

THE TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

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

ALSO PRESENT: Constable Mike Boychuk, RCMP

REGRETS: Councilor Terry Stover

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

003/09 RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted with revisions as read.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 R.C.M.P. Monthly Report

Constable Mike Boychuk presented the monthly RCMP report to Council. He summarized the crime and traffic statistics for the month of December. He noted that overall the 2008 occurrences compare to previous years. He stated that all members of the detachment are currently in the community. They should be in the new RCMP building shortly. There will be an official grand opening possibly in the summer months. The outside area is supposed to be landscaped this summer. Council expressed concern with the lack of court dates in the community. Crime needs to be dealt with sooner. The sooner crime is dealt with the better it is for the community. By the time the accused gets a court date, the crime they have committed is almost forgotten. The next court date for Churchill is in April of 2009.

4. READING OF MINUTES

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie

004/09 RESOLVED THAT the following minutes:

Regular Council Meeting, November 20, 2008
Special Council Meeting, December 8, 2008
Regular Council Meeting, December 18, 2009
Special Council Meeting, January 7, 2009

be taken as circulated, and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Complex Operations, January 13, 2009

Councilor Lawrie presented the Complex Operations report. She noted that the Hockey School place in December and was a great success. There is concern that the arena ceiling needs a new paint job as it is chipping and peeling. She noted that the swimming pool has been closed for maintenance for approximately two months. During this time the pool office has been painted, and the pool has been drained and cleaned. The gym programming has been going well. Badminton is back on Friday nights and Archery is now on Wednesdays. The curling ice is complete. The high school zones are being held in Churchill on February 19th, 20th, and 21st. An estimated ten teams will be participating. The lunch programming is going very well. There is programming

scheduled Monday to Friday in either the gymnasium or the arena. Boys club has been cancelled as the Caskey's are relocating south.

There was discussion on archery being added to the schedule. It was felt that a drop in fee should be instituted. Council decided that this be deferred to the committee meeting in February for further discussion.

l) Issue Sheet – Bowling Alley

An issue sheet was presented for council to authorize Administration to retain the bowling alley and hire a contractor to refurbish and purchase the necessary equipment that will allow the facility to operate as a bowling alley.

There was discussion that more information and funding needs to be explored prior to council approving the resolution to proceed with the refurbishing of the bowling alley. Council needs to know what the town's operating cost of the facility will be. They also would like to have all of council in attendance when making the final decision. The committee requested approval to proceed with the funding applications. Once all financial support is confirmed, they would like to come back to council for approval and a resolution to be passed.

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by H. Botelho

005/09 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Complex Operations Committee meeting of January 13, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Community Infrastructure, January 14, 2008

Councillor Lawrie presented the Community Infrastructure report. She noted that everything went well for both the Utilities and Public Works Departments over the Christmas Season. The Public Works Department has been moving and hauling snow with the assistance of Merv's Excavating. There were two sewer freeze ups, but it has been noticed that with the replacement of the valves in the fall there is better water circulation and therefore fewer freeze ups. L5 is overwhelmed with garbage. Only one trailer of garbage has been sent out in the last two months. It is hoped that the trailer in back soon so another load can be sent out. The pumper truck is saving a lot of time and money. There are problems with the heating system in the town garage. The pumps in the town garage are leaking and need to be replaced. A new overhead door is required. Currently, if the power goes out, the door cannot open as there is no manual override. The new outdoor Christmas lights were not put up this year because new brackets need to be installed. The new brackets will be installed in the summer and therefore it will be easy to put up the lights when required. There are four town vehicles that are no longer required and need to be put up for tender.

There was discussion on the fluoride used to treat the town's water supply. Many municipalities are doing away with fluoride treatment in their water supply. It has been decided to look at what the ramifications would be if the fluoride treatment of the town's water supply was discontinued.

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

006/09 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Community Infrastructure Services Committee meeting on January 12, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration Committee, January 23, 2008

Deputy Mayor Botelho presented the Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration Committee report. She noted that the December accounts for the town were reviewed and everything appears to be in order. There was discussion on when the year end figures are available. The CFO stated they are available in March. The committee also inquired when the budgeting process will begin. This is currently underway with the various departments and the 2009 budget will be finalized in May.

i) Issue Sheet – Right of Way Access – Richard Hunter

Richard Hunter has met all the requirements put forth in the resolution for the transfer of land on the road behind Simpson Street. The town lawyer stated he needs to apply for new permits. He also stated that a right of way access be presented to Mayor and Council for approval

There was discussion and council is in agreement that once a right of way access is presented to them, they will move forward.

ii) Issue Sheet - 2007 Tax Sale Date

The company that proceeds with tax sales, residents with more than 2 years in tax arrears, have put forward June 18, 2009 at either 10:00 am or 2:00 pm as the date for tax sale. It was recommended by the CFO that 2:00 pm be the time.

There was discussion on the two times provided and all of council is in agreement with the 2:00 pm time.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

007/09 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Personal, Finance, Administration and Social Development Committee meeting held on January 13, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. OTHER REPORTS

6.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Spence presented a verbal report. He stated he met with John Fenton, CEO of Omnitrax. They have concerns with their high operating costs. They will be cutting jobs. The Mayor stated he spoke with the Mayor of The Pas and there have been jobs cut there, and transfers to Denver. Omnitrax is reviewing the cost of operating the Port of Churchill. Mayor Spence stated he left a message with the Honorable Eric Robinson to discuss the concerns regarding this situation. Mayor Spence also commented on the Winnipeg Free Press article regarding food shortages in Churchill. He stated that the article was not accurate and the CAO responded with this fact. He spoke to HBR and notices were sent to Gardewine North letting them know the disruption in the Christmas schedule. It was determined that the local grocery store did not order enough to supplement the days that there would be no freight trains arriving in Churchill. The Mayor stated that there will be more communication with Omnitrax. They seem to be in violation of the agreement made regarding the funding provided for upgrades by the Federal Government. Mayor Spence commented that there is a Polar Bear Summit being held in Winnipeg on January 16th, and the town was not invited. The CAO and the Mayor commented to the Press about not being invited. A letter to the Minister of Environment will be sent regarding this.

ACTION: Administration to draft a letter to the Minister of Environment expressing the Town of Churchill's disappointment of not being invited to the Polar Bear Summit in Winnipeg.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO, Albert Meijering, presented a verbal report. He stated that December was outwardly quiet, but inwardly hectic. The snow piles around town have been removed. There are many events coming in 2009. He has sat with the Coordinator of Recreation and developed a yearly calendar of special events. The budget process is underway by all the various departments. There will need to be cutbacks due to Canadian economy not doing so great. The Water Utility Board is very happy with the Town. The Theatre is undergoing a major cleanup.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
7.1 Manitoba – Canada's Historic Places	Recognizing historic places	Action
7.2 Manitoba Education, Citizenship & Youth	Premier's Volunteer Service Award	Action
7.3 Frontier School Division	November Board Meeting Highlights	Info
7.4 Minister of Family Services & Housing	Acknowledgement	Info
7.5 Churchill Regional Health Authority	Thank you	Info
7.6 Nestle Waters Canada	Bottled water	Info
7.7 Frontier School Division	Newsletter	Info
7.8 Manitoba Hydro	Discharges at Missi Falls	Info
7.9 Minister of Health	Certificate of Recognition	Action
7.10 Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural	Response	Info

Initiatives			
7.11 Churchill Chamber of Commerce	Newsletter		Info
7.12 Hudson Bay Route Association	Minutes		Info
7.13 Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives	Approval of Funding		Info
7.14 Frontier School Division	December Board Meeting Highlights		Info
7.15 Electoral Divisions Boundaries Commission	2008 Final Report		Info
7.16 Northern Association of Community Councils	Whispering Pines Newsletter		Info
7.17 Attorney General – Minister of Justice	Acknowledgement		Info
7.18 Manitoba Water Stewardship	Churchill Water Plant Inspection		Info

ACTION: Administration to set up a panning meeting to develop a long term heritage plan for Churchill.

ACTION: Administration to send out a public notice advising of the 2009 Premier's Volunteer Service Award.

ACTION: Administration to draft a letter to the all Utilities staff commending them on a job well done.

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 Financial Statements for October 2008

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by T. Stover

008/09 WHEREAS the financial statements of The Town of Churchill for the month of October 2008 have been examined and found to be in order.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements for the month of October 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

8.2 Approval of accounts for December 2008

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by T. Stover

009/09 WHEREAS the accounts of The Town of Churchill for the period ending December 2008 have been examined and found to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques in the amount of \$106,337.17 for December 2008 last cheque #026562 and payroll debits in the amount of \$117,651.62 be approved.

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

CARRIED

8.3 Churchill Arts Council – request for grant

A letter was received from the Churchill Arts Council requesting the community funding that is provided from the Town of Churchill. Copies of the 2006 and 2007 financial report was included.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

010/09 WHEREAS The Churchill Arts Council has submitted their request for their annual 2007 and 2008 grant;

AND WHEREAS Resolution 341/93 generally states that the Town will give the Churchill Arts Council a matching grant up to a maximum of \$2,407.50 (963 x \$2.50);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize payment of the annual grant for 2007 and 2008 to the Churchill Arts Council **at a cost not to exceed \$4,581.00.**

CARRIED

8.4 Churchill Chamber of Commerce – 2009 Member Dues

An invoice was received from the Churchill Chamber of Commerce for 2009 Membership fees.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie

011/09 RESOLVED THAT Council authorize membership renewal with the Churchill Chamber of Commerce yearly dues for 2009 **at a cost not exceed \$200.00.**

CARRIED

9. BY-LAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. IN CAMERA

12.1 Council moved into an in-camera session at 6:25 p.m.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie

012/09 RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Town of Churchill convene into an In-Camera session.

CARRIED

12.2 Council convened the in-camera session at 6:33 p.m.

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

013/09 RESOLVED THAT the In-Camera session of the Council for The Town of Churchill be adjourned.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by L. Lawrie

014/09 WHEREAS the business of this meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6:35 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

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CARRIED

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

013/09 RESOLVED THAT the In-Camera session of the Council for The Town of Churchill be adjourned.

CARRIED

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