

**TOWN OF CHURCHILL  
 Special Council Meeting  
 Monday, May 11, 2009 at 4:30pm in Council Chambers**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael Spence called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by T. Stover and seconded by L. Lawrie**

**106/09 RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for Special Meeting be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**3.1 Churchill Tax Task Force**

Mayor Spence opened the discussion with a brief history of the Churchill Tax Task Force. In 2005 a committee of Council was established to address the issue of taxes in the Town of Churchill through the Churchill Economic Development Agency with Councilor Mike Iwanowsky as the chairperson. He stated that Council made a commitment to the community to look for alternative forms of revenue for the town.

Councilor Iwanowsky stated there were many ideas brought forth to bring revenue into the community. The idea of adding an Entertainment Tax to recoup revenue from visitors that use the town services but currently do not contribute to the town. This type of tax had lots of support, but the challenge is how to collect it. Another idea was to implement a Hotel Tax which has become common practice in many communities around the world. There was however no support from the local hoteliers to implement this type of tax.

There are issues surrounding the town's failing infrastructure and the cost it will be to replace and fix. The large tour groups that reside in Churchill short term, generate waste and use the town infrastructure, but do not pay towards any of it. Mayor Spence commented that he did speak with the large tour operators and if they have enough notice, they have no problem with this type of tax. He stated that local improvements are needed and the next step is to meet with different people to find creative ways to get the funding for the improvements.

There was further discussion on Council's commitment to the Churchill Tax Task Force. The next step is to speak with various organizations to find creative ways to get funding for Churchill, to have a general idea on how to implement the amusement tax, and to meet with the Churchill Chamber of Commerce.

**4. Adjournment**

**Moved by H. Botelho and seconded by M. Iwnowsky**

**107/09 WHEREAS** the business of the Special Meeting has now been completed;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council do now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 5:35 p.m.

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Michael Spence  
Mayor

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Albert Meijering  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Recapitulation**

**Motions:**

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