

**TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Special Council Meeting
2010 @ 12:00 pm in Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Spence
Deputy Mayor Verna Flett
Councillor Heather Botelho
Councillor Jennifer Massan
Councillor Gerald Azure
Albert Meijering, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Merry, Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Bruce Bremner . Assistant Deputy Minister
Pierce Roberts . Northern District Director
Bob Windsor . Supervisor Churchill Region
Louise Lawrie
John Hrominchuck

REGRETS: Roxanne Chan, Chief Financial Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 12:09pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by V. Flett seconded by H. Botelho

242/10 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 Manitoba Conservation Update

Pierce Roberts gave an update regarding Brian Ladoon's dogs. The concerns at the Mile five site are risk and liability of someone getting hurt while visiting the site, the polar bears that have become habituate to the dogs, the food and the people. This changes the behavior in the bears and in the future they can become problem bears and Manitoba Conservation wants to protect the bears as well. It was also stated that Brian does not have authorization to be on the land, nor does he has permit or license.

The dogs at the RX site are not authorized either. This site is lesser concern to Manitoba Conservation because there is no concern of Polar Bears being on the site as this falls within the Polar Bear alert patrol area. Half of the dogs are on provincial and the others are on Federal land. It was stated by Mayor Spence that The Town of Churchill has no jurisdiction over the mile 5 site and we are not in a position to become involved at this site. The Town of Churchill would like the dogs at the RX site moved away from the main road, dogs often get loose and run

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is a big concern because people jog, walk and drive on has indicated that there is a site that has been set out and a land reserve has been granted that they will allow the dogs to moved to, it is six and half acres.

Manitoba Conservation had a meeting with their legal advisors and the veterinarian's office. At the meeting it was stated that the animal care act was amended which gave more powers to among the legislation. The vet did visit the dogs and assess them as a health stand point and they discovered that they are in good overall health. This leaves Manitoba Conservation to take action; they will be briefing the Minister and recommending the actions that need to be taken. Pierce did meet with Brian approximately a year ago and offered a proposal and a new site to move his dogs too; he did not accept the proposal and said that he is not moving the dogs. Manitoba Conservation's next step is to apply for a court order to get possession of the dogs. The request will be to move the dogs off that land and if he fails to do so then the dogs would go to the province. The second option is to start patrolling the mile five area as they would in town and discourage the bears from inhabiting the area.

The mayor spoke regarding the Mile five site. He stated that it is a very delicate issue. Brian has been relocated from the cottage area at Camp Nanuq years ago. Also, it was asked of Brian to submit a long term plan to the Town of Churchill in terms of what he wanted to do and the Town could see if they could facilitate that plan. No plan was ever forthcoming from Brian.

Pierce had stated that in the late 1990's there was an expert hired to do an assessment of all the Tourism Business's and the biggest risk in Canada was Brian Ladoon's dogs at Mile five.

It was asked by Councillor Massan what can we do about the dogs at the RX site as to when they get loose. It was stated that under the Town of Churchill's Animal Control By-Law that the Town can seize the dogs, then he would have to pay the fees. If he did not pick them up after 10 days they could then be euthanized. It was stated by Councillor Massan that it is a big concern because it is known in the community that a couple of the dogs are loose and no one knows if these dogs are vaccinated so the community is scared to walk, jog down the highway.

Pierce did meet with Brian and drove around with him last year and he would not take a document from Pierce, but he was able to tell him briefly what Manitoba Conservation was proposing. Brian stated that it would be extremely expensive to move the dogs, the outcome was that he verbally turned down the proposal. It was asked by Mayor Spence if he received a paper copy and Pierce indicated that he did not as of yet. The next step would be to serve him legally with the proposal. Manitoba Conservation would like to offer solutions for everyone in the situation including Brian. The proposed site that is being offered is George Sinclair's previous location along the old road.

It was asked by Councillor Botelho if Manitoba Conservation knows how many dogs he has total. It was stated by Pierce that he has 148, 63 at Mile five and 85 at the RX site. It was asked by the CAO what the logic is between the two sites. Pierce stated that he did not know, but he noticed at the Mile five site that all the

and at the RX site are mainly females, young adults and
the RX site is mainly used for breeding.

It was asked by the CAO if Pierce could send Brian the letter via registered mail, it was stated in the past that he would not accept registered letters. It was decided that Pierce would leave a copy of the proposal with Administration. Administration will forward a copy to its legal representation and look at working with Brian to relocate the dogs away from the RX road.

The Mayor stated that during the AMM trip they met with the Minister of Conservation. They discussed the situation with Brian's dogs, Landfill site and the idea of recognizing the past CAO's and biologists who took part in the polar bear alert program.

ACTION: Administration to send the proposal to the lawyer, and begin action to move Brian away from the RX Site.

3.2 Open house for Landfill

The CAO presented January 11th, but that did not work for Councillor Botelho. The next date presented was Thursday January 27th.

ACTION: Administration to plan the open house.

3.3 Canadian Navy Centennial Namesake Ships Program

The Mayor asked for input on dates that the Canadian Navy could visit Churchill and present the picture of the ship. July 1st was mentioned, also the Canadian Military is also visiting this winter, and The Aurora Fest is also taking place.

3.4 Newsletter Input

The CAO requested that Mayor and Council to submit a brief Bio of each member and also a picture. December 12th is the selected date.

4. IN CAMERA

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by G. Azure

243/10 RESOLVED THAT Council for The town of Churchill convene into an In-Camera session.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Massan and seconded by G. Azure

244/10 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

5. ADJOURNMENT



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seconded by V. Flett

Business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1:10 pm.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Moved by V. Flett seconded by H. Botelho

240/10 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by V. Flett and seconded by G. Azure

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