

TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cpl. Jeff Asmundson, RCMP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by T. Stover

139/09 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 RCMP – Goals & Objectives for 2009 Services

Cpl. Asmundson stated that 3 main objectives for the 2009-2010 fiscal year for the RCMP to focus on need to be determined. Last year one of their main focuses was organized crime and Port Security. That will be eliminated this year. Another of last year's objectives was dealing with substance abuse. Cpl. Asmundson stated that they want to really come down hard on alcohol related incidences. They also want to continue with ORV safety and add vehicle safety. He stated that there needs to be a review of priorities. There are four areas that the province has identified as lacking. These four areas include quality of investigations, supervision, backup and notebook reviews. Cpl. Asmundson has requested council to select three community issues that they would like the RCMP to focus on.

There was discussion and council was in agreement that the three main issues should include Drug and Alcohol abuse, ORV and Traffic Safety, and Interagency Cooperation and Communication.

There was discussion on other important issues. It was felt that it would be good to have a female officer in Churchill. Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault would feel more comfortable dealing with a woman when giving a detailed statement. Cpl. Asmundson stated that the RCMP has a zero tolerance when it comes to issues of domestic violence. There was suggestion that the RCMP work closely with the CRHA Community Services Department to help educate people on the issues of domestic violence.

There was discussion about substance abuse. There is quite a bit of underage drinking. This is very noticeable when parents are away. This will always be an issue. This can only be overcome through education and awareness. It was suggested that the RCMP work with the CRHA to educate the public on this issue.

There was discussion on the justice process. There is not enough court dates to deal with issues quickly enough. Cpl. Asmundson stated that the local detachment is taking a tougher stand and removing offenders from the community in order to be sentenced faster. There are circumstances beyond their control, such as weather.

There was discussion on ORV safety and if having an MSO has helped with the issue. Cpl. Asmundson stated they still take a lot of calls. They deal with each call as it comes. There are families that have ATVs, but cannot afford helmets.

The local detachment has given some of their old helmets to underprivileged families. He stated there are serious issues with ORVs. There are little kids riding without helmets and also too many kids on one ATV at any given time. This issue is and will continue to be ongoing. He stated there are a lot of angry people about the by-law enforcement, but they have seen more people wearing helmets.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by L. Lawrie

140/09 WHEREAS the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 4:58 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Motions:

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