

**THE TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Regular Council Meeting
22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Spence
Deputy Mayor Heather Botelho
Councillor Terry Stover
Councillor Louise Lawrie
Councillor Mike Iwanowsky
Albert Meijering, Chief Administrative Officer
Roxanne Chan, Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Allen, Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: A/Cpl. Mike Boychuk, Churchill RCMP
Mark Brackley
Jennifer Massan
Wally Hyska
Randy Wasylkoski
Janice Hunter

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by T. Stover
059/10 RESOLVED THAT the agenda with revisions as read.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 R.C.M.P Monthly Report

Acting Corporal Mike Boychuk presented the monthly RCMP report to council. He summarized the crime and traffic statistics for the month of March 2010. He noted that there was no court held in March. The next scheduled court date is April 26, 2010. He stated that the file count for March is up slightly from last year, but the prisoner count is down. He stated that the old RCMP Detachment has been sold and the transfer is currently taking place. A new member, Constable Brennan Woodcock will be joining the detachment on June 15th. He indicated that they have new vehicles and the old Tahoe has been put up for tender and will be sold locally. They still have 3 vehicles.

Councilor Stover inquired about enforcing the speed limit in Churchill and what can be done about it. Corporal Asmundson stated that they can park on Kelsey with a radar gun and actively enforce the speed limit within town. Once the public is aware that the RCMP is proceeding with actively enforcing the speed limit, the community should begin to watch and follow the limits in town.

There was discussion on traffic violations and how they fit into the statistics. Acting Corporal Boychuk stated that the constables have been patrolling and giving verbal warnings and these would not show in the statistics. Only violations where files are created will be reflected.

There was a discussion on the RCMP presence during the Aurora Winter fest and this was noticed and appreciated by the community.

3.2 Mark Brackley – Fluoride Information Session Update

Mr. Brackley stated that there was an information session on fluoride in the water of April 19th. This gave a chance to educate the community on the effects of fluoride in the water.

There was discussion on what the next step is to having fluoride removed from the town water supply. The next step is to have a hearing to discuss both the pros and cons of fluoride in the town water supply. Administration is currently finalizing the dates of a presentation with a dentist.

060/10 RESOLVED THAT the following minutes:
Seconded by M. Iwanowsky

Regular Council Meeting, March 30, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.

be taken as circulated, and approved, all statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Complex Operations, April 6, 2010

Deputy Mayor H. Botelho presented the Complex Operations report. She noted that asbestos was removed for the Churchill RHA basement area. The removal was supervised by a government inspector and we were assured that all of it was removed safely. Ambassador Mechanical was in Churchill setting up for the new boilers. All three areas (school, complex and CRHA) will eventually have their own independent systems. The pool change room renovations are three weeks ahead of schedule. The arena ice plant was officially shut down on April 12th. The cleaning consulting services by Mr. Ken Slobodesky have been approved and are now underway. The recreation and complex budget are included in the packages. There is an increase in the recreation budget of approximately \$11,000.00 as it was cut last year.

There was discussion on a deadline to have the contractors clear the hallway of materials. This will be left with administration to deal with.

There was discussion on the recreation budget. The 2009 budget for the bowling alley wages was \$1500.00 and now in 2010 it has increased to \$7000.00. It was understood in moving forward with the bowling alley that there would be an increase in operations.

There was discussion on the chemicals purchased for the swimming pool. There will be a reduction in this cost with the pool changing to a salt water pool.

There was discussion on the hockey school expense in the budget. The CFO stated that she has budgeted the same in revenue and therefore it has a zero effect on the mill rate.

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by H. Botelho

061/10 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Complex Operations Committee meeting of April 6, 2010 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Community Infrastructure, April 2, 2009

Councilor Lawrie presented the Community Infrastructure report. She stated there was discussion on the leased vehicles. They will be coming up in the near future and need to be looked at in terms of what we will be returning and keeping. She stated that Public Works was busy through the month of March. There was a fire at L5 which caused considerable grief for both the fire department and the public works crew. There was concern about the smoke and at one point, NAV Canada suspended operations at the airport. The Public Works crew was finally able to suppress the fire by capping the area with sand and gravel. The fire will continue to burn under the cap and further action will need to be taken in the spring to completely extinguish the fire. Much effort was put into preparation for the Aurora Winter fest and feedback to the department was very positive. There has been extensive ponding on town roads and along side Kelsey Boulevard. The staff has been busy draining the water from these areas. The Manager of Public Works and Utilities has been working with the Chief Engineer of Utilities reviewing the operations of the Water and Sewer Treatment Plants. The town has been struggling with loose dogs and the issue is currently being addressed. The town is working closely with the RCMP on stricter enforcement of the ORV Act and Bylaw. There was discussion on dog carcasses being left at the lagoon. There is research being done on what the best way is to look at disposing of the carcasses. There was discussion on loose dogs in the town limits. This needs to be seriously looked at because people are fearful to walk their own dogs because of loose dogs. Councilor Lawrie stated that there are a number of unfinished items that will continue to be addressed at future meetings.

to bring forth recommendations and solutions to deal on in the community.

ii) Public Works and Utilities Budget

This was presented for information only and will be discussed in further detail at the upcoming series of budget meetings. Many of the recommendations are addressed in the Stantec Report.

There was further discussion that this was Andrew Sprunt's first official committee meeting and it was stated that he has the support of Mayor and Council to move forward in his position as Manager of Public Works and Utilities.

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

062/10 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Community Infrastructure Services Committee meeting on April 15, 2010 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration, April 14, 2010

Councilor Iwanowsky presented the Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration Committee report. He noted that the accounts for the month of March 2010 were reviewed and there were a few items were noted. Once reviewed and discussed, they were accepted as presented and recommended to council for approval.

i) Issue Sheet – Additional Security Officer for Midnight Shift

An issue sheet was presented to hire an additional security officer for the midnight shift. This has been identified as both a security need and a labor safety need. The labor standards states that no employee may work alone during the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am. The cost to hire this additional security officer would be completely recoverable by Government Services.

There was discussion about having this position created as a hybrid position to meet both custodial and security needs. The issue with creating a hybrid position is that the two positions considered have completely different skill sets. If an extra custodian is needed, then administration can bring forth the recommendation to hire an extra custodian.

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by T. Stover

063/10 WHEREAS Government Services conducted an on site security survey for the Town Centre Complex in October of 2009;

AND WHEREAS the need to have a second security officer during the midnight shift was identified as a labor safety regulation as labor standards state that no employee may work alone during the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of The Town of Churchill authorizes administration to create and hire 2 additional security officers for the Town Centre Complex for the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. 7 days per week.

CARRIED

ii) Issue Sheet – Frontiers North – Request to purchase land

An issue sheet was presented for Frontiers North to purchase the lot next to their Tundra Buggy Shop. The lot was offered to them in 2005 for the sum of \$15,000.00, however no final sale occurred. They are now inquiring again to purchase the land. The letter they received in June of 2007 stated that if they did not respond, the land would be put back up for tender prior to any final sale. No response was received. Administration is requesting approval from council to put the land up for tender and accept bids for the purchase of the lot.

This is the second time the issue has come forth to Mayor and Council to come up with a minimum acceptable bid for the land. This needs to go back to the committee for more information in order for Mayor and Council to determine an acceptable amount.

DEFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR MORE INFORMATION

and seconded by T. Stover

The report of the Personnel, Finance, Administration and Social Development Committee held on April 14, 2010 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. OTHER REPORTS

6.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Spence presented a verbal report. He stated that he met with representatives from the Federal Provincial Relations in Churchill. They had called and wanted to meet with the Mayor. They were accompanied by Mike Ogborn from Omnitrax. They wanted background on the Port of Churchill, Churchill Northern Studies Centre and the Churchill Regional Health Authority. He spoke on the lack of federal vision with regards to the north. He spoke on the importance of sovereignty and the Russian Arctic Bridge Concept. There was talk about how the community was designed for 3500 people and there are currently less than 1000 residents. There was discussion on the province and how the continue to speak about Churchill as a gateway to the north. There was further discussion on the investment of the province to the town centre and reinvestment into the rail line and port. There was discussion about the possibility of the Premiers visit in August and the funding that the province has given in terms of painting and upgrading areas of the town centre in preparation for the visit. The Mayor met with representatives from Tadoule Lake and Lac Brochet. There seems to be a willingness by the Inuit to allow Dene People to look at land that was traditionally theirs. In turn the Inuit want to look at land in the Churchill area. They are looking at having an Open House in Churchill and the Mayor suggested they come in May or June. The Mayor stated he attended that Hudson Bay Route Association Annual General Meeting in Saskatchewan. He indicated it was a good conference with good speakers and approximately 75 attendees. There was discussion about moving grain via road rather than rail. The elections were held and Arnold Gramble was selected again. The minutes will follow once completed. On April 13th, he stated that Rod, Heather, and he met with Hydro and the meeting went well. The minutes just arrived and he will forward to all of Council. There was discussion about another Barbeque in the summer. North South Consultants made their presentation in terms of the fish stocking. There are issues with stocking the river the way it is. They are looking at alternatives. There was discussion of involving the children of the community in the restocking. The water levels will remain constant. Dock repairs were discussed. The washroom facilities, west side development and marina in terms of a salt water marina were discussed. There are a lot of issues that need to be discussed and there will be a meeting in Churchill in August. The process is not moving quickly enough and the bar needs to be raised higher. He stated that there is a need to find out where the delay is in terms of lot development. On April 14th and 15th, Mayor Spence stated that he attended the Manitoba Summit. He was impressed with the summit. There were 125 participants there, but no other representation from the north. The recommendations from the summit will be forwarded. The discussion focused on the vision of Manitoba in 5 to 10 years. Churchill will play a role in the next 5 to 10 years with the connection with the inland port. Another sector was tourism, culture and youth and Churchill's role in developing tourism throughout Manitoba. Mayor Spence indicated that there are still uncertainties with VIA Rail. He stated that he has had discussions with Mike Ogborn, Minister Ashton, and Minister Robinson with securing a meeting within the next few weeks. He stated that after the presentation from Stantec it was reminded that the Tax Force Report needs to be looked at in order to secure the next phase on what needs to be done to move forward with our infrastructure needs.

6.2 CAO's Report

The CAO presented a verbal report. He stated that Stantec gave a presentation on the Town of Churchill's sewer and water requirements. There was good news and bad news. They presented preliminary findings as to what is priority. The information was very informative and flexible in terms of solutions to the problems. The next step is to work on a final presentation to have everyone to look at. He stated that he met with the RCMP last week on areas of concern for the community. They will be working on an ATV course in the spring and a snowmobile course in the fall. They will consider their safety talks in the school. There was also discussion on the enforcement of by-laws and they have indicated that they will help the town with the enforcement. A meeting has been set up for early May on the goals and objectives for 2010. He spoke with the Frontier School Division on the concerns of the old post office building and he has put them in touch with the asbestos inspectors in terms of the remediation of the RCMP building. He spoke with KGS and there was discussion on reducing the cost of the RFP by half with cost saving measures. On May 13th, there will be a Public Hearing on the 2010 Budget. He stated that VIA Rail has a

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h 2010. A meeting will be set up to discuss the schedule for current schedule.

There was discussion on the budget and receiving numbers and priorities. The CAO stated that he is waiting on information from Stantec with regards to the sewer and water upgrades and should have the information by May 4th. The meetings need to be set to move forward with the 2010 budget knowing that these figures will be coming, and that we will look at other sources of funding for the town's sewer and water needs. The information can be provided prior to the meetings for council to look at. The week of May 3rd to the 7th will need to be dedicated to going over the budget in order to have it ready for the public hearing.

There was discussion on the timeline for KGS. The CAO stated that all indications are that the landfill will be up and operational by the fall of 2010. As soon as the ground allows it, KGS and Roy Bukowsky will come to Churchill and a backhoe will be placed into the ground to start the process. The area between Mile 3 and 4 is being looked at. We may not need an environmental assessment which will reduce the cost substantially. The experts have indicated that this may not be a requirement. Not having to have an environmental assessment is what will expedite the process.

6.3 2010 Churchill Homecoming Committee Update

The Executive Assistant gave an update on the 2010 Churchill Homecoming Committee. She stated that everything is going well. There is a strong group of volunteers that are working to make the homecoming successful. The committee is currently working on a fundraising social for May 15th which is being promoted as the world's largest social. Each member on the committee has tasks to get donations because putting on a social in Churchill can be quite costly in terms of entertainment. The registration form is currently being finalized and should be posted next month.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
7.1 Frontier School Division	Newsletter	Info
7.2 Manitoba Hydro	Churchill River Diversion Augmented Flow	Info
7.3 AMM Member Advisory	Infrastructure Funding Update	Action
7.4 UCN	Extended Hands	Info
7.5 UCN	2010 . 2015 Strategic Plan	Info
7.6 Minister of Local Government	VLT Revenue Distribution	Info
7.7 Minister of Local Government	2010 General Assistance Grant	Info
7.8 Municipal Resources Inc.	2010 Canadian Municipal Employees & Elected Officials Remuneration & Benefits Survey	Info
7.9 Manitoba Hydro	Discharges at Missi Falls	Info
7.10 Manitoba Water Stewardship	The Nutrient Management Regulation	Info
7.11 Safe Work	Newsletter	Info
7.12 P.R. Treloar	Re: Dumping of Snow	Action
7.13 AMM	Request of Support	Action
7.14 Design North	Re: Geocaching - Wolves to Whales Campaign	Info
7.15 Canadian Dental Association	Position on use of fluorides in Caries prevention	Action
7.16 Minister of Labour & Immigration	National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed & Injured on the job	Info
7.17 Manitoba Hydro	News Release	Info

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 Approval of accounts for March 2010

Councilor Lawrie stated that she was not in favor of approving the accounts for March 2010 as she felt not enough information was given in regards to payroll in overtime or time in lieu hours. A recorded vote was taken:

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	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Deputy Mayor Heather Botelho	X			
Councillor Terry Stover	X			
Councillor Michael Iwanowsky	X			
Councillor Louise Lawrie		X		

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

65/10 WHEREAS the accounts of The Town of Churchill for the balance of the period ending March 2010 have been examined and found to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques in the amount of \$407,973.19 for March 2010 last cheque #027871 and payroll debits in the amount of \$98,395.62 be approved.

CARRIED

8.2 Approval of Statements for December 2009

Councillor Lawrie stated that she was not in favor of approving the statements for December 2009 as she felt that the statements should be up to date as of March 2010. A recorded vote was taken:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Michael Spence	X			
Deputy Mayor Heather Botelho	X			
Councillor Terry Stover	X			
Councillor Michael Iwanowsky	X			
Councillor Louise Lawrie		X		

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by T. Stover

066/10 WHEREAS the financial statements for The Town of Churchill for the month of December 2009 have been examined and found to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements for the month of December 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

8.3 Request for 2009 Aurora Winter fest Grant

A letter was received from the Aurora Winter fest committee requesting the 2009 Town of Churchill grant. This is an annual grant that is budgeted for.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by T. Stover

067/10 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the 2009 Aurora Winter fest Grant in the amount of \$3600.00.

CARRIED

8.4 Appropriation of funds from the General Operating Fund.

The Town of Churchill has a surplus and the CFO is recommending that the town transfer \$250,000.00 from the general reserve to pay for the KGS RFP which is approximately \$246,000.00.

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by L. Lawrie

068/10 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following amounts be appropriated as charges from the General Operating Fund, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, pending the outcome of the 2009 audit.

\$250,000.00 be appropriated to the General Reserve.

CARRIED

9. BY-LAWS

9.1 Elections By-Law – First & Second Reading

The CFO stated that there is a new regulation that is requiring all campaign expenses be recorded. This is now law. The amount has been approved at the last meeting.

seconded by L. Lawrie

By-law #750/2010 of The Town of Churchill for the purpose of establishing Campaign Expenses and Contributions for the 2010 Municipal Election as read a second time be passed

CARRIED

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

070/10 RESOLVED THAT By-law #750/2010 of The Town of Churchill for the purpose of establishing Campaign Expenses and Contributions for the 2010 Municipal Election as read a first time be passed

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. IN CAMERA

12.1 Council Moved into an In-Camera session at 6.55 pm.

Moved H. Botelho and seconded T. Stover

071/10 RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Churchill convene into an In-Camera session.

CARRIED

12.2 Council convened the In-Camera session at 7:25 p.m.

Moved T. Stover and seconded L. Lawrie

072/10 RESOLVED THAT the In-Camera session of the Council for the Town of Churchill be adjourned. Council agrees that all information discussed in the In-Camera session shall remain confidential until released for public knowledge by Council as a whole.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by L. Lawrie

073/10 WHEREAS the business of this meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 7:26 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by T. Stover
059/10 RESOLVED THAT the agenda with revisions as read.

CARRIED

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CARRIED

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by L. Lawrie

073/10 WHEREAS the business of this meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 7:26 p.m.