

TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Special Council Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2009 at 12:00 pm in Council Chambers

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

REGRETS: Councilor Mike Iwanowsky

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by L. Lawrie

019/09 RESOLVED that the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 RFP for Engineering Services (Waste/Water Systems)

A package has been developed regarding Churchill's Waste Management System and knowledge of the water systems will be sent to engineering firms to look at and provide the town with costs. The RFP requests that the engineers look at the entire system. There was discussion that there needs to be a complete review of the systems. Cameras need to be sent to view the pipe without digging anything up. The CAO stated that the town is not committing to anything yet. They are just calling for proposals. There was discussion that the town should hire a separate engineer to oversee the project. It is council's responsibility to make sure that everything goes smoothly as there is a lot at stake. The CAO stated that the RFP is asking an engineering firm to act on the town's behalf. There is the option to cancel prior to signing any offer. Council is comfortable sending out the RFP as is. The CAO advised that if any of the engineering firms wish to come to Churchill to take a look at the current systems prior to submitting the RFP, it will be at their own expense.

ACTION: Administration to send out the RFP to several engineering firms for the town's water and sewer system upgrades.

3.2 Building Canada Fund

The CAO advised that The Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund closes February 20th and is being transferred to the Building Canada Fund. The intake for the Building Canada Fund proposals closes February 23, 2009. This is a small window of opportunity. Any proposals that are approved must be in construction by 2011. The government has advised that 82 million has been allocated for all Manitoba Municipalities to share. (Winnipeg and Brandon not included). The CAO is reapplying to the new fund for the town's transfer station. He also stated that an application will be sent requesting \$120,000 to cover the RFP costs. There is still approximately \$346,000 in our fund. \$20,000 is allocated for power to be installed at L5, and \$37,000 for a baler which are both definitely needed. The fencing that is required for this area will also take a large portion of what is currently left in the fund.

3.3 Ambiente Housing

Mayor Spence advised that when he was recently in Winnipeg, he was reintroduced to Hugh Swan, a key player in the Ambiente Housing Company. A home made of recycled glass will be on Display in Winnipeg next week. Approximately 7 years ago a plan was developed to secure a manufacturing plant for these homes in Churchill. This never happened. There is to be discussion again on the possibility of having certain materials for these homes manufactured in Churchill. Churchill's main role would be to provide the homes to the Nunavut communities. The cost to the Town of Churchill is unknown at this time. Currently, Ambiente Homes are focusing on providing these low cost, high energy efficient homes to aboriginal communities. There are meetings taking place in Winnipeg next week and the Mayor is to take part in these preliminary discussions.

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by H. Botelho

20/09 WHEREAS Ambiente Housing will be in Winnipeg to display one of their homes made of recycled glass on February 5th and 6th.

AND WHEREAS Churchill may be the location for a manufacturing plant.

AND WHEREAS the CEO of Ambiente Homes wishes to meet with the Mayor of Churchill to discuss this economic opportunity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Mayor Spence to travel to Winnipeg from February 4, 2009 to February 6, 2009.

CARRIED

4. IN CAMERA

Moved H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie

021/09 RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Churchill convene into an In-Camera session.

CARRIED

Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by L. Lawrie

022/09 RESOLVED THAT the In-Camera session of the Council for the Town of Churchill be adjourned.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Lawrie and seconded by H. Botelho

023/09 WHEREAS the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1:02 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Motions:

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