround times on purchases made by Administration, and improves opportunities for local business to be awarded contracts with the City.

# **New Business (cont.)**

## STATE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

In 2020, the City applied for funding through the FCM Municipal Asset Management Program, a program that assists municipalities in assessing and identifying areas for improvement within their asset management practices. The project was approved in 2021 and concluded May 31, 2023.

A comprehensive registry was created and contains itemized City assets for the following categories:

- Building/Facilities
- Road Surface
- Parks
- Road Structure
- Water Distribution
- Pipes

- Road Curbing
- Wastewater Pipes
- Sidewalks
- Stormwater Pipe Network
- Fleet

#### **BRONCOS MEMORIALS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

It has been brought to the Broncos Memorials Committee's attention that where they intend to construct a permanent memorial at the site of the 2017-18 Broncos bus tragedy at the junction of Highways 35 and 335 is the same location of an abandoned gas station. The design being considered for the site includes some shallow excavation in the corner of the parcel of land. An Environmental Site Assessment ("ESA") on any property previously inhabited by a fueling facility is considered a standard practice.

The Memorials Committee received a quote for an ESA and made the recommendation to Council that the City approve the funding for the testing with monies from the Memorials Reserve. Council approved the recommendation, which will bring the Committee one step closer to moving forward with constructing a permanent memorial at the site of the tragedy.



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# **New Business (cont.)**

#### DISASTER MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION FUND APPLICATION

A City-Wide Heavy Rainfall Stormwater Modelling Assessment was completed in April of 2022. The assessment identified several locations for improvement which included making storm water detention ponds and piping upgrades to accommodate large storms and limit surface flooding in basin locations.

Council voted in support of an application to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund ("DMAF") grant valued at \$15,540,960 to address the areas identified in the assessment.

Should the application be successful and selected, funds have been earmarked for the following projects:

6th Avenue Ditching and Piping	\$2,987,860
St. Dominic School Dry Pond and Piping	\$7,422,260
Centennial Park Dry Pond Deepening and Piping	\$2,939,880
5th Avenue Dry Pond and Piping	\$1,107,720
Barnes Crescent Storm Up Sizing	\$1,083,240
TOTAL:	\$15,540,960

#### CARL SCHENN STORM DRY POND TENDER AWARDED

Council approved the recommendation to award the Carl Schenn Storm Dry Pond Project to Wilco Contractors Southwest Inc. in the amount of approximately \$1,513,460 (plus applicable taxes). This is largest tender awarded in 2023.

Wilco Contractors Southwest Inc. is a reputable company in the industry. They have completed 3 dry ponds in Saskatoon; staff is confident in their abilities to successfully complete the work.

The Carl Schenn Dry Pond was identified to address surface flooding primarily in the Barnes Crescent area. Residents can expect construction to commence in the near future.

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#### **Next City Council Meeting:**

Monday, July 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.





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