

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



May 2024

Highlights from the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, May 27, 2024

Bylaws

Bylaw No. 05/2024: A Bylaw to Provide for the Collection of Fees for Mobile Homes

Section 270.1 of The Cities Act allows a Council to collect fees for mobile homes located in a mobile home park/manufactured home court within the City as an alternative to taxation.

Over the past year, Southern Pine Acres mobile home park has been revitalized and has seen a number of new mobile homes moved in. Due to the increase in mobile homes, Policy #4120 - 2024 Mobile Home Fees has become quite lengthy. However, since mobile home fees are required to be set by bylaw, Policy #4120 is not needed and can be rescinded.

Since the new proposed Bylaw No. 05/2024 has clearly defined the method in which mobile home fees will be collected, Council accepted the recommendation to adopt Bylaw No. 05/2024, rescind Policy #4120 and repeal Bylaw No. 19/1997, A Bylaw to Provide for the Licensing of Occupants of Trailers and Mobile Homes.



New Business

PROCLAMATIONS

Humboldt Pride Week: June 10-16, 2024

Mayor Behiel has proclaimed the week of June 10th to 16th as "Humboldt Pride Week" in the City of Humboldt to celebrate diversity.



Pride is a global movement that stands for equality and celebrates the diversity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, queer, questioning, two-spirited and their allies. Pride is a way to honour and respect all people regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, to recognize our differences and to promote community through education and understanding.

Recreation and Parks Month: June 2024

Mayor Behiel has proclaimed the month of June as "Recreation and Parks Month" in the City of Humboldt to recognize the important role that municipality has in contributing to the support and delivery of recreation and parks services.



In Saskatchewan, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and park systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents. Recreation enhances quality of life, promotes active living and contributes to a healthy lifestyle. The benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and services reduce health care and social service cost, serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability, enhance property values and attract new business and increase tourism.

Appointments to Boards and Committees

The City of Humboldt has the authority over a number of boards and committees which require a resolution for the approval of its appointees. Council approved the following appointments:

Humboldt Downtown Business Improvement

Shelby Kiefer

City of Humboldt Building Inspectors

Kelsey Rebryna - Municode

New Business (cont.)

City Debt Limit Increase:

The City is anticipating an upcoming loan for the construction of the new Wastewater Treatment System, and additional required upgrades to Lift Stations 1 & 4. The estimated total cost of the upgrades is \$40-million, of which \$25-million will be covered by the Federal and Provincial Government. The City's current "operational" debt limit is set at \$15-million. With anticipated growth in Humboldt's future, the City may be required to invest further in other infrastructure capital for this growth, justifying the need to seek additional loans in the interim.

The wastewater treatment upgrade represents such a significant capital project that it justifies an increase to the debt limit to the approximate \$13 million of borrowing that it will require. As such, Council approved the recommendation for Administration to send a request to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board to approve an increase of the current debt limit from \$15-million to a limit of \$28-million.

Road Closures:

The City Council has approved the following road closures for the following upcoming events:

Summer Sizzler Fireworks: June 29 @ Dusk

- 5th Avenue, from 17th Street to Peck Road staring at 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm.
- Spectators will have access to the Uniplex grounds 17th Street and the Hwy 5 entrance or in one of the surrounding parking lots

Summer Sizzler Parade Route: June 29 @ 9:30

- Lineup: 5th Avenue from Main Street to 2nd Street
- Start: Post Office at Main Street & 5th Avenue
- Route: North on 8th to 11th Avenue (Crossing Hwy 5)
- West on 11th Avenue to 16th Street
- South on 16th Street to 6th Street (Crossing Hwy 5)
- End: Intersection of 6th Avenue & 16th Street

Living Skies Music Festival: June 15, starting @ 12:00pm

- 5th Avenue from Peck Road to HCI teacher parking lot starting at 8:00 am to midnight.
- Attendees will have access to the parking areas of Hwy
 5 & 17th Street. Access to the HCl student & teacher parking lots will also be available off Hwy



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New Business (cont.)

Public Works Tenders & Quotes:

Lift Station 1 & 4 Tender Results

The contract for Sewage Pumping Stations 1 & 4 upgrades be awarded to Con-Tech General Contractors Ltd. in the value of \$5,160,999.00 plus applicable taxes.

Dust Control - 3 Year Agreement

Public Works staff completed a request for quotation from known dust control suppliers. The intent was to secure a 3-year contract with the option to extend it an additional 2 years. Council approved the recommendation to have Administration complete a 3-year contract with Tiger Calcium for \$14,204.00.

DL-10 Dust Control

Due to select gravel roads seeing higher traffic within the City, conventional treatment loses its effectiveness too soon. Council approved the recommendation to authorize Administration to sole source Pacific Chemicals Inc. for the application of DL-10 dust control to select gravel roads within the City. This application will cost \$14,097.15.

Broncos Memorial Committee Terms of Reference Revision

In January 2019, City Council approved the creation of the Bronco Memorials Committee Terms of Reference. The purpose of the committee is to consider all options for the development of appropriate site and structure for a memorial or memorials.

In early 2023, the 2 members from the Public Arts Committee stepped down and the seats have not been filled to date. The Committee appreciates the input and interest of the members of the Public Arts Committee. However, given the vision of the memorial, they believe that members of the Public at Large who have an interest and passion for being a part of the development and creation of a memorial paying tribute to the 2017-18 Humboldt Broncos would be beneficial.

Council approved the recommendation to allow 2 members of the Public at Large, as it would benefit the Memorials Committee in that it could further engage the community and their interest in the work and goals of the Committee.

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Public Acknowledgments

Mayor Behiel acknowledged the grand reopening of Hearing Life in Humboldt. It is wonderful to see the organization's commitment and concern for healthcare services in Humboldt. It is also great to have this service right in Humboldt to take care of our local citizens. Congratulations to Hearing Life on their grand reopening!



Mayor Behiel also acknowledged the passing of our former Mayor, Mark Seidel, who served a term as Mayor and a term on City Council. Mark was a great business leader and had a strong commitment to the City of Humboldt. We pay tribute to Mark and condolences to his family.

Councillor Herperger acknowledged North East Pregnancy Options on their grand opening here in Humboldt, located at the Geschaft Centre. They are currently accepting donations for children, baby items and items for new mothers. Currently they run by appointment only and are open on Mondays & Wednesdays.

Councillor Jorgenson made an acknowledgment on behalf of the Museum & Gallery Board. SK Arts provides funding & support for the arts on behalf of all the people in Saskatchewan. They also give recognition to artists & organizations throughout Saskatchewan who make a difference in their communities, celebrating them for their contributions to the arts. For 2024, there were 70 recognition awards received by artists, organizations, communities, etc. Our very own Director of Cultural Services, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, has been chosen as one of the recipients. Congratulations Jennifer and thank you for your hard work and bringing this recognition to our community!

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