



Town of Churchill

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2015 - Community and Economic Development Committee - 5:00 P.M.

Present:

Deputy Mayor Shane Hutchins
Councillor Bill Dingwall
Councillor Heather Botelho
Councillor Joanne Stover
Sustainability Coordinator, Susan Maxson
Executive Director, Cory Young
Director of Finance, Gail Hodkin
Executive Assistant, Erika Ingebrigtsen

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor S. Hutchins called the meeting to order at 5:13

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed by the committee, no items were noted.

4. SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR UPDATE

Sustainability Coordinator Susan Maxson provided a verbal report, the following items were noted;

- Plans are being implemented and attitudes have been changing.
- There have been many interviews with residents.
- The older residents have been quite receptive and are pushing in a variety of areas.
 - People are ready and there are many projects on the go.
 - It has been a challenge to get the 35 and under group engaged.
- We are in the process of moving ideas to actions and actions to success.

Discussions took place relating to the working groups and their plans.

4.1 F.C.M Update

C. Young and S. Maxson provided a debrief of the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference, the following items were noted;

- The event was well attended, however there were few rural municipalities.
- We need to introduce natural assets into asset management frameworks.
- It is beneficial to understand Community Capital (Natural, Cultural, Physical, Human, Social and Economic)
- Municipalities can encourage the local economy through procurement practices and capital projects.
- Greening our community can be done at a lower cost with funding pools, creative financing approaches, revenue generating technologies and partner/subsidiary models.
 - FCM Green Fund will be pushing energy initiatives and net zero housing in the future.
- Sharing Failures was a beneficial seminar to finding ways to use your failure as a teachable moment.
- There was a seminar on "Navigating Polarizing Issues" that provided a Public Engagement Toolbox which will be useful in the future.

4.2 Waste Oil Recycling

S. Maxson spoke to the ongoing work with MARRC, stating that MARRC is prepared to support 50% of a capital amount up to \$15,000. Furthermore MARRC would provide a budget of \$2,000 for an Annual Operating Budget to cover advertising supplies and promotional activities in addition there would be an annual contribution and payment of \$0.08 per litre of used oil.

Discussions took place regarding the licensing required from Manitoba Conservation. It was noted that we will be looking to Manitoba Conservation for guidance relating to the set-up and design of this project and that we hope to have the project running by this Spring.

5. HUDSON BAY REGIONAL ROUND TABLE UPDATE

E. Ingebrigtsen and C. Young spoke about the upcoming Hudson Bay Regional Round Table scheduled for April 22-24th in Winnipeg Manitoba. The Round Table will encompass a variety of study tours and presentations from respective Ministers, Working Groups derived from the Round Table, a variety of information sessions and discussion panels.

6. SENIOR HOUSING FACILITY

S. Hutchins provided an update on the Senior Housing Facility Project, stating that there was a meeting today that included the Age Friendly Committee, Bobbi Sigurdson, Erika Ingebrigtsen, John Spence and Terry Kozak.

The group reviewed the previous meeting minutes and continues to work on completing the surveys in the surrounding areas of Churchill. S. Hutchins stated that he extended an invitation to the Age-Friendly committee to meet with Council and Administration to clearly define rolls and see how the Town could assist further in making movement on this project.

T. Kozak will be contacting the Town with information relating the Project Development Fund to get the ball rolling.

Frontier School Division is in the process of asking for a variance to the desired

property and the Town has asked them to dispose of the current building.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

7.1 Inuit Cultural Camp Tours

The email received relating to the development of Inuit Cultural Tours was discussed by the committee, the following points were noted;

- There is limited land owned by the Town that could be sold to be used for the tours.
- The idea is supported however there is no funding available through the Town for start-up.
- We could direct him elsewhere in the community.

Action: Administration is to communicate with the Inuit Cultural Tour Provider, directing them to get in contact with U.C.N, Manitoba Inuit Association and the Chamber of Commerce for support.

7.2 Conference Centre

C.Young discussed the progress of the assessment of the Town Centre Complex as a Conference Facility, the following points were noted;

- PKF will be conducting the assessment.
- The first cheque of \$10,000 has arrived.
- Fran from PKF will be in Churchill in early May to begin a 16 week process.

The Intervistas report was discussed, and compared to the PKF proposal, noting that the PKF assessment will include a better understanding of the economics of Churchill.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Crown Land General Permit Application

The Crown Land Application was discussed the following points were noted;

- The Town of Churchill does not service the property; water and sewer will have to hauled in and out.
- The road cannot stay cleared from both entrances however Public Works can ensure that access from Hearne St. will always available.
- It is a popular recreation area with a lot of traffic.
- The committee approves the application in principle.

Action: Administration is to arrange meeting with the applicant to discuss a plan to develop the property, as well as determine the services required from the Town.

8.2 Variance Request

C. Young spoke to a variance request for the Frontier School Division and Transient

Centre, it was noted that the request will be coming forward to the Infrastructure Operations and Recreation Committee prior to Regular Council.

9. IN-CAMERA

Moved By: Joanne Stover

Seconded By: Heather Botelho

As per Section 152 (3) of the Municipal Act, the Committee convened In-Camera.

9.1 Item 1

9.2 Item 2

9.3 Item 3

9.4 Item 4

9.5 Item 5

9.6 Item 6

10. RESUME

Moved By: Shane Hutchins

Seconded By: Heather Botelho

The Economic and Community Development Committee In-Camera session adjourned. The Economic and Community Development Committee agrees that all information discussed in the In-Camera session shall remain confidential until released for public knowledge as a whole.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Economic Development Committee will be on Monday April 13, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.