

CALLING THE COUNCIL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Carman was held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall. Mayor Robert J. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Councillors Georges Picton, Jane Swanton, Ed Vandersluis, Connie Rose, Brad Johnston, Wayne Hiebert; Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Young; Office Assistant Judy Duthie; Economic Development Officer Tyler King; Public Works Superintendent Joe Richardson; Media – Bob Gyoerick, Valley Leader; Vicki Addison, CKMW.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AS CIRCULATED

#1 Ed Vandersluis – Brad Johnston

RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Thursday, December 18, 2008 and Planning Meeting of Wednesday, January 7, 2009 be approved as circulated, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#2 Connie Rose – Wayne Hiebert

RESOLVED that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Closed Session – WTP. Carried. Councillor Rose excused herself from the meeting to answer a phone call.

ACCOUNTS

#3 Jane Swanton – Wayne Hiebert

RESOLVED that the accounts, as approved by the Finance and Administration Committee, be paid in the following amount: \$465,913.09. Carried.

RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 08/1926 – being a by-law of the Town of Carman for the purpose of authorizing remuneration to Council appointed committee members.

Councillor Rose returned to the meeting.

#4 Brad Johnston – Georges Picton

RESOLVED that By-law No. 08/1926 be read a second time, as amended. Carried.

#5 Wayne Hiebert – Georges Picton

RESOLVED that By-law No. 08/1926, being a by-law of the Town of Carman for the purpose of authorizing remuneration to Council appointed committee members be read a third and final time, signed by the Mayor and CAO, sealed with the corporate seal and finally passed. Recorded vote: For – Bob Mitchell, Georges Picton, Jane Swanton, Ed Vandersluis, Connie Rose, Brad Johnston, Wayne Hiebert. Carried.

By-Law No. 09/1927 – being a by-law of the Town of Carman to regulate the proceedings and conduct of Council and the Committees thereof.

#6 Brad Johnston – Jane Swanton

RESOLVED By-law No. 09/1927, being a by-law of the Town of Carman to regulate the proceedings and conduct of Council and the Committees thereof be read a first time. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Transfer from Reserve –

#7 Jane Swanton – Connie Rose

WHEREAS Section 169(7) of The Municipal Act allows transfers from reserves without a public hearing when the expenditure is funded by a specific purpose reserve, and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Carman undertook \$45,300.00 in waterline emergency repairs during the summer of 2008, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Council approves the transfer of \$45,300.00 from the Sewer and Water Replacement Reserve to cover the cost of the waterline repairs on 4th Street SW. Carried.

- Operating Surplus –**
#8 Wayne Hiebert – Georges Picton
RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman approves the transfer of \$195,000.00 of surplus funds from the operating account to General Reserve, and
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Finance and Administration Committee bring forward projects to Council for these funds to be allocated to in the upcoming Financial Plan. Carried.
- Financial Statement –**
#9 Connie Rose – Brad Johnston
RESOLVED the Financial Statement of the Town of Carman for the month ended December 31, 2008 be approved and filed. Carried.
- Tax Sale –**
#10 Ed Vandersluis – Jane Swanton
RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman, pursuant to Subsection 365(2) of The Municipal Act, designates 2008 as the year for Tax Sale. Carried.
- Board of Revision –**
#11 Wayne Hiebert – Ed Vandersluis
RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman appoints the members of Council to sit as the Board of Revision, and
FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor is appointed as the Presiding Officer and Cheryl Young, Chief Administrative Officer, is appointed as Secretary of the Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Joe Masi, Executive Director, advising that the Association is planning on lobbying the Provincial Government to increase the annual budget for the Manitoba Water Services Board to fund infrastructure projects and provide expertise for water and sewer infrastructure. Filed.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARING

- None

VARIATION BOARD

- None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

- Written report – DAS meeting
- Written report – January 6, 2009 meeting

Protective Services Committee

- Written report
 - Furniture for Firehall
- #12 Jane Swanton – Georges Picton
RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman approves two members of Carman Dufferin Fire Department to travel to Winnipeg to view furniture that Federated Coop has available for the fire hall. Carried.

Finance and Administration Committee

- Written report
 - Water Treatment Plant Operators
 - Crime Stoppers
- #13 Brad Johnston – Georges Picton
RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman approves a grant to Manitoba Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$278.10. Carried.
- Relay for Life 2009
- #14 Connie Rose – Jane Swanton
WHEREAS the Relay for Life 2009 is holding its annual event in the Town of Carman, May 22-23, 2009, and
WHEREAS this organization has requested a permit under the Noise By-law 01/1844 to allow entertainment for the participants throughout the night, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman grants an exemption to the Noise By-law No. 01/1844 by issuing a Permit to the Relay for Life 2009 event being held in Kings Park on May 22-23, 2009, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman authorizes the closure of Eddie Belfour Drive from north of the Carman pool to Centre Avenue West during the above-mentioned days for the hosting of the event. Carried.

- Preauthorized Payment Computer Program

#15 Ed Vandersluis – Wayne Hiebert

RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman approves the purchase of the preauthorized payment computer program from MuniSoft at a cost of \$899.00, plus taxes. Carried.

- Carman Skating Club

#16 Jane Swanton – Brad Johnston

RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman authorizes the purchase of an advertisement in the Pembina Valley Star Skate program at a cost of \$50.00. Carried.

Work and Operation Committee

- Written report

- Manitoba Good Roads Association

#17 Ed Vandersluis – Georges Picton

RESOLVED the Town of Carman authorizes the payment of the 2009 membership fee to Manitoba Good Roads Association in the amount of \$130.00. Carried.

- Bucket Truck – Referred to the Work and Operation Committee

- Gravel Truck

#18 Brad Johnston – Ed Vandersluis

RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman authorizes the purchase of a 2002 International gravel truck from Maxim Truck Sales, Winnipeg at a cost of \$43,900.00 plus taxes. Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer Young

- Written report

NOTICE OF MOTION

- None

#19 Wayne Hiebert – Georges Picton

RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Carman hereby goes into closed session, as per Section 16.1 of the Town's By-Law 08/1911 regulating procedure and conduct such matters be kept in confidence. Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

- Personnel – Water treatment plant position

#20 Georges Picton – Ed Vandersluis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Carman hereby reconvenes its regular meeting. Carried.

#21 Ed Vandersluis – Brad Johnston

RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman approves the hiring of Kelvin Giesbrecht as a Level 1 water treatment plant operator effective January 12, 2009, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the salary and benefits shall be as outlined in the Employee Agreement with Council. Carried.

#22 Jane Swanton – Connie Rose

RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman approves the hiring of Darcy Hayward as a water treatment plant operator effective January 19, 2009, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the salary and benefits shall be as outlined in the Employee Agreement with Council. Carried.

#23 Brad Johnston – Connie Rose

RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Carman hires Pat O'Brien as a part-time water treatment plant operator effective January 1, 2009, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the salary shall be as outlined in the Employee Agreement with Council. Carried.

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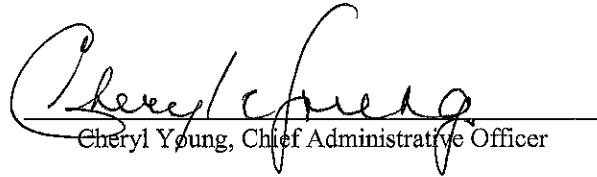
ADJOURNMENT

Ed Vandersluis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Carman adjourns its regular meeting of Council at 8:19 p.m.
Carried.



Robert J. Mitchell, Mayor



Cheryl Young, Chief Administrative Officer

DAS MEETING

A meeting was held on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Memorial Hall with representatives from the Town of Carman, the R. M. of Dufferin and Dufferin Agricultural Society. Those present at the meeting include Mayor Bob Mitchell (Mayor Town of Carman), Reeve Shawn McCutcheon (Reeve R. M. of Dufferin), Cheryl Young (CAO Town of Carman), Don Skeavington (President DAS), Marsha Ketler, Mary McGill, Gary Hooper, Bob Abrams, Rod Savage and Elaine Owen (Vice DAS).

Mayor Mitchell provided a list of matters that should be addressed in agreements between DAS and the Town of Carman/R. M. of Dufferin. Mayor Mitchell summarized that he would like to see all the issues brought to the table, combined into an agreement and dealt with so that everything can be finalized.

Don Skeavington advised that there is a Pool house lease, dated July 1960. This lease is a 99-year lease from DAS to the Town of Carman. DAS was asked to provide a copy of this agreement to the Town of Carman and the R. M. of Dufferin.

The two Heads of Councils advised that the CDRC Board has been given 6-months to come up with a plan to renovate the existing building and will not be asking for any additional land excepting on the west side of the arena for the zamboni building. The Councils have given that board a budget of \$1.5 million for this renovation project.

Don Skeavington advised that DAS had heard that the arena committee wanted to build on all three sides and does not know a lot about just building on the west end.

Reeve McCutcheon advised that the recreation issue in the community is more than just an arena issue and all the money cannot be spent just on one facility. He referred to the fire hall and the improvements made to that building made an immense change.

The two municipalities have acquired property from 8th Street NW to the existing soccer pitches that will be developed into baseball diamonds, another soccer pitch with washroom facilities, etc. All these matters are going to happen; however they are not going to happen overnight.

It is the intention of this committee to get all the agreements and leases together into one document and get all issues and matters addressed in that one document.

Don Skeavington advised that DAS was concerned about the north side expansion of the arena because the midway requires this area. He was pleased that this was no longer an issue.

The Gate going into the campground between the washrooms and showers was closed last year during the fair and this caused a problem to those in the campground. Gary Hooper advised that the fence on the north side of the baseball diamonds has also been cut. Don Skeavington advised that they now have cameras on their property. Don Skeavington advised that people are now using the fenced area of DAS property for a dog

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run and they have received complaints regarding the condition of the land because the dog owners are not cleaning up after the runs.

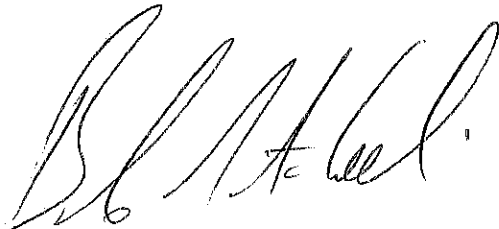
Things to be included in an agreement –

1. Food Booths, Pool house and Pathway agreements – it was felt that these agreements likely do not need to be changed but should be included in the new document as schedules to it.
2. New agreement needs to include the arena agreement, Concession Booth agreement, Bleacher agreement, and campground agreement, and address the use of land for fair days or any paid admission event.
3. The new agreement would also include the maintenance of land, etc. Mary McGill asked that the maintenance of the DAS greenspace would include the upkeep of the baseball diamonds.
4. Temporary fencing from golf course property to Active Living Centre should be included in the agreement.
5. Parking on the north side of the arena should be addressed. Mayor Mitchell advised that this should be included in the agreement and that the users of this property should be responsible for maintaining it. Reeve McCutcheon advised that it is important this area would always be available to be used to parking. The agreement should protect this area for parking and avoid the chance of a fence being installed in future years.
6. The agreement must include and give DAS the opportunity to host other events than just the fair. A reasonable amount of notice should be given to the other parties. “Cannot enter when DAS is charging admission to the grounds.”
7. The agreement would also need to deal with matters such as the annual liquor license, insurance coverage, etc.
8. A separate easement would be registered against the property providing access to the DAS property. This would be completed and registered against the property.
9. The committee felt that there must be a reasonable amount of time given for events and that a reasonable amount of notice time be included in the agreement.
10. Tennis Courts, toboggan slide, skateboard park – DAS agrees that these can stay on their property, however it needs to be addressed that DAS is not liable for injury. There needs to be recognition on a legal document that the Town and R. M. assume liability for these structures.
11. There is electrical supply in the campground that needs to be re routed to be included on the CDRC bill. Don Skeavington will check with Bob Murray to determine what is included on each hydro bill and report back to the committee.
12. Survey – DAS will provide a copy of their survey and overlay it on the Town’s so that the two can be combined for the new document. These maps will be used as schedules to the agreement to clarify the document.
13. Arena agreement should run for the life of the facility. Possibly extend the existing agreement for another period of time – 20 years or so.

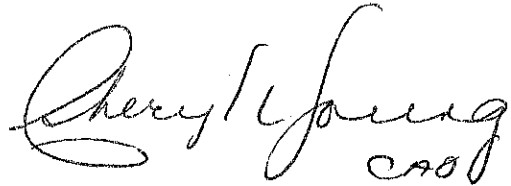
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14. The document should name the Mayor, Reeve and President of DAS as the "go-to-people" in the case of a dispute or for communications.
15. New agreement should be for only four years and follow the term of Council..

A document will be drafted and sent out prior to the next meeting on January 17th - 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall.



MAYOR



CHRYL YOUNG

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Executive Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, January 06, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Memorial Hall. Those present at the meeting included Shawn McCutcheon, George Gray, Bob Mitchell, Jane Swanton, Ruth Stege, Tyler King and Cheryl Young. R. M. of Dufferin provided lunch.

Dufferin Agricultural Society - Mayor Mitchell and Reeve McCutcheon reported that they had met with representatives from Dufferin Agricultural Society last Saturday. The group will be meeting again on Saturday, January 17, 2009 with a draft agreement.


Meeting with neighbouring municipalities (Grey, Roland, Thompson, St. Claude) – Reeve McCutcheon advised that he felt a meeting should be held in the near future updating these municipalities regarding the following matters: Recreation District, Doctor issues, by-law enforcement officers, library, etc. Reeve McCutcheon suggested that these municipalities should meet to discuss the costs of these services prior to the community making improvements to these facilities. At this meeting, then the floor would be open to other concerns from the invited municipalities. This meeting should occur once the Reeve Tkachyk from the R. M. of Grey returns from Mexico.

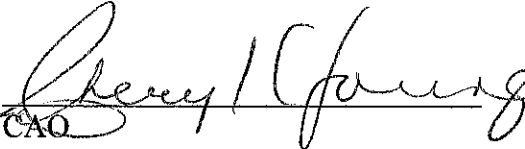
Doctors – Reeve McCutcheon reported that Dr. Clayden was completing the “On Call” schedule for the next three months and there were holes in the schedule. The RHA was able to fill these holes in a matter of days. Mayor Mitchell advised that it has been determined that Carman area could have salaried doctors as well as fee for service physicians. Mayor Mitchell advised that Mary Heard is going to find out how much a salaried doctor would be paid, if the RHA would cover the clinic operating expenses for a salaried doctor and whether they cover call. The Mayor and Reeve feel that possibly we could have one salaried position that would be shared by more than one doctor. Reeve McCutcheon stated that he feels Dr. Clayden needs to tell prospective doctors how much money they could make in this community. Reeve McCutcheon advised that Dr. Clayden has been given the go ahead by the Health Board to hire the recruiter (fees would be \$8,000 per doctor placed), attending the recruitment fair, another doctor will be toured through the community in the next few weeks and there is an international doctor currently in Ashern that would like to locate here once he has completed all his courses/exams.

Leases for Health Centre – all leases need to be redone. The rates will be reviewed and it would be a standard amount charged per square foot for all the space. These will be completed in the near future.

Nurses – This will be discussed in closed session at tomorrow’s meeting (Wednesday, January 7, 2009).

Bridge Road – Mayor Mitchell advised that the developer would like to purchase this property. The property would be used for building a light commercial area for health related businesses. The committee felt that initially this property should be held for a possible future expansion to the hospital or into parking for the hospital facility. It was felt that if the two municipalities held onto the property that likely it could be traded with the RHA for the property required joining the hospital to the clinic.


Chairperson


CAO

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A Finance and Administration Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 1:11 p.m. in the Memorial Hall of Council Chambers. Those present at the meeting included Jane Swanton, Bob Mitchell, Brad Johnston, Ed Vandersluis, Wayne Hiebert, Joe Richardson and Cheryl Young.

Water Treatment Plant Operators – update on interviews for water plant operator. All applicants received to date are on page 2 of the agenda. The committee felt that it should offer one of the jobs to Kel Giesbrecht today. The other position will be filled after the 15th when the competition closes.

Boyer Regional Library – Mary Anne Falk has resigned from this board and Council needs to appoint another person to the Board. The committee asked that this voluntary board member should be advertised.

Cell phone use during Council and Committee meetings – a policy should be set regarding this matter. This matter will be included in a review of the procedure by-law. The committee would recommend that cell phone use would be prohibited from use in the Council Chambers. If a member of Council must answer a phone call, they should excuse themselves from the Council or Committee meeting.

Office Assistant – Judy Duthie will be starting to work 4-days per week in February. Council needs to discuss her job duties and wage. Cheryl was asked to sit down with the office staff to discuss the distribution of the funds. An hourly wage was discussed for Judy and this will be further discussed at the next committee meeting.

Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat – A letter has been received regarding the Town joining the Age-Friendly Manitoba Initiative and advising that the establishment of an advisory committee is fundamental to the success of the Age-Friendly community. Cheryl was asked to phone Linda Drewlo to see if this committee has been set up. *Linda Drewlo has advised that she is in the process of setting up an advisory committee and this will be completed in the very near future. Linda advised that she would be asking Tyler King to help her with this process. Cheryl has told her that the \$2000 grant has been received that could be used to cover expenses of this committee.*

Manitoba Crime Stoppers – Requesting the Town of Carman to consider a donation of ten cents per capita for the organization. The Town of Carman's grant would be \$278.10 for 2009. The committee would recommend this donation be made.

Relay for Life – Ken Stevens advising that the event will be held in Carman on Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd, 2009 and asking for permission to close Ed Belfour Drive and to receive an exemption from the Town's noise by-law. The committee would ask that Council approve this event.

Computers – Councillor Ed Vandersluis suggested that council should consider going paperless. He suggested that the council could purchase and pay for half of the laptop purchase price. This will be discussed further with the entire Council. *Webmarkers*

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would be able to provide laptops for Council at a cost of \$750 to \$825.00. This would give Council a decent laptop that would be good enough to last a couple years and would come set up and ready to go with all windows updates, adobe reader, java, flash player and one year antivirus software.

Dillon Consulting has invited Council to attend a New Year Reception to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at the Niakwa Country Club from 4 to 7 p.m.


Preauthorized Computer Program – Munisoft has a program that will process preauthorized payment program. The cost of this program is \$900. The committee would ask Council to pass a resolution authorizing this payment.

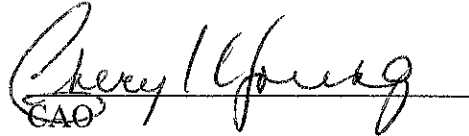
Cheryl reported that the Dufferin Credit Union has paid out the surplus share from the Carman Aquatic Centre and the committee asked Cheryl to place this money into the reserve with the funds for washrooms at the soccer complex.

Councillor Rose left the meeting at this time.

Review of Financial Statement – Councillor Wayne Hiebert asked if a time could be set up to have a review of the financial statement. The committee decided to start the next Council meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. and then review the financial statement at that time. All Council members are expected to attend.

Carman Skating Club – The club is hosting the Pembina Valley Star Skate competition and has asked Council to purchase a \$50.00 advertisement in their program.


Chairperson


CAO

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

A Protective Services Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Memorial Hall. Those present at the meeting included George Gray, Brent Cohoe, Barry Driedger, Don McCutcheon, Bob Mitchell, Jane Swanton, Brad Johnston, Georges Picton, Connie Rose, Ruth Stege, Ben Vanderzwaag and Cheryl Young.

Call to order by Chairman George Gray at 7:31 a.m.

Fire Chief report – Ben Vanderzwaag was in attendance to discuss the fire chief's report. He advised that likely why the calls decreased was because the number of false alarms decreased. The Canadian Flag still needs to be put on the pumper. Ben reported that they have a new price for the radio for the new truck and it will be closer to \$1500. The installation price has also been increased. The Boyne Mutual Aid meeting will be held in the basement of Memorial Hall and then the men will tour the fire hall afterwards.

Fundraising – CDFD has challenged the Councils to match the funds raised by the fire department. Tabled to discuss with Fire Chief Vandersluis.

Setting hourly rates for fire fighting equipment and personnel– Fire Chief Vandersluis advised that if the department had hourly rates set that we might have something to use when billing MPIC and other insurance carriers. The fire department will make recommendations regarding this matter.

MPIC billing – (review of the procedure of billing MPIC) - The committee felt that this billing should be completed on a quarterly basis at least. Ben Vanderzwaag was asked to take this back to the department to discuss. The Town office will prepare the bills if necessary.

Annual allocation to reserve – The committee discussed whether the two municipalities should be allocating an annual amount to a reserve to update the fire trucks. The fire department was asked to prepare a capital budget on a long-range plan for equipment purchases so the amount of reserve allocation can be determined. The Councils will look at allocating \$25,000 for 2009. Each municipality will hold the reserve money in their own reserve funds.

Policy on Donation Receipts for Burns – Ruth Stege reviewed the policy on issuing a receipt for a burn. Mayor Mitchell advised that the Protective Services Committee must be approved by the Protective Services Committee prior to the burn if the property owner requires a donation receipt. The committee felt that the donation should correspond with the amount of training the department would receive from the burn. The fire department will bring a recommendation back to the committee next week.

Emergency Coordinator -- update on request to share Emergency Coordinator with Morden, Winkler, Plum Coulee and Stanley. No further information has been received regarding this. The committee felt it should run an advertisement in the paper to see if a local person would be interested in taking this position over.


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2009 CDFD Budget – The committee reviewed the budget for 2009 for the fire department. The committee also reviewed the operating financial statement for the month ended December 31, 2008.

Councillor Cohoe advised that he spoke with Federated Coop and they are renovating their offices and are prepared to donate office furniture to the fire department. Brent Cohoe will take Ben Vanderzwaag and Ed Vandersluis to the warehouse to pick out any suitable equipment.

Drought Plan – Tabled to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.



Chairperson



CAO

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Thursday, January 15, 2009
Cheryl Young CAO

The office staff will be discussing workload and the distribution of office work in the near future. Judy Duthie will be starting to work four days a week in February and it will be necessary to shift some duties within the office. This will be discussed on Wednesday when Judy is in and the staff will continue to work towards distributing the workload. Judy is still waiting to hear when she will be starting her four-day workweek as it depends upon the spaces in the daycare.

Kelvin (Kel) Giesbrecht has started working at the water treatment plant, effective January 12, 2009. He arrived in Carman over the weekend and is currently boarding with Marjorie Deremiens. I would encourage Council to stop in at the water treatment plant to meet and welcome him to town. Blaine appears to be settled for the moment. As feared, Councillors Swanton and Vandersluis had an unsettling meeting with Blaine following the last Finance and Administration Committee meeting, however things have settled into place for the time being. Blaine will be attending the Red River College school the first part of March. Both Blaine and Kel will be going to the Water and Wastewater school in May. Blaine will write his Level 2 exam and Kel will attempt his Level 3 exam. Joe intention is to rotate staff out of the water plant more than was done in the past.

We have been busy working on trying to finish up the yearend and I hope that I will have additional resolutions for Council to consider on Thursday evening dealing with a general surplus. I am hopeful that the utility account will not be in a deficit position and will work towards that.

I will be bringing supper in on Thursday evening so Council members can review the financial statement. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m.

WORK AND OPERATION COMMITTEE

A Work and Operation Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Memorial Hall. Those present at the meeting included Ed Vandersluis, Brad Johnston, Georges Picton, Bob Mitchell, Wayne Hiebert, Joe Richardson and Cheryl Young.

Councillor Ed Vandersluis called the meeting to order.

Sludge Cake –John Heard has advised that the sludge cake must be hauled to a registered landfill site and the landfill could use it for cover. Joe will get more information to see if this could be stored until we have a load.

Main Street Sewer line replacement – Maple Leaf Construction is looking at completing this work starting January 19, 2009 – weather permitting. The necessary permits have been taken out. All businesses have been notified by letter about the proposed work.

MPIC letter – Report by Councillor Hiebert read the letter that he has written to MPIC regarding the accident between the water trailer and Mr. Fruck. Councillor Hiebert has the letter completed and the town office will type it out and mail it.

Recycling Program – Report by Councillor Hiebert advised that he has talked with David Weiss regarding recycling pick up. David advised that they noticed an increase in recycling when they changed to a weekly pick up. They do not require residents sort recycling but they do have the facility available for sorting. The committee discussed the possibility of shipping plastic directly to the end user instead of Gateway.

Angle Parking and One-Way Street –Councillor Hiebert advised that he met with the Chamber of Commerce and asked them to communicate with the Town Council as to how the Chamber would like to see the Town proceed. He advised that most businesses realize that likely they will be losing the diagonal parking, however they have resigned themselves to losing it. The One-way Street, the Chamber felt that there just needed to have more signage. The committee will wait to hear back from the Chamber of Commerce.

Joe reported that Versatile Tractor has leaking hydraulic pump. Joe advised that the men are trying to get pricing for the committee. Councillor Vandersluis suggested that he might look for a used pump at a wrecker.

Household Hazardous Waste Day – Cheryl contacted Miller Environment and they have responded with the following dates for an event in 2009 – July 11, 18, August 8, 15 and 22, 2009. The costs would be as follows: Mobilization fee - \$2500 to \$5000; 205 litre lab packs (cleaners, adhesive, etc.) \$375 each; Gaylord of paints - \$850 each. The busier the day, the more money it will cost for the collection. Miller Environment also suggested that the Town explore the possible development of an ongoing collection program. In this case, the Town would set up an area to collect the material and Miller Environment would pick it up when they travel through. Councillor Hiebert will contact Jim Ferguson to discuss Household Hazardous Waste days and why the Town of Carman cannot be included as a depot.

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Manitoba Good Roads Association – Requesting Council to consider paying the \$130 membership in the association. The committee would ask Council to approve the payment of the membership.

Mary McCutcheon – Letter advising the committee that since the staff replaced her water line on May 5, 1997, she has had problems with settling and she believes that this has caused the front corner of her house to drop. She advised that since 1997, the corner has cracked and the floor throughout the house has become unlevelled. She feels this is a direct result of the water line being installed too close to the corner. The line came really close to her foundation and she feels the Town should have been more diligent in shoring up the foundation when they were working close to it. The committee asked Joe to put the hearing aid on the curb stop to see if the water line is leaking. Councillor Hiebert will meet with Mary to discuss this matter with her.

A fire hydrant was hit on Saturday morning and the men had to replace it on Saturday. The staff ran in and got one from the City of Winnipeg. They are asking for (4) four golf passes to go in Carman. This type of hydrant is a special order so you cannot just place an order for them. The men had to tow a car that was on the street to the town shop to thaw for the day.

Manitoba Water and Wastewater Schools – Joe advised that the men are asking to attend schools for water distribution. Joe has been asked to go ahead and schedule the men to attend the necessary courses.


Councillor Picton asked Joe to congratulate the men on how they have cleaned up at intersections throughout town. He also suggested that the men might take the snow and move it further around the corners when clearing snow and this would save going back later.

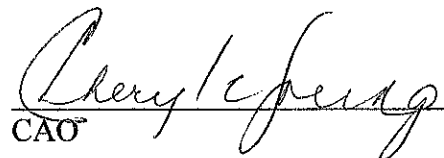
Bucket Truck – Joe advised that the men went and looked at a bucket truck this morning, however it was so cold they did not want to start it up today. The men will go back when it warms up. The purchase price is \$14,900. The committee would ask Council to approve the purchase of this vehicle. The men are checking this truck out, however there are others available if it does not pan out. Joe was asked to talk with Blake Phillips and tell him the Town's plans regarding the bucket truck.

Gravel Truck- Joe reported that a 2002 gravel truck price that he found in Brandon was \$43,000. The committee would recommend Council pass a resolution authorizing the purchase of this truck.

PVRN – Councillor Johnston advised that he is unable to attend the PVRN meeting on Monday evening. Councillor Hiebert will attend the meeting.

The Province of Manitoba has sent a letter regarding grant-in-aid for 2009. The committee will not be applying for any grant-in-aid this year.


Chairperson


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