

TOWN OF CHURCHILL
Special Council Meeting
Monday, February 10, 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 12:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by L. Lawrie

024/09 RESOLVED that the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 Mayor's Report on Winnipeg Trip (Ambiente Housing)

Mayor Spence presented a verbal report on his trip to Winnipeg to attend the open house of Ambiente Housing. He stated it was very well attended. Forty people attended to view the show home. The media was in attendance. The show home was displayed in an open area and the power was provided by a generator. First Nation groups, various suppliers, engineers and Government Officials were among the attendees. The show home was a three bedroom, 1100sqft home and was showcased on a 6+deep concrete slab.

Mayor Spence had the opportunity to have dinner with Malcolm Parish, the inventor of the home. They discussed what Churchill's role could be in the project. There was interest in the project six to seven years ago for Churchill to be the 1st Manufacturing Plant in Canada, unfortunately it never happened. There is a plant in the USA, and in Puerto Rico.

The discussion of Churchill's Roles focused on the opportunity of possibly having a finishing plant in Churchill. Churchill could possibly supply the windows and doors for the homes that would eventually end up in the North, or supply the components needed to finish the home. Churchill could be the distribution center for products north as it would be a shorter distance than from a southern supplier. The home can be put together in three days. The idea would be to teach people how to put the home together.

Mayor Spence commented that there could be a partnership developed with Ambiente Housing. There was discussion on Manitoba Hydro also being part of the partnership. Churchill could build the homes and lease them out to various agencies that need housing during projects they are involved in. Manitoba Hydro would be a prime candidate as they are developing many new dams and the cost to set up work camp facilities is quite high. If they had the option to lease, the costs would be considerably less.

While in Winnipeg, Mayor Spence also had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Damos Pellazzos, a structural engineer with the University of Manitoba who specializes in wind turbines. Dr. Pellazzos is working on a design of a wind turbine that is 6 ft in dimension and 2 meters in height that would power energy into the

Ambiente Homes. The wind turbine would produce 2500 kilowatts of energy which would be enough power for one home. The cost is approximately \$10,000 per unit plus installation. Mayor Spence stated that sources of funding would need to be researched.

Council discussed that this concept be moved to the CEDA committee and they can move toward the next step. They also would like to review the past reports from when this first came to Council six to seven years ago. Council was in agreement that Churchill can become a key player in getting homes to Nunavut. There will be a cost to invest. The value of the investment will need to be determined.

There was also discussion on the home being set on a concrete slab. Concrete is very expensive for the north. These are composite homes and therefore should be made from composite materials.

The cost of the home was also discussed. Mayor Spence stated the wholesale cost of the home is \$73,000.00, not including the land. The show home walls are 8ft high. Churchill's show homes would need to be different, estimating 11 to 12ft high. The material for the Churchill homes would need to be natural. Concrete would not work due to the time it takes to cure and the unpredictable nature of the weather.

There was discussion on the windows

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

3.2 Issue Sheet – Recreation Connections Conference

The CAO brought forth an issue sheet for the Coordinator of Recreation to attend the 13th Annual Recreation Connections Conference in Winnipeg February 25th to 27th, 2009.

There was discussion that this type of request should be brought forth to the committee and then a recommendation by the committee be brought to council. The CAO stated it was brought to council after the regular committee meeting due to the time restraints involved. The Complex Operations Committee felt it was not a good time for the Coordinator of Recreation to be away and stated that the next conference would be a better time for her to attend

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Stover and seconded by L. Lawrie

025/09 WHEREAS the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 12:45 p.m.

Michael Spence
Mayor

Albert Meijering
Chief Administrative Officer

Recapitulation

Motions:

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