

**TOWN OF CHURCHILL**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 12:00 pm in Council Chambers**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Michael Spence  
Deputy Mayor Verna Flett  
Councilor Gerald Azure  
Councilor Jennifer Massan  
Albert Meijering, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gail Hodkin, Chief Financial Officer  
Rebecca Allen, Executive Assistant

**REGRETS:** Councilor Heather Botelho

**ALSO PRESENT:** Harold Smith, Manitoba Housing Authority  
Louise Wright, Manitoba Housing Authority  
Carmel Taylor, Manitoba Housing Authority

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by G. Azure and seconded by J. Massan**

**182/11 RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**3.1 Manitoba Housing Authority**

Mayor Spence began the discussion stating that there are simple issues that can be resolved. He indicated that he understands the challenges that Carmel faces as manager of the Churchill District. There are clear policies in place that she must follow. People that are in arrears inevitably need to be evicted. He stated that having a resource person that could help people prior to them receiving a notice of eviction would be beneficial. There are several factors involved when people are unable to pay their rent: laid off from their job, addictions issues.

Harold Smith responded that there is a shared responsibility between the tenant and the landlord. The goal is to always work with the tenants.

Another issue for discussion was redevelopment. There has been talk that MHA will be selling off some of the existing/older units. This is part of a province wide new homeowners program that was launched in July. Churchill is not a part of this program, but it will be up for consideration in the near future. Harold stated that that program is just beginning and to allow the kinks to work themselves out and to speak again in a few months to discuss its possibilities for Churchill. He stated that the first opportunity to purchase is to low income families.

Another topic for discussion was contracts up for tender. There appears to be only large tenders going out which does not fit the qualifications of the local contractors. The total projects are being put up for one tender and the successful contractor is subcontracting with contractors down south. Local Contractors are not being given the opportunity to bid on the tenders that they are able to do. Carmel stated that the local contractors are being asked to bid and are not. Manitoba Housing is literally begging for bids and are not getting any at a local level.

Harold Smith stated that the lines of communication between Manitoba Housing and The Town of Churchill need to stay open and another meeting in a few months to be arranged regarding the Homeowners Program.

**ACTION: Administration to arrange a Special Meeting to discuss the Manitoba Housing Authority Homeowners Program in November 2011.**

**4. AJOURNMENT**

**Moved by J. Massan and seconded by G. Azure**

**183/11** WHEREAS the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 1:25 p.m.

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Michael Spence  
Mayor

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Albert Meijering  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Recapitulation**

**Motions:**

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