

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Monday, May 11, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.
REPORT

PRESENT: Councillor Louise Lawrie
Councillor Terry Stover
Albert Meijering, Chief Administrative Officer
Rebecca Allen, Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Dymtri Kandiurin, Utilities Department
Edgar Botelho, Public Works Department
Patricia Kandiurin, Municipal Support Officer

REGRETS: Roger Knezacek, Churchill Volunteer Fire Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Louise Lawrie called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented with the addition of (5.1) Policies, (6.1) Soccer Field, (6.2) Issue Sheet . Public Works Garage Renovations, (6.3) Issue Sheet . Play space Design Workshop.

3. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

3.1 April 2, 2009

The minutes of the Community Infrastructure Committee meeting of April 9, 2009 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Public Works and Utilities Department Report

In the absence of a Manager of Public Works and Utilities, the Lead Hands of each department presented a verbal report and the following items were noted:

- The Utilities Department is stable. They are making enough water.
- Waiting to here on the final budget for 2009 in order to proceed with major projects
- They are getting ready for summer maintenance. This is when they plan on draining and fixing the leaking well.
- They will need the pump truck to pump sludge from the lagoon.
- Their operator certification expires in 2010. 4 licenses are required for each operator at the plant.

There was discussion on the reduction of the Utilities heating costs for 2008. Dmytri stated that they operated differently. There were improvements on equipment and also a slight reduction in Manitoba Hydro Rates. He stated that costs would also drop on the Water Treatment Plant if they switched to an electric boiler. The CAO stated if this year's winter is colder, they will have to rely on a propane boiler anyhow. All of these issues will be covered under Stantec review.

There was discussion on chlorine in the water. By switching to a UV water treatment system to reduce chlorine in the water, would there be any savings. It was determined that this should be considered, but more information is required.

ACTION: Department of Utilities to research the savings and benefits of switching to a UV water treatment system.

- The Public Works Department has been moving lots of snow.
- They are waiting for summer to bring out the steamer to thaw out the storm sewers.
- They need to make room at L5. They have managed to make some room by moving the cardboard and burning it at the Metal Dump.
- They have made 50 crosses.
- There have been four leaks. The one leak on Button Street needs to be fixed. They are waiting for warmer weather as they do not know what is underneath and they will have to dig to fix.

There was discussion on the section of road on James Street. It is deteriorating. It was suggested that a temporary gravel road be put in until all sewer and water problems are fixed. Edgar stated that the cold patch they have is not good. There is not enough oil in it. The surface stuff will not stay, but it can still be used to patch holes.

There was discussion on the staffing at Public Works. There is one vacancy for a Heavy Equipment Operator. It has been posted and should be filled soon.

There was discussion on the two garbage trucks. The large one is used for hauling garbage and the smaller one is used to haul recyclables. Once the new Landfill is complete it will be determined if both trucks are required.

4.2 **MSO Report**

A written report was submitted by Patricia Kandiurin, the Municipal Support Officer and the following items were noted:

- There was one dog impounded in April, which has since been released to the owner. There were two complaints of a dog being let loose to run on weekends and it ended up attacking a smaller dog. A letter was sent to the owner.
- On April 6, 2009, along with the RCMP, the town has started to enforce the age limit on the Off Road Vehicle By-law. This is going very well. Everyone appears to be following the By-law.
- The letters for donations for the Buck A Bag program have been sent to various local businesses and the response has been great. Two bicycles have already been received as well as two cash donations.
- June 12th is the day for the annual community clean up and barbeque as well as the first bike draw. Letters have been sent to different organizations to issue a Corporate Challenge during the clean up. The group (excluding school kids) that collects the most garbage will receive a certificate as well as their name engraved on a plaque.

- Two businesses licenses have been issued. The MSO has sent out letters to two home businesses that she has been advised about.

4.3 **Fire Department Stats**

No report was given as Fire Chief Roger Knezacek was not present.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

5.1 **Policies**

Councilor Lawrie stated that there are suggestions of changes to the current policies. She has requested that administration gain input from staff on any suggestions they may have regarding the current policies and then forward to Council as information.

ACTION: Administration to request input from staff on the current policies of the Town of Churchill and forward to council for review.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Soccer Field**

There was discussion on the current state of the Soccer Field. It is very lumpy and needs to be resodded.

ACTION: Administration to research the costs of resodding the soccer field and possible sources of funding.

6.2 **Issue Sheet – Play space Design Workshop**

The CAO presented an issue sheet for a play space design workshop being offered by Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport in Carmen, Manitoba on May 28, 2009. The workshop is geared to instructing people on the safe design of play spaces within the community. The CAO stated this was brought to his attention by Echo Finlay from the Churchill Parent Child Coalition. It would be beneficial to send a person from the community to attend and possibly share the costs with certain stakeholders in the community.

DEFERRED TO SPECIAL MEETING

6.3 **Issue Sheet – Upgrade to Public Works Garage**

The CAO presented an issue sheet for the renovations of the Public Works Garage. He stated that in June of 2008 council completed an inspection of the garage and made recommendation for improvements and safety issues that needed to be addressed. Since that time, the renovations have taken place and the safety issues have been addressed and budgeted for 2009. The safety issues included a second access to the upper level and a collapsed overhead door that no longer functioned.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

7. **IN CAMERA**

7.1 The committee moved to an In-Camera session at 1:00 p.m.

7.2 The committee convened the In-Camera session at 1:10 p.m.

8. NEXT MEETING

8.1 June 8, 2009

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.