



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



July 2024

Highlights from the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, July 22, 2024

## Public Acknowledgements

Councillor Nordick acknowledged the passing of Judy Plag on July 11th, 2024. Judy was known for her entrepreneurial spirit, generosity, kindness, and compassion. She was a strong business leader, always thinking of ways to bring the community together and making life better for everyone while always remaining humble. Our condolences go out towards the Plag and van der Buhs families. Our thoughts are with you through the difficult days ahead.

Councillor Korte acknowledged City staff for their hard work and dedication for the 2024 Summer Sizzler and Canada Day event, as well as the Chamber of Commerce for putting on an amazing parade. A big thank you to all involved and a job well done.

Councillor Jorgenson acknowledged the 11U Humboldt Dodgers who won the 2024 11U AA Tier One Provincial Championship the weekend of July 19th-21st. Congratulations to them and thank you for representing Humboldt and putting on a good show.

## Discretionary Use Application

Council approved an Application for a Discretionary Use for a dwelling group at 313 6th Avenue. A "dwelling group" is a group of two or more detached one unit dwellings, two unit dwellings or multiple unit dwellings or combinations occupying the same site. The proposed development would be consistent with the existing neighborhood uses and character. There were no written submissions received and no one was in attendance to speak on the issue.

## Delegations

MNP provided the 2023 Audited Financial Statements which will be posted on the City's website in the near future.

## Bylaws

To address the need for additional housing in Humboldt, Council approved 2 bylaws with amendments to the Zoning Map.

The first bylaw passed was Bylaw No. 07/2024, Zoning Map Amendment for Parcels CC and DD located on the east side of 101st Street. This will allow Parcels CC and DD to be re-zoned from R4 - Acreage Residential to R3A - Small Lot Residential. This change will permit single detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, and street townhouses.

The second bylaw passed was Bylaw No. 08/2024, Zoning Map Amendment for the parcel to the east of Caleb Village on Ogilvie Avenue. The lot is currently zoned as CS - Community Service/Institutional District and is considered as Municipal Reserve. This parcel has now been rezoned to R3 - Core Mixed Residential. This change will allow for a multi-unit complex, such as an apartment complex.

## New Business

### Increasing the City's Established Debt Limit

Each municipality in Saskatchewan has what is referred to as an "Established Debt Limit" that is set by the Province of Saskatchewan. The City currently has an Established Debt Limit of \$15 million. With the construction of the new Wastewater Treatment System, a loan is needed to fund the project that will exceed the current debt limit. At the May 27th Council meeting, council approved a recommendation to apply to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board ("SMB") for a \$13-million dollar increase from \$15-million to \$28-million.

Since applying, Administration has been advised by the SMB that the application be amended to see the city seek an increase to \$20-million to begin with, then increments of \$5 million as needed, should the City have the need to borrow in the future for the project. Council approved the recommendation to amend the application and proceed.

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## New Business (Cont.)

### Council Appointment to Alternate Pest Control Officer

Council approved the appointment of Darren Whitbread to be the alternate Pest Control Officer for the remainder of 2024.

### Downtown Street Closure Request

Council approved the following requested downtown street closures:

- 9th Street from the north side of 5th Avenue to the south side of 7th Avenue on October 6th, 2024 for the "Farm Day in the City" event hosted by the Downtown Business Improvement District.
- 6th Avenue from Main Street east to the back alley on September 5th, 2024 for the purpose of community fundraising barbecue and local performances hosted by the Department of Cultural Services, in partnership with various community groups.

### 2024 Municipal Election

The next Municipal Election will be on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

Michael Ulriksen has been appointed as Returning Officer for the 2024 Municipal Election.

- Regular polls will be open for voting on November 13th, 2024 between the hours of 9:00am to 8:00pm.
- There will not be a mail-in ballot voting option for the 2024 Municipal Election, however there will be an increase in the number of advance polling dates beginning Saturday, November 2nd, as well as a Mobile Polling option on Election Day.
- Voters will be registered at the polls using the Voter Declaration Form.

More information about the 2024 Municipal Election will be released as it becomes available, including the nomination process and eligibility requirements for those wishing to submit nominations.



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Next City Council Meeting:  
Monday, August 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.



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