

THE TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 29, 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
Jennifer Merry, Executive Assistant
Tom Hill, Facility Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Corporal Colin Friesen, RCMP
Mark Brackley
Louise Lawrie
Gavin Lawrie
John Hrominchuk
Jennafor Olander
Wally Hyska
Ollie Romanow

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
264/11 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 October 2011. He indicated there was no court session in October 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.

Corporal Friesen thanks Mayor and Council for the warm welcome and indicated that he and his family have been made to feel very welcomed by the community. Mayor Spence indicated to him that Council was just at the annual AMM Conference in Brandon where Council met with the District Commander and expressed appreciation for the officers located here in Churchill that often they are going above and beyond in terms of volunteering and coming out for Town events.

3.2 Churchill No Fluoride – Mark Brackley

Mr. Brackley asked for an update on the Fluoride decision. He was informed that Administration is working with the RHA and Frontier School Division to put together a plan to ensure Fluoride is available to children should parents wish to have their children continue to receive Fluoride care and the decision is made to remove the Fluoride.

3.3 Louise Lawrie

Ms. Lawrie came forward to express her concerns with regards to vehicle use and policies.

4. READING OF MINUTES

Moved by G. Azure and seconded by V. Flett
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Special Council Meeting November 14, 2011

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

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Complex Operations, November 9, 2011

Councilor Botelho presented the Complex Operations Report. There was discussion on the opening of the swimming pool, Advertisement for business in the arena and promotion of Curling in the community.

Moved by J. Massan and seconded by H. Botelho

266/11 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Complex Operations Committee meeting on November 9, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Community Infrastructure, November 10, 2011

Councilor Massan presented the Community Infrastructure report. There was a general discussion regarding the need for volunteer firefighters and that lack of volunteers is a nation wide problem. The Town currently has 17 Volunteer Firefighters on the books, but have space for 21. There was discussion regarding the Snow Route Policy and updates.

Moved by G. Azure and seconded by J. Massan

267/11 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Community Infrastructure Services Committee meeting on November 10, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration, November 28, 2011

Mayor Spence presented the PFSD & A report. There was general discussion in regards to a FIPPA request that the Town received and that the information would be sent out. There was also a general discussion regarding the VISA Card and changing the name on the card.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by V. Flett

268/11 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Personal, Finance, Social Development and Administration committee meeting held on November 28, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. OTHER REPORTS

6.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Spence presented a verbal report. He mentioned an opportunity that he was working on with Agnico-Eagle Mines and that the mine would be presenting a recruiting drive in the Community on December 2, 2011. This was a result of attending that Mining Conference in Winnipeg on November 18. Mayor Spence indicated that the mine is looking for 600 to 800 direct employees in trades that include Heavy Equipment Operators, Mechanics, Welders and Millwrights, they are also in need of an additional 1,000 contractors and support people. On November 10, 2011 WWF and Coca-Cola were in Churchill for the announcement and kick-off of Coke's new campaign in conjunction with WWF for the protection of Polar Bears. At the kick-off, they announced a \$10,000 contribution to the Polar Bear Alert Book project that the Town is working on in partnership with Conservation. On November 16, 2011 Mayor Spence met with the Premier and the Premier's Economic Advisory Board to discuss the changes to the Canadian Wheat Board. From those discussions, 2 priorities came forward for the Premier to present to Prime Minister Harper; Preservation of the Port of Churchill being first priority, and the establishment of a Centre of Grain Excellence Facility to be established in Winnipeg. On November 18, 2011 Mayor Spence attended the Northern Mayors and Reeves meeting where discussions were held regarding a Northern Development Strategy, the CWB,

and Via Rail issues. Mayor Spence also indicated that Council attended that annual AMM convention where they had an opportunity to speak with the ministers of Conservation, MIT, Housing as well as our own MLA and discuss issues currently effecting Churchill. On November 25, 2011, Council met with Federal Minister Toews to discuss changes to the CWB and the impacts on Churchill. The meeting included members of the MB Business Council as well as Brad Chase, the CEO of OmniTRAX Canada. The meeting was to discuss the role that Churchill could play in Prime Minister Harper's Northern Development Strategy including resupply possibilities in the North, shipping of minerals out of the mines directly north of us, Hydro supply into Nunavut through MB Hydro and re-establishment of a military presence in Churchill for Arctic Sovereignty.

There was general discussion following the Mayor's report on the final report from the ARM committee and it is anticipated to be finalized by mid December the report will cover the issues from the open house, low water levels and the development of a Salt Water Marina. There was also discussion regarding the fire and Northern Nights Lodge.

6.2 CAO's Report

The CAO presented a verbal report. He stated Administration is working on the 2012 budget and work plans. He indicated that the Auditors were in on November 22 to 24 to work on the 2010 Audited Financial Statements and perform the audit. The lateness of the audits is a problem through out the province with the changes to PSAB and all of the municipalities and Accounting Firms getting caught up. At the AMM the Minister of Local government announced that 20% of Manitoba Municipalities are still working on 2009 statements and a further 70% are still working on 2010. With the changes to PSAB there are less municipal auditors taking on the changes and it is creating a backlog for everyone. The CAO mentioned the fire at Northern Nights Lodge and commended everyone for their efforts at the fire. He noted that several people were on duty for over 20 hours working on the scene. The CAO indicated that he will be having a follow up meeting with all of the agencies and departments involved for a debrief and will schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss improvements to the system. This will lead into updating the Town emergency Plan and will begin working on a committee to review the plan and make necessary updates.

7. Communications

	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	
7.1	Minister of Local Government	2012 Manitoba Planning Excellence Awards	Action
7.2	Eldon Boon	Presentation	Info
7.3	Premier of Manitoba	Meeting Invitation	Action
7.4	Manitoba Hydro	Forecast Missi Falls	Info
7.5	Frontier School Division	Board Meeting Highlights	Info
7.6	Travel Manitoba	Polar Bear Alert Book Project	Info
7.7	Great White Bear Tours	Polar Bear Alert Book Project	Action
7.8	Crime Stoppers	Donation Request	Action
7.9	Safety Work	Conference Invite	Action
7.10	Parks Canada	Prince of Wales Fort Management Plan	Info
7.11	Manitoba Health	Lyme Disease Fat Sheet	Info
7.12	Minister of Local Government	2009 Statistical Information	Info
7.13	Churchill Christmas Cheer Board	Donation Request	Action
7.14	Manitoba Hydro	Churchill River Diversion	Info
7.15	Minister of Local Government	2011 General support Grant	Info
7.16	Tourism North Manitoba	Familiarize Council with Organization	Info
7.17	Frontier School Division	Charting the Future . Strategic Plan	Info
7.18	Community Futures North	Thank you	Info
7.19	McKay Chevrolet Buick	Thank you	Info
7.20	North Central News	News Letter	Info
7.21	Frontier School Division	Newsletter	Info
7.22	Parks Canada	Staffing Information	Info
7.23	WWF	Gift Presentation	Info
7.24	Rail Travel Tours	VIA Rail . Hot Meal Cancelation	Info
7.25	Gary Storey . University Sask.	Grain Marketing Conference Invite	Action
7.26	Louise Lawrie	Overpass Christmas Decorations	Action
7.27	Churchill Chamber of Commerce	Quarterly Meetings	Action
7.28	Bjorne Hansen	Thank you re: Northern Nights Lodge	Info
7.29	Gerald Azure	Requesting letter of support	Action

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 Approval of Accounts for October 2011

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by H. Botelho

269/11 WHEREAS the accounts of The Town of Churchill for the month of October ending October 31, 2011 have been examined and found to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques in the amount of **\$1,641,380.03** for October 2011 last cheque #029814 and payroll debits in the amount of **\$218,940.94** be approved.

CARRIED

8.2 Financial Statements for October 2011

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by H. Botelho

270/11 WHEREAS the financial statements of The Town of Churchill for the months of October 2011 have been examined and found to be in order;

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

CARRIED

8.3 Taxes Cancelled

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by H. Botelho

271/11 WHEREAS Section 326 of The Municipal Act stated that a municipality must correct its tax roll to reflect supplementary property taxes imposed; and any change in taxes resulting from a revision to an assessment roll under The Municipal Assessment Act.

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Assessor has issued reduction returns dated October 31, 2011 and November 1, 2011;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Churchill add and subtract the amounts set out in the Schedules as noted by the Provincial Assessment Branch dated October 31, 2011 and November 1, 2011;

2010

Residential

Net Assessment Change: 17,300 decrease

2011

Residential

Net Assessment Change: 20,800 decrease

CARRIED

9. BY-LAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 J. Massan

272/11 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

273/11 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 H. Botelho and seconded by J. Massan

274/11 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

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