

**TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Special Council Meeting
June 3, 2010 at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers**

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

REGRETS: Councilor Terry Stover

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Brackley
Dr. Khalida Hai-Santiago
Diane Brackley
Mr. Brackley
Avere Stangeland
Joel McAuley
Joe Stover
Jennifer Campbell
Holton Fletcher

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie

097/10 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 Fluoride in the Town's Water Supply

Mayor Spence opened the discussion stating that there are two sides with regards to fluoride in the town water supply. He stated that Mark Barkley came forward to Council last year to discuss the negatives of fluoride in the town water supply and now Dr. Halide Hay-Santiago, Dental Consultant for Manitoba Health, is in Churchill to present the positives of fluoride in the town water supply.

Dr. Halide Hay-Santiago gave a power point presentation highlighting the benefits of Community Water Fluoridation. She stated that water fluoridation is the controlled addition of the fluoride into a community water supply and its purpose is to prevent tooth decay and to help residents retain their teeth throughout life. She stated it is ideal because it is effect, safe, inexpensive and requires no effort or direct action and does not depend on access or availability of professional services. The entire population benefits regardless of financial resources. She went on to discuss the consequences of poor oral health, such as tooth decay and dental extractions in children. She highlighted the 2000-2001 Children's Oral Health Needs Assessment and the caries and gingivitis experience of children in Churchill.

Mark Brackley continued the discussion with a brief oral presentation reiterating the negative effects of fluoride in the town water supply. He stated that he has been working on this issue as a volunteer for the past two years and represents a growing group of residents who do not want fluoride in the town water supply.

There was discussion that residents should be given the choice to either take fluoride or not. Currently they do not have a choice.

There was further discussion to contact other Northern Communities to find out what their positions are with regards to fluoride in the water supply.

ACTION: Administration to contact Northern Communities to find out whether they have fluoride in their water and what their position is on the issue.

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Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

098/10 WHEREAS the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6:03 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Motions:

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