

**TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 12:00 pm in Council Chambers**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Harvey Nikkel, Transport Canada

REGRETS: Councilor Terry Stover
Rebecca Allen, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by H. Botelho

187/09 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 Airport Update – Harvey Nikkel

Harvey Nikkel from Transport Canada stated that 6 months ago discussions were started with the Winnipeg Airport Authority looking at the facilities in Churchill and the capabilities of them. The discussions focused on looking at increasing the revenues and reducing expenditures. The visit with the Churchill Business Mission left a very positive experience. Barry Rempel has asked for formal discussions to divest in Churchill's airport. Transport Canada's policy does not allow for divestiture of smaller airports. Policy changes are underway to change and renew this policy. He stated that Transport Canada employees would be transferred to the Winnipeg Airport Authority and there are provisions in place to safeguard. This supports growth from within. Winnipeg Airport Authority would have more to offer than just maintaining the status quo.

There was discussion and concern with a profit agency taking over and Churchill ending up in a worse situation. Churchill needs to be kept involved as this develops. The negotiations done in the past cost \$15,000.00. Harvey Nikkel stated that the community would have the first opportunity to take over the airport. Mr. Rempel is looking at Winnipeg as an inland port and sees Churchill as playing a large role. Discussions need to continue to be open rather than closing down when faced with problems of new ideas. Transport Canada will stay involved and is committed to marketing and growing opportunities in Churchill. Divestment would mean capital grants would be available for airport upgrades.

3.2 Land transfer Proposal – Metal Dump Site and Asphalt Plant

Harvey Nikkel stated that there is a collection of drums at these two sites and there is concern about the drums leaking. An environmental assessment needs to be done of both sites. The areas may need to be subdivided. There needs to be temporary signage until this gets sorted out.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by M. Iwanowsky

188/09 WHEREAS the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1:05 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Motions:

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