



COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 6, 2023.

PROCLAMATIONS

DELEGATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC NOTICE MATTERS/ORDERS

ITEMS FOR ACTION

- 1 Accounts.
- 3 Report regarding Electrical Rate Increase – April 2023.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- 5 Report regarding E3 Digger Derrick Truck – Retention of Existing Unit.

BYLAWS

- 7 Bill No. 1 – 2023 A Bylaw to enter into an Agreement for tax assessment exemption in accordance with the Inner City Housing Initiative Policy. Notice Given February 6, 2023.
Will receive three readings – Councillor Wall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 9 Swift Current City Detachment Community Policing Report for the month of January, 2023.



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COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS REQUESTED TO BE DISCUSSED EN CAMERA

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS/ENQUIRIES

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, March 6, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

January 25, 2023

TO: Council
FROM: Kari Cobler, General Manager of Corporate Services
RE: Accounts

Enclosed are the General Revenue Fund Disbursements for the period
Jan 10 - 25, 2023

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Regular Accounts (2023)	250,286.34	373,679.43
Payroll Benefits	338,465.72	813,462.97
School Payments (Holy Trinity RCSSD #22)	-	110,934.99
School Payments (Minister of Finance)	-	447,185.77
Sask Power - (Energy Purchase)	377,717.75	1,322,499.74
Sask Power	12,370.06	12,370.06
SaskEnergy	97,464.22	97,464.22
SaskTel	15,406.70	15,625.96
General Contractors:		
Anixter	17,062.92	19,304.92
B & A Petroleum	76,086.22	76,086.22
Big Hill Services	19,065.57	19,065.57
Blenders - in/out	21,000.00	21,050.00
Chemtrade West	17,556.00	17,556.00
Decor Complete Ltd	23,985.76	35,418.76
FP Teleset	-	36,750.00
GFL Environmental Inc	43,874.96	43,874.96
Hach Sales & Service Canada	13,625.73	13,625.73
JMP Solutions	15,708.00	15,708.00
Knudsen Excavating	14,070.36	14,070.36
Leeville Construction Ltd	-	116,905.53
Len's Plumbing & Heating	11,119.83	15,782.78
Mobile Paving	-	14,779.72
Prairie Controls Ltd	11,433.00	11,433.00
RCMP	948,484.00	948,484.00
Rock Solid Trucking	19,459.13	19,459.13
Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency	-	30,778.13
Saskatchewan Abilities Council	57,947.11	58,008.81
Speedy Creek Mechanical	21,305.58	21,305.58
SUMA	-	16,286.21
Triways Disposal Services	106,077.05	106,077.05
Voth's Brandsource	-	15,664.93
Wiebe Contracting Ltd	-	12,414.88
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 2,529,572.01</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,893,113.41</u></u>

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that \$2,529,572.01 in disbursements be approved.


REPORT PREPARED BY:

Lisa Hagen, Accounts Payable Supervisor

SIGNATURE: 

APPROVAL: 

I concur with the recommendation



Jim Jones, Acting CAO

Date: February 13, 2023
To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations
General Manager of Corporate Services
Subject: **Electrical Rate Increase – April 2023**

BACKGROUND

On February 24th, 2022, SaskPower submitted a rate application to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel for system average rate increases of 4.0% effective September 1st, 2022, and of 4.0% effective April 1st, 2023. The main driver of the rate increase is the increased cost of fuel, led by increased renewables and higher natural gas prices. On July 11th, 2022, the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel submitted its report to the Minister responsible for Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan recommending:

1. That the proposed 4% rate increase effective September 1st, 2022, be approved.
2. That the proposed 4% rate increase effective April 1st, 2023, be approved pending a financial review submitted to the Panel no later than December 1st, 2022; and,
3. That the proposed design for rate rebalancing be approved.

On July 28th, 2022, the Provincial Government Cabinet approved the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel's recommendations for an increase of 4.0% effective September 1st, 2022, an increase of 4.0% effective April 1st, 2023, and approved the plan for rate rebalancing and a shift in rate design methodology.

Currently, SaskPower has some of its fixed costs built into the variable energy charge. Rebalancing the rate requires SaskPower to revise its existing rate structure, ensuring that each component of the rates is more accurately charged to reflect the costs of serving each customer. SaskPower will be using a staged approach over several rate applications to minimize the impact of the change. For City of Swift Current Light & Power customers, this rate rebalancing will shift costs from the energy component (kilowatt hours used) to the service charge and demand (kVA used) components. This shift will result in lower energy usage customers seeing a larger percentage increase than higher energy usage customers.

It is also important to note that a system average rate increase may affect individual customer rate classes differently, resulting in some customer rate classes seeing higher or lower percentage rate increases than the average. Light & Power customer rate classes will see a slightly higher average rate increase as a result.

Light & Power maintains its electric rate structure similar to SaskPower to ensure equity between our customers and other electric customers in Saskatchewan. This electric rate equity also ensures that the City of Swift Current remains in a competitive position when attracting and retaining industrial, commercial, and residential customers.

DISCUSSION

Light & Power is recommending implementation of the 4.0% system average electric rate increase effective April 1st, 2023.

All Light & Power Residential customers will see an average monthly increase of \$6.16 for an apartment, \$7.91 for an average home and \$9.51 for a large residence. Whereas all Commercial customers will see an average increase of 4.0% of their total annual billing.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Notice of Motion be given at this time by advising the public of Council's intention to adjust the electric current usage rates attached as Schedule "A" to Bylaw No. 6 - 1989, being the Electrical Utility Bylaw, effective April 1st, 2023 billing period.



Mitch Minken, General Manager of Infrastructure & Operations



Kari Cobler, General Manager of Corporate Services

CAO Recommendation:

I concur with the recommendation.



Jim Jones, Interim CAO



City of Swift Current

Report For Information

Date: February 9, 2023

To: Interim Chief Administrative Officer

From: General Manager of Infrastructure & Operations

Subject: **E3 Digger Derrick Truck – Retention of Existing Unit**

BACKGROUND

The purchase of a digger derrick unit for the Light & Power department was approved at a regular City Council meeting on January 9th, 2023. A request to retain the existing digger derrick unit was presented under the items for discussion in the report.

At the request of the City Clerk, the retention of the existing unit was to be brought with further detail to a future Council meeting. The report calling for a decision on its retention will be presented, once the new digger derrick unit arrives and is placed into inventory. It is anticipated this will be sometime in 2024. In the meantime, the existing digger derrick unit is still in service.

DISCUSSION

Light & Power advocates the retention of the current E3 digger derrick in its fleet to provide for safety, versatility, and as a backup to the main unit. The digger derrick is a key piece of equipment for Light & Power to install poles and for lifting loads such as transformers. To accomplish pole changes without requiring an outage, two (2) digger derrick trucks are required to complete the task safely. Having a second digger derrick also allows for work to be performed at two (2) worksites at the same time, providing for greater productivity. Ongoing costs are limited to licensing, fuel and limited maintenance, and if major repairs were required in the future, this unit would be disposed.

The estimated cost of retaining this unit is approximately \$4,000 annually: \$1,000 for fuel, \$1,000 for licensing and \$2,000 for annual inspections and maintenance. This unit is not eligible for trade-in as the supplier of the new unit is not the manufacturer of the existing unit. Given the configuration and age of the unit, it is anticipated that its disposal value will be low.

This report is provided to Council as information.



Mitch Minken, General Manager of Infrastructure & Operations



Reviewed and Approved.

BYLAW NO. X - 2023

A BYLAW of the City of Swift Current, in the Province of Saskatchewan, to enter into an agreement for tax assessment exemption in accordance with the Inner City Housing Initiative Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SWIFT CURRENT IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the City of Swift Current enter into an agreement for tax exemption on improvements only for the period so noted on the property listed in the attached Schedule "A" forming part of this bylaw.
2. THIS BYLAW shall come into force and have effect from the date of final passing.

_____ **MAYOR** _____ **CITY CLERK**

INTRODUCED AND READ a first time this - day of February, 2023.

READ a second time this - day of February, 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this - day of February, 2023.

SCHEDULE A OF BYLAW NO. X - 2023

PROPERTY OWNER	CIVIC ADDRESS	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	START DATE FOR IMPROVEMENT EXEMPTION	END DATE FOR IMPROVEMENT EXEMPTION
Jody Lynn Shatosky	229 5 th Ave SE	Lot 17 Blk 13 Plan No. P5326	February 14 th , 2022	February 14 th , 2027

COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

To: The Mayor City of Swift Current	From: N.C.O. In Charge Swift Current City Det.	Month of January 2023
		Date Prepared 2023-02-01
		Phone No. (306) 778-4870

OFFENCES REPORTED AND/OR COMMITTED IN COMMUNITY

VIOLATION	Jan/2023	Jan/2022	Jan/2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident	--	--	--	--	--	--
Injury Motor Vehicle Accident	--	3	1	--	3	1
Reportable Vehicle Accident	12	19	9	12	19	9
Fail to Remain (Hit & Run)	12	6	6	12	6	6
Provincial Traffic Offence	66	164	262	66	164	262
Impaired Driving Offence	6	5	3	6	5	3
Liquor Act	2	6	4	2	6	4
Coroners Act	3	3	--	3	3	--
Mental Health Act	9	23	16	9	23	16
Other Criminal Code	27	40	25	27	40	25
Weapons Offence	2	2	2	2	2	2
Drug Enforcement	6	7	14	6	7	14
Sexual Offences	2	4	2	2	4	2
Robbery/Extortion/Harassment	7	7	15	7	7	15
Assault (excl. Sexual Assault)	11	9	17	11	9	17
Theft Under \$5,000	17	18	7	17	18	7
Theft Over \$5,000	7	2	1	7	2	1
Possession Stolen Property	2	3	2	2	3	2
Mischief	39	13	21	39	13	21
Fraud	4	16	9	4	16	9
Break & Enter – Business	1	--	--	1	--	--
Break & Enter – Residence	5	1	3	5	1	3
Break & Enter - Other	1	2	2	1	2	2
Arson	1	--	--	1	--	--
Missing Person	2	1	2	2	1	2
Peace Bond	--	--	1	--	--	1
Criminal Record Checks	77	95	101	77	95	101
Total Occurrences	382	335	336	382	335	336



**(E.M. GORDON), Staff Sergeant
Detachment Commander
Swift Current City Detachment**