

**TOWN OF CHURCHILL  
Special Council Meeting  
Friday, August 14, 2009 at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Darrell Cockerill, Rod McKenzie

**REGRETS:** Councilor Terry Stover  
Councilor Mike Iwanowsky

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by H. Botelho**  
**173/09 RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**3.1 Manitoba Hydro - Update**

Darrell Cockerill stated that to date there has been no response to cottage letters. There will need to be a follow up to the original letter sent. He stated that certain items were identified at the last meeting and Manitoba Hydro is currently working on those items. (Garbage cans, gazebo, dock repairs). He stated that purpose of the dock is to be able to pull it out when not in use, do maintenance, and then put back in when required. Mayor Spence suggested a different model and possibly replacing. Mr. Cockerill stated that the dock that was built for the quarry is at the marina and they are having difficulty getting it over, they are waiting for calmer water or a helicopter. He stated that the clean up of areas is underway. The wear and tear of the provincial roads will continue to be maintained. He stated that there are 3 new issues: Fish restocking (primarily the quarry), Quad trail to Deer River (Work on mapping the area), and the Weir. The boat dock/launch at CR30 is done. He said Manitoba Hydro will continue with communication strategies to keep the public informed.

There was discussion on the communication strategy. Newsletters should be distributed quarterly to keep people updated on what is happening, and where the money has been spent. There was also discussion on keeping the washrooms clean. Mr. Cockerill suggested that someone locally be hired.

The discussion continued with Jessica ?. She stated that they are looking at alternatives for Goose Creek. The culverts are reaching the end of their life span. The Lake Pump house is still in the patch+faze. There is no erosion protection on road shoulders. She stated that the bridge is being installed at Goose Creek. It is similar to the other one, but the beams will be underneath. She stated that Merv is the main contractor with regards to road repairs and bridge work and we should know by next Wednesday where things are at.

Derek from Manitoba Hydro gave a presentation on the Weir performance. He stated the Weir was built in 1998 at the cost of 7 million dollars. It was constructed to raise water levels for a 10 kilometer stretch of river. Wes Penner continued the discussion with reference to hydraulic design. By hydraulic design, the Weir has met the criteria that was set out.

There was discussion on where the criteria came from and if the data is being used to establish the level that is flawed. There are concerns with the amount of rock being extracted from the east side. Mayor and Council requested an independent report in order to meet their due diligence. If the Weir is in fact meeting what it was

designed to meet, then we need to address the design and move forward.

Darrell Cockerill stated that he will have all the information looked at. He stated that time is of the essence and Manitoba Hydro would like to move forward. He stated that Manitoba Hydro will provide a package with all data and next steps.

Rod McKenzie stated that no studies have been done on fish, mammals, or erosion since the Weir was completed. During this time, it would have been appropriate for a study to have been done. A new environmental impact assessment needs to be done. Richard Penner from Manitoba Hydro stated that it should be done and most of the data is available to have one done.

There was further discussion and everyone is in agreement that they need to move forward on a report proposal. A draft will be available by mid December. Another newsletter will also be generated highlighting the barbeque and the mitigation funding.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie**

**174/09 WHEREAS** the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council do now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.(??)

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Michael Spence  
Mayor

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Albert Meijering  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Recapitulation**

**Motions:**

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