

THE TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2011 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Spence
Deputy Mayor Verna Flett
Councilor Heather Botelho
Councilor Jennifer Massan
Councilor Gerald Azure
Albert Meijering, Chief Administrative Officer
Gail Hodkin, Chief Financial Officer

ALSO PRESENT: Corporal Colin Friesen, RCMP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spence called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by H. Botelho
280/11 RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as read.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 R.C.M.P Monthly Report

The new Detachment Commander, Corporal Colin Friesen was welcomed to the community by Mayor Spence and Cpl. Friesen presented the Monthly R.C.M.P report to Council. He summarized the crime and traffic statistics for the month of November 2011. He indicated there was no court session in November and that the next Court date is set for January 23 & 24, 2012. There was discussion relating to the statistics presented as well as comments on video conferencing.

Mayor Spence asked if the pattern would be alcohol in terms of increases, and Corp. Friesen stated that for the month of November it appears to be high but the month of October it was lower. Mayor Spence asked if the files would include people that are not local and Corp. Friesen stated yes.

There was discussion regarding the armed robbery which is not a norm for Churchill. Corp. Friesen stated it was an isolated incident and it is in the court's hands, the next appearance date is December 21, 2011 in Thompson. In any incident involving fire arms is a minimum of five years in prison for first time offenders.

4. READING OF MINUTES

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by G. Azure
281/11 RESOLVED THAT the following minutes:

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

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Complex Operations, December 6, 2011

Councilor Botelho presented the Complex Operations Report. She stated that the Recreation department is developing a curling Funspiel/Bonspiel in January 2012 with the Churchill Curling Club. Recreation department is also working on bringing up a curling instructor. She stated that there was a lot of discussion regarding the Child Abandonment policy. It was stated that Government Services has agreed to work with the community to create the new design for the indoor playground. There was a discussion regarding the wishing well. Mayor Spence stated regarding the curling event that is being planned with the Manitoba Curling Association he thinks you have to be a member but the cost would be very minimal and that would allow us to partake in curling zones.

Moved by J. Massan and seconded by H. Botelho

282/11 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Complex Operations Committee meeting on December 6, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Community Infrastructure, December 8, 2011

Councilor Massan presented the Community Infrastructure report. She stated that they are working on the Snow Removal Policy. There was a discussion regarding this policy, and snow pile dumping grounds. It was suggested that the Town get other inputs and ideas of where to dump the snow to cause the least amount of scarring of the land and less clean up time. There was a discussion regarding the snow policies of out of town limits. It was suggested that the CR30 needs to be added the priority 1 list.

Moved by G. Azure and seconded by J. Massan

283/11 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Community Infrastructure Services Committee meeting on December 8, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration, December 19, 2011

Deputy Mayor Flett presented the PFSD & A report. She stated that Administration will look into current travel expense benefits and per diems and make recommendations on expense costs. Administration will contact Cross Lake and get more information on their Tele-justice program for implementation in Churchill. She stated that there was discussion regarding the EMO meeting that took place. There was a discussion regarding lot 20 sale. The CAO stated that when contacting the land titles branch, it was realized that lot 19 and lot 20 should be sold together. The Council members expressed their concerns. Council advised Administration it to be differed back to committee. There was a discussion on the beautification of the community and derelict vehicles. There was a discussion regarding the borrowing resolution.

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by H. Botelho

284/11 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Personal, Finance, Social Development and Administration committee meeting held on December 19, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. OTHER REPORTS

6.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Spence presented a verbal report. He stated that the premier did meet with the Prime Minister in Ottawa on December 12, 2011, it was stated that the Churchill file went very well. The Prime Minister has agreed to develop a task force at a senior level. He stated that an interim study is to be completed by mid April. On December 13, 2011 they had an opportunity to meet the Chinese Delegation, which were the China Consul based in Toronto and Montreal, Lieutenant Governor Lee, Minister Axworthy, Deputy Minister Doug MacNeil, OmniTRAX President Brad Chase, and this was to present a trade tour. At this time they discussed shipping grain, ash, via the North West Passage. Mayor Spence stated that they are still working on the Churchill Sustainability plan work. He also stated that the representative of cold weather testing will be visiting Churchill December 21, 2011 and will be meeting with Council to discuss opportunities in Churchill. He stated that the recruitment drive for the Agnico-Eagle Mine went very well on December 2, 2011 and they are looking into training opportunities in Churchill.

6.2 CAO's Report

The CAO presented a verbal report. He stated they are working on updating the EMO plan. There was a meeting on December 15, 2011 to establish a committee which included the Port of Churchill, Transport Canada, and the CRHA. We have asked each organization to delegate a person to represent each of them at the committee meetings as well become a communications officer should an emergency arise. He stated that would like to have an EMO plan in March and then invite the Province up to Churchill for training, which would then lead in a disaster exercise. He stated that Administration is working on the year end and working on work plans for the spring.

7. Communications

	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	
7.1	Churchill Chamber of Commerce	Christmas Lights . Kelsey Blvd.	Info/Action

7.2	Aurora Winterfest	Sponsorship	Info/Action
7.3	Minister of Conservation	Meeting during AMM	Info
7.4	Hudson Bay Route Assoc.	Newsletter	Info
7.5	CEDF	Annual Report	Info
7.6	Manitoba Hydro	Discharge at Missi-Falls . Forecast	Info
7.7	Citizen and Immigration Canada	Multiculturalism Award	Info/Action
7.8	Resolve	Newsletter	Info
7.9	WCB	Newsletter	Info
7.10	Wally Daudrich	Purchase of Lot#20 Kelsey Blvd.	Action
7.11	Christmas Flurries	Complex Electrical	Info/Action
7.12	Minister of Health	Certificate of Recognition . Fluoride	Info
7.13	VIA Rail	Meal Service Response	Info/Action
7.14	Kivalliq Air	Thank you	Info
7.15	IPolitics	Magazine Subscription	Info/Action
7.16	Hudson Bay Quest	Sponsorship Request	Info/Action
7.17	CRHA	VIA Rail Meal Service	Info
7.18	Autism Speaks	Light it Up Blue	Info/Action
7.19	Parks Canada	Canada National Parks Book	Info
7.20	Manitoba Hydro	River Diversion Aug. Program	Info

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 Approval of Accounts for November 2011

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by V. Flett

285/11 WHEREAS the accounts of The Town of Churchill for the month of November ending November 30, 2011 have been examined and found to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques in the amount of **\$625,689.64** for November 2011 last cheque #029978 and payroll debits in the amount of **\$223,093.44** be approved.

CARRIED

8.2 Financial Statements for November 2011

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by H. Botelho

286/11 WHEREAS the financial statements of The Town of Churchill for the months of November 2011 have been examined and found to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements for the months of November 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

8.3 Borrowing Agreement

This was discussed in PFSD&A.

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by H. Botelho

287/11 WHEREAS Section 173(1) of the Municipal Act authorizes a council to borrow money for operating expenses during the fiscal year, the amount borrowed must not exceed the amount collected in taxes and grants-lieu of taxes in the previous fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Churchill wishes to borrow for current operating expenses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Churchill authorize current borrowing not to exceed \$2,489,916.00 during the 2011 fiscal period.

CARRIED

9. BY-LAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Nutrition North

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. IN CAMERA

12.1 Council convened into an in camera session at 5:54 p.m.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by V. Flett

288/11 RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Town of Churchill convene into an In Camera session.

CARRIED

Council adjourned the in camera session at 6:45 p.m.

Moved by J. Massan and seconded by V. Flett

289/11 RESOLVED THAT the In-Camera session of the Council for The Town of Churchill has been 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 J. Massan and seconded by V. Flett

290/11 WHEREAS the business of this meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6:46 pm.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by H. Botelho

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