

THE TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cpl. Jeff Asmundson, Churchill RCMP
Michel Petit, Churchill RHA
Mark Brackley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by T. Stover
076/09 RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as read.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 R.C.M.P Monthly Report

Corporal Jeff Asmundson presented the monthly RCMP report to council. He summarized the crime and traffic statistics for the month of March 2009. He noted that the court date scheduled for April was cancelled. The next court dates are June 8th and 9th and both days will be full with cases to be heard. There are 46 charges and 40 remands pending and need to be settled at the June court dates. The grand opening of the new RCMP Detachment will be taking place on April 30th. The Minister of Justice, the Deputy Minister and the Commanding Officer of Manitoba will be attending. The 7th D.A.R.E. class has graduated. The local RCMP will continue with their presentations on bullying, the D.A.R.E. class and Churchill Justice through 2009. The RCMP Annual performance planning for 2009 . 2010 is underway and Corporal Asmundson stated that Mayor and Councils input on identifying priorities is welcome.

Councilor Stover inquired about enforcing the speed limit in Churchill and what can be done about it. Corporal Asmundson stated that they can park on Kelsey with a radar gun and actively enforce the speed limit within town. Once the public is aware that the RCMP is proceeding with actively enforcing the speed limit, the community should begin to watch and follow the limits in town.

Councilor Lawrie inquired about whether there is an assessment on the effect that the D.A.R.E. program and the presentations on bullying is having. Corporal Asmundson stated that the RCMP does get feedback on whether it is changing behavior.

ACTION: Administration to arrange a special meeting with Corporal Asmundson of the Churchill RCMP Detachment to assist with identifying priorities for law enforcement in Churchill for 2009 – 2010 season.

3.2 Mark Brackley – Health Related Effects of Fluoride in Water

Mr. Brackley submitted a letter in regards to the concerns that Churchill residents have about the health related effects of Sodium Fluoride in the town's water. He stated that there is a lot of controversy surrounding this issue and as a result there are many northern communities that are now fluoride free. Mr. Brackley provided all of council with literature on the effects that fluoride can have on people and requested council to review and determine whether Churchill can become one of the northern communities that are fluoride free. He did state that there are many stages to having Churchill become fluoride free with this delegation being the first.

There was discussion and council would like to know what the dentists thoughts are on fluoride in the water. Council was in agreement that this issue needs to be looked into and once it has been, administration will be in touch with Mr. Brackley to determine what the next step would be.

ACTION: Administration to provide Mark Brackley with the costs of the chemicals used to treat the towns water supply.

ACTION: Administration to arrange a meeting with the local dentist to discuss his thoughts on fluoride in the town's water supply.

ACTION: Administration to research the implications of removing fluoride from the town's water supply.

3.3 Michel Petit – Community Health Needs Assessment

Michel Petit from the Churchill Regional Health Authority stated that it is time to proceed to the next step with the community health needs assessment. He needs to meet with Mayor and Council for their input and is willing to do so on a one on one basis.

ACTION: Administration to provide Michel Petit from the Churchill Regional Health Authority with the contact information of Mayor and Council.

4. READING OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by L. Lawrie

077/09 RESOLVED THAT the following minutes:

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

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Complex Operations, April 1, 2009

Deputy Mayor H. Botelho presented the Complex Operations report. She noted that the Arena closed for the season April 16, 2009. The swimming pool continues to see good attendance for the scheduled programming. There is still the issue of sand coming up from the filters and the maintenance staff is trying to rectify the problem. Badminton and volleyball continue to see great attendance in the gymnasium. She stated that the Complex Operations Committee is continuing to work towards a vision of recreation for the community. The renovations for the town centre are underway. The contractors have begun the washroom facilities, the hockey shower rooms, and the library.

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie

078/09 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Complex Operations Committee meeting of April 1, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Community Infrastructure, April 2, 2009

Councilor Lawrie presented the Community Infrastructure report. She stated that Public Works has been busy removing snow. There have been a few sewer and water issues on Radisson. Radisson continues to be a problem because there are not enough large families to keep the sewer open by itself. There are issues on Kelsey and Button as well, but they cannot isolate the problem until the summer when they will be able to dig and see what is wrong. The renovations at the garage are close to completion. L5 continues to be overwhelmed with garbage as there are not enough trailer loads going out of the community. Councilor Lawrie stated that everything is going well with the Utilities Department.

i) Issue Sheet . Building Inspector

An issue sheet was presented with a recommendation that council approve a town representative Building Inspector. There was discussion and council requested more information before they pass a resolution.

ACTION: Administration to provide more information regarding a building inspector for the Town of Churchill to the Community Infrastructure Meeting in May.

ii) Issue Sheet . Bailer and Equipment for Waste Transfer Station

An issue sheet was presented detailing the costs for a bailer and bobcat for the waste transfer station. This equipment is required in order to facilitate the transfer of recyclable materials out of the waste transfer station. The costs are covered by the waste transfer station grant.

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by L. Lawrie

079/09 WHEREAS in order to facilitate the transfer of recyclable material out of the waste transfer station, a baler and material handling equipment is required;

AND WHEREAS the cost for this equipment is:

Baler	\$ 45,100.00
Electrical Installation to L5	\$ 28,000.00
<u>Bobcat</u>	<u>\$ 54,000.00</u>
Total	\$127,100.00
Waste Transfer Grant	\$346,000.00
<u>Costs for baler and bobcat</u>	<u>\$127,100.00</u>
Balance of grant	\$218,000.00

THEREFOR IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a baler and bobcat for the waste transfer station **at a cost not to exceed \$127,100.00**

CARRIED

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

080/09 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Community Infrastructure Services Committee meeting on April 2, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration, April 15, 2009

Deputy Mayor Botelho presented the Personnel, Finance, Social Development & Administration Committee report. She noted that the accounts for the month of March 2009 were reviewed and there were a few items that were questioned. Once reviewed and discussed, they were accepted as presented and recommended to council for approval.

Councillor Lawrie stated that there are phone lines in various departments that are not being used. These lines need to be cancelled. She requested that administration review the current lines for the town and have the ones that are no longer required cancelled.

ACTION: Administration to review the existing phone lines for the town and have the lines that are no longer required cancelled.

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by T. Stover

081/09 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Personnel, Finance, Administration and Social Development Committee held on April 15, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. OTHER REPORTS

6.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Spence presented a verbal report. He stated that he was out of town for the majority of April, but he managed to speak with Mike Ogborn regarding the work plan for the summer of 2009. Mr. Ogborn will come to Churchill and meet with council and the community in early May. He also stated that BBE will be coming to Churchill in the

middle of May. Mayor Spence stated that administration has been very busy with the 2009 financial plan. He stated that the RFP for the sewer and water systems is ready and administration is preparing the RFP for the landfill. Deputy Mayor Botelho and Mayor Spence will be meeting with Manitoba Hydro on April 24, 2009. Mayor Spence stated that he is also trying to arrange a meeting with Minister Robinson while they are in Winnipeg.

6.2 CAO's Report

The CAO presented a verbal report. He stated that the snow is disappearing and the Public Works Department is hauling it out of town as fast as they can. The RFP for the sewer and water systems will be available to the public once it is ready. This will keep the community informed on what is going on in Churchill. The renovations for the town centre are underway and Government Services has been very cooperative. They have announced they will give \$100,000.00 for any minor renovations. He stated that a new public librarian has been hired. During renovations, the library will be closed to the public on Saturdays. He stated that a meeting needs to be set for the Akudlik/Flats Committee. The Olympic Torch Relay Committee will be meeting next week to discuss the plans for the celebration in Churchill in November. Students from the University of Winnipeg were in Churchill with surveys for the community to complete. A report on the surveys will be following.

6.3 Churchill Northern Studies Centre

Councilor Iwanowsky stated that work for the centre will begin this summer. Churchill was awarded 11 million from the Arctic Research Infrastructure Fund and another 3 million from private industry. He stated that out of the 85 million that the fund was providing, Churchill received 11 million which is great for the community. He stated that an Open House highlighting the work would be a great way to thank everyone involved. There is a board meeting near the end of May and he will bring the idea forward for discussion.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
7.1 RCMP D Division	Invitation to Grand Opening of new detachment	Info
7.2 Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs	2007 Statistical Information	Action
7.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities	Update of Federal Infrastructure Funding	Info
7.4 Manitoba Centre for Health Policy	Newsletter	Info
7.5 Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs	2009 General Assistance Grant-Building Canada Fund	Info
7.6 Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba	Newsletter	Info
7.7 Minister of Conservation	Environmental Youth Corps Funding Application	Action
7.8 Capturing Opportunities	Conference	Info
7.9 Frontier School Division	Newsletter	Info
7.10 Manitoba Hydro	Churchill River Diversion Augmented Flow	Info
7.11 Manitoba Hydro	Discharges at Missi Falls	Info
7.12 Tire Stewardship Manitoba	Certificate	Info
7.13 Northern Manitoba Round Table	Minutes from March 12, 2009	Info
7.14 Manitoba Water Stewardship	2008 Annual Audit	Info
7.15 Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs	VLT Revenue Distribution	Info
7.16 Minister of Family Services & Housing	Response	Action
7.17 Statistics Canada	Waste Management Industry Survey	Action
7.18 Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs	Provincial Land Use Policies Review	Action
7.19 Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation	Town Centre Operating Deficits For 2006 and 2007	Info
7.20 Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs	2009 Municipal Officials Directory	Info
7.21 Hudson Bay Helicopters	Copy of letter to the Honorable Eric Robinson	Info
7.22 Travel Manitoba	Province Tourism Industry	Action
7.23 Caribou News	Newsletter	Info
7.24 Whispering Pines	Newsletter	Info

7.25 Travel Manitoba	2010 Publication & Database Update	Action
7.26 Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation	Long Term Capital Plan for 2010-2011 and beyond	Action
7.27 Manitoba Hydro	Churchill River Diversion Augmented Flow	Info
7.28 Ernest W. Barber	Request for information	Action
7.29 Minister of Culture, Heritage, Tourism & Sport	Training Allocation Fund	Action

ACTION: Administration to draft a letter to Travel Manitoba indicating the information they have published regarding the Town of Churchill is incorrect and needs to be fixed.

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 Approval of accounts for March 2009

The approval of the accounts for March 2009 was deferred to a special meeting due to not enough information being provided.

DEFERRED TO SPECIAL MEETING

8.2 Town of Churchill Heat Analysis – Information Only

The CFO stated that the overall heating costs for the town are down by \$148,000.00.

9. BY-LAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Development of Hudson Square

It was decided that the discussion regarding the Hudson Square be deferred to a special meeting.

DEFERRED TO SPECIAL MEETING

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Rural Municipality of Kelsey – Grain Transportation Meeting

An issue sheet was presented for Mayor Spence to attend the Grain Transportation meeting in The Pas, Manitoba on May 1, 2009. Mayor Spence was unable to attend at that time, but due to the importance of the meeting and Churchill's involvement in the meeting, Mayor Spence has made himself available by teleconference.

12. IN CAMERA

Moved H. Botelho and seconded L. Lawrie

082/09 RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Churchill convene into an In-Camera session.

CARRIED

Moved T. Stover and seconded M. Iwanowsky

083/09 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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by H. Botelho

084/09 WHEREAS the business of this meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6:45 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

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