

**TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Special Council Meeting
Thursday August 6, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Spence
Councillor Mike Iwanowsky
Councillor Louise Lawrie
Councillor Terrance Stover, (via teleconference)
Albert Meijering, Chief Administrative Officer
Roxanne Chan, Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Allen, Executive Assistant

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Heather Botelho

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by L. Lawrie

167/09 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 RFP - Landfill

The CAO stated that Roy Bukowsky recommended KGS for the Landfill Project. The total cost is \$246,000 which includes construction costs. KGS's proposal included start to finish costs. They have done a lot of these projects. The proposal they submitted includes liners and making the landfill with class 2 specifications. He also stated that KGS is suggesting a material liner. Stantec's proposal was \$159,000 for the RFP only. For a start to finish project they came in at \$286,000. AECOM's proposal start to finish came in at \$315,784 and only included them overseeing the project, not actual construction cost.

The CAO stated that KGS's proposal stated that during each step of the project they would keep Mayor and Council, as well as the government, informed. They will also have the project done in a timely fashion.

There was discussion and it was felt a conference call with Mr. Bukowsky should be set up.

ACTION: Administration to set up a conference call between Mayor & Council and Mr. Roy Bukowsky.

3.2 Issue Sheet – Increase of fees for variance

The CAO stated that currently the Town of Churchill does not charge for a variance. Thompson charges \$270.00 per variance that is done prior to construction and \$570.00 for variances that are requested after construction. He stated that administration is still working on what would be an acceptable charge.

3.3 Resolution to increase Non-Union Wages

This item was deferred and will be discussed at a later date.

3.4 Issue Sheet – Transfer of Federal Land to the Town of Churchill

The CAO presented an issue sheet regarding the transfer of federal land to the municipality. The Federal Government has contacted the town to indicate that they would be willing to transfer the land that is currently used as the Asphalt Plant to the ownership of the Town of Churchill. The CAO suggested a committee be set up to look into this transfer.

There was discussion regarding certain environmental issues with the land. The Federal Government wants to transfer the land to the Town of Churchill as is, which would indicate a high cost to have it cleaned up. It was stated that they should be invited to meet with Mayor and Council in Churchill to discuss the possibility of a transfer

ACTION: Administration to invite Transport Canada to Churchill to discuss the transfer of land to the Town of Churchill.

3.5 Issue Sheet – Purchase Used Oil Furnace for Public Works

The CAO presented an issue sheet to purchase a used oil furnace for Public Works. The Department of Transportation has stated that they will no longer accept barrels of used oil on the property at the Asphalt Plant. There are currently 300 barrels of oil on the land.

There was discussion and it was determined that administration research further and see about adding the cost to the waste transfer program.

ACTION: Administration to look into whether an oil furnace can be added as an expense under the waste transfer program.

3.6 Roger's Cell Service for Churchill

The CAO stated he received information that there will be cell service in Churchill the first week of September. Rogers has indicated that they will be leasing space on the MTS Tower. There was discussion on whether MTS's commitment to cell service for Churchill by 2010 is still there. There are MTS subscribers that will have to purchase a different phone in order to benefit from the service. Council is not satisfied with Rogers coming in without knowing what MTS's stand is on the issue.

ACTION: Administration to arrange a teleconference with MTS to discuss the upcoming cell service in Churchill.

3.7 Issue Sheet – 2009 AMM Conference/Letter to Ministers

There was discussion on the upcoming AMM Conference in Brandon in November and which Ministers Mayor and Council would like to meet with. There was discussion and a letter will be sent to the Minister of Transportation to discuss the All Weather Road, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives to discuss the food issues in Churchill, Minister of Justice to discuss tele justice for Churchill, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to discuss Capital Projects, and the MLA for the Rupertsland Riding.

3.8 Interview Updates

The CAO stated that 2 interviews were scheduled for last Saturday, but only one interview was conducted. There are three new candidates, 2 for Facility Manager and 1 for Public Works where interviews need to be set up. Council Iwanowsky stated that administration needs to continue to move forward on filling the positions unless there are strong reservations about the potential candidates.

3.9 Work Plans

Councilor Lawrie stated that she does not feel the town is moving ahead and that having a list gives targets that should be addressed. She stated that renovations in the complex have been a nightmare. There were no plans for electrical and things are not complete. She stated that the facilities need to be in better shape. She does not see any evidence of moving forward. She did state that she realizes the difficulty with being short staffed.

There was discussion and it is evident that the biggest weakness the town has is that the key management positions are not filled. The CAO is currently working on correcting the issue by aggressively trying to fill the positions.

4. IN CAMERA

Moved L. Lawrie and seconded M. Iwanowsky

168/09 RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Churchill convene into an In-Camera session.

CARRIED

Moved M. Iwanowsky and seconded L. Lawrie

169/09 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

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by H. Botelho

170/09 WHEREAS the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 5:55 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Motions:

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