

THE TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Spence
Deputy Mayor Heather Botelho
Councillor Terry Stover
Councilor Louise Lawrie
Councilor Mike Iwanowsky
Albert Meijering, Chief Administrative Officer

REGRETS: Roxanne Chan, Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Allen, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by T. Stover
303/08 RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as read

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 R.C.M.P Monthly Report

Constable Jeff Asmundson presented the report. He stated that there was one break and enter in November involving a spouse. He stated court was held on November 17, 2008 and there were 39 charges on the docket. 34 of the charges were adult and 5 charges were youth. Of the 39 people charged, 15 were convicted, 13 were remanded, and 6 were set for trial. The next court date is scheduled for April of 2009. The occurrences for 2008 are at 951 to date and the prisoner count is at 115 to date. He stated that the helmet enforcement handed out treats for those that complied with the law. Two children had to be escorted home due to failure to comply. The RCMP was involved with the Hockey School and everything went well. They also participated in the Christmas Cheer Board.

There was discussion on whether the number of calls that the RCMP receives has increased. Constable Asmundson stated that the calls have pretty much remained the same.

3.2 CRHA Community Services, Michel Petit

Michel Petit presented the Community Health Assessment. He stated that this is done every four years and that 2009 is the next assessment time. They are looking at true data as this produces indicators on the RHA health plan. The data is used to engage community groups to develop a work plan based on the data. The community health report recognizes both the positive and negative aspects. The RHA is looking forward to working with the Town of Churchill in developing focus groups.

There was discussion on how the community is doing. Michel Petit stated that everything is calm. Churchill is a great community for children as there are lots of activities to participate in. He stated there are health challenges. More northern staff is needed and the staff needs to be more community driven. The CRHA cannot find an ECE, however, they are training three here in Churchill. He stated that the numbers are good. Dentistry referrals are now coming to Churchill. The CRHA is now accepting referrals from the Baffin Region with thirty fly ins this month. This helps with the Transient Center. He stated it is only going to get busier.

4. READING OF MINUTES

4.1 The reading and approval of the minutes of November 20, 2008; Regular Council Meeting and December 8, 2008; Special Meeting has been deferred to the next Regular Council Meeting of January 15, 2009.

DEFERRED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Complex Operations, December 2, 2008

Councilor Louise Lawrie presented the Complex Operations report. She noted that the arena has been opened for two months and all programming is up and running. There is a designated time on Fridays for skate sharpening. The swimming pool is still shut down for maintenance. The tube bundle for the pool heater failed in November. The part was ordered, but it had to be custom made and still has not arrived. The gymnasium has hosted many successful events such as Ducks Unlimited, The Addictions Dance and Roots on The Rails. Badminton is back on Friday Nights by popular demand. The curling ice is finished. There is now open gym and public skating during lunch hour to give the youth something to do during that time.

The water had to be shut off in the Complex in order to install the new water main valves. It was shut off for about ten hours. The refrigeration plant needs water in order to operate, and in order to keep it running during this time one of the fire trucks came and supplied the plant with water. There was also an electrical problem with the plant that resulted in shut down for several hours. The problem was corrected and the ice was maintained. The boiler inspector was in town and inspected both the complex boilers and the refrigeration plant. There were no major issues. There were minor equipment changes that will be done upon shut down in the spring.

There was discussion on the action items from the committee meeting. An acrylic holder is to be placed in the Bayport Plaza to hold schedules for the public to be able to pickup at their convenience. There was also discussion on the renovations of the maintenance workshop area.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie

304/08 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Complex Operations Committee meeting on December 2, 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Community Infrastructure, December

Councilor Lawrie presented the Community Infrastructure report. She noted that the Utilities Department has begun heating water in town. The boiler inspector was in town and everything is good. He will be returning to fine tune everything. Utilities have been busy cleaning and painting the plant. The lifts will need to be cleaned out due to grease build up.

Public Works had to deal with a freeze up with a Manitoba Housing Authority unit and a water break at A block. They had to shut the water main off to repair a leak on Hendry Street. Two recycle trailers were loaded by Public Works and shipped to Thompson. The freight was generously paid for by North Star Tours and Natural Habitat. A gondola car of tires was shipped to Thompson. The overhead doors at the shop need work done on them as they have been acting up.

The MSO stated that everything has been pretty quiet with the exception of a snowmobile smashing through one of the windows in the Indoor Playground. The MSO, along with the RCMP, went into the school to discuss snowmobile safety. She also went patrolling on the weekend with an officer to ensure that the town by-law was being followed. Everything went well with all children wearing their helmets and following the local speed limits. One dog was impounded and due to no response being received, it had to be put down. There were complaints of smoking just outside the doors of the complex. The MSO spoke to the offenders and will be monitoring this.

The Fire Department responded to various calls. One of mysterious nature at the metal dump, one at O'Connor Block, and one to assist the local ambulance

at a residence on Bernier. The department has received two applications that they will be reviewing at their next meeting.

There was discussion on the recycling trailers sent to Thompson. Letters of thanks need to be sent to both North Star Tours and Natural Habitat. There was also discussion on when Desmond Raymond would be able to provide an update to the RFP that he has been working on. Councilor Iwanowsky stated that Mr. Raymond will be in Churchill mid to late January.

ACTION: Administration to draft letters to North Star Tours and Natural Habitat thanking them for their generous contribution of freight to have two recycle trailers shipped from Churchill to Thompson.

ACTION: Administration to arrange a special meeting with Desmond Raymond to go over the updates to the RFP.

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

305/08 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Community Infrastructure Services Committee meeting on December 8, 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration, December 17, 2008

Councilor Stover presented the Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration Committee report. He stated that the accounts for November 2008 were examined and found to be in order. There was concern on the invoices received from Rod McKenzie on his Hydro work, but it has been clarified that everything is being charged back to Hydro with a 20% administration fee.

Moved by M.Iwanowsky and seconded by T. Stover

306/08 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Personnel, Finance, Administration and Social Development Committee meeting held on December 17, 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. OTHER REPORTS

6.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Spence presented a verbal report. He stated that he will meet with John Fenton, President and CEO of Omnitrac to discuss the rail issues. Mayor and Council will be presenting a 2009 summer plan in the near future. He is hoping that many things can be accomplished in 2009. The high cost of operation needs to be reviewed. The Via Schedule also needs to be reviewed. He met with Northern Stores and discussed the rail issue with respect to freight. Last year their air freight bill was approximately \$50,000.00 due to the rail not running in a timely fashion. Northern did not pass the excess freight charges to their customers. They currently attempt to bulk up on all perishable items to prevent having to fly them in.

There was discussion on possibly having powder milk and UHT milk available to offset when the perishable shipment does not arrive.

6.2 CAO Report

The CAO presented a verbal report. He stated that he has been dealing with the housing issue in Churchill. There are residents of Churchill that are unable to secure housing. He spoke with Manitoba Housing Authority and they were not very diplomatic in their answers to why this is happening in the community. The CAO would like to see a Tenant Association set up so that the community can address their concerns and hopefully come to a solution to this problem. The CAO stated that he has spoken with the Churchill Regional Housing Authority to see if they are willing to take on the housing issue through their community services department. He stressed that this is a dilemma in the community that needs to be addressed. The CAO advised that the fuel prices in the community have dropped considerably and are supposed to continue to drop in the future.

6.3 Churchill Northern Studies Centre Meeting (Councilor Iwanowsky and Councilor Lawrie)

The CNSC are entering into the preparation phase for their new building. The contracts with the Architect and Construction firm have been received. The concept is to have all the players at the table at once. Everyone has been given the opportunity for input on the new facility as well as the old facility. Designs should arrive by the end of January. This is a 15 million dollar project. There will be a Health & Safety review due to the recent bear attack in the area. The road to Twin Lakes is in pretty rough shape. The CNSC would like to know if there is anything the town can do to improve it.

7. Communications

	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	
7.1	Manitoba Hydro	Churchill River Diversion Augmented Flow Program	Info
7.2	Minister of Aboriginal & Northern Affairs	Re: Letter to Omnitrax	Info
7.3	President of the Treasury Board	Canada's Economic Security	Info
7.4	Recreation Connections Manitoba	Request for nominations	Info
7.5	FCM	Infrastructure & Economy	Info
7.6	Manitoba Institute of Management Inc.	Management Tutorial Requirements for Sewer/Water	Info
7.7	Manitoba Pork Council	Newsletter	Info
7.8	Manitoba Crime Stoppers	Request for support	Info
7.9	Power Smart Manitoba Games	2010 Host Site Selection	Info
7.10	Province of Manitoba	Speech from the throne	Info
7.11	Manitoba Hydro	Discharges at Missi Falls	Info
7.12	Manitoba Hydro	Financial Results	Info
7.13	Ground Force Training	Snow Plow & Front End Loader Training	Info
7.14	The Property Registry	Service Improvement Initiative	Info
7.15	Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs	Livestock Operation Policy Amendment	Info
7.16	Minister of Culture, Heritage Tourism & Sport	Public Library Services	Info
7.17	Stu Briese	Ste. Rose Constituency	Info
7.18	Workers Compensation Board	Newsletter	Info
7.19	Futurescape	Newsletter	Info
7.20	North Central News	Newsletter	Info
7.21	Churchill Regional Health Authority	Annual Report	Info
7.22	AMM	News Bulletin	Info
7.23	Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs	2009 Final Assessment Roll	Info

7.24	Volunteer Manitoba	2010 Legacies Now	Info
7.25	Morden Assessment Branch	Land Title Transaction	Info
7.26	Jeanne & Mike Reimer	Hudson Bay Quest	Action
7.27	FCM	Green Municipal Fund	Info
7.28	In-Motion	Newsletter	Info

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 Approval of accounts for November 2008

Councillor Lawrie stated that she was not in favor of approving the accounts for November 2008 as she felt not enough information was given in regards to accounts receivable, accounts payable, and payroll in overtime or time in lieu hours. A recorded vote was taken:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Michael Spence	X		
Deputy Mayor Heather Botelho	X		
Councillor Terry Stover	X		
Councillor Michael Iwanowsky	X		
Councillor Louise Lawrie		X	

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by L. Lawrie

307/08 WHEREAS the accounts of The Town of Churchill for the period ending November 2008 have been examined and found to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques in the amount of \$353,418.28 for November 2008, last cheque #026487 and payroll debits in the amount of \$92,924.91 be approved.

CARRIED

There was discussion on the financials. Mayor and Council would like to review the Audited Report and the Mitigation Trust Fund. Also, they are not in favour of purchases from Wurth Canada. They do not feel that the town is getting value for their dollar. They have requested that the town no longer use them as a supplier. The CAO will look into this matter and advise all departments.

ACTION: Administration to provide the financial information regarding the Mitigation Trust Fund and the Audited Report to Mayor and Council for review.

9. BY-LAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. IN CAMERA

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by T. Stover

308/08 WHEREAS the business of this meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6:20 pm.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by T. Stover

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