

TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Special Council Meeting
Friday, August 7, 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
Rebecca Allen, Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Cam Elliot, Parks Canada

REGRETS: Councilor Terry Stover

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by H. Botelho

171/09 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 Presentation by Parks Canada – Cam Elliott

Cam Elliott requested to meet with Mayor and Council to discuss the Parks Canada Operation in Churchill. He wanted to give a broad picture for council. He stated that the operations have dramatically changed in the last 5 years. It is broken up into five sections. Administration, Finance and Administration, Asset Management Maintenance, Visitor Experience, and Resource Conservation. He stated that Parks Canada in Churchill employed 55 people this summer. Regular staff consisted of 23 people, there were 12 students, and 20 people working on special projects. 30 of the 55 employed were residents of Churchill with 20 of the 23 staff filled by year round residents. He stated that Parks Canada has a solid commitment to contributing to the economic wealth of Churchill.

The students were employed in various areas under 2 different programs. 4 positions with the Young Canada Works Program were as follows: 2 with the visitor experience were of University Level, 1 with resource conservation, and 1 with the Prince of Wales Fort. The remaining student positions were filled under the FSWEF Program. 2 were with the visitor experience (1 high school, and 1 university level), 4 high school students were with the Prince of Wales Fort, and 2 high school students worked at York Factory.

Parks Canada in Churchill have several Capital Projects underway. The Saving York Factory Project, the Prince of Wales Fort Project . wall stabilization, and front dock replacement, Water and Waste water . sewer line replacement at the Churchill Visitor Center, Interpretive Media at York Factory, Visitor Facility at York Factory, and several Arctic Research Infrastructure Projects (fences, cabins, water and waste water units).

He stated that the salaries and wages for Churchill employees are currently at \$1.26 million, goods and services are at \$700,000, and Capital Projects are at \$1.38 million.

He stated that the Prince of Wales Fort Management Plan is underway. He stated that the Wapusk Management Board appointments have expired and a letter from Mayor and Council is required appointing a representative.

ACTION: Administration to discuss appointment to the Wapusk Management Board at next meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Iwanowsky and seconded by H. Botelho

172/09 WHEREAS the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1:07 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Motions:

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