

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on February 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Mayor Melvin Klassen, Councillors: Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Ted Klassen, Don Braun via telephone, Glen Robinson, and Tim Fast, Administration: Larry Driedger, Delores Loewen, Bill Loewen, Ron Epp, Perry Batchelor, and Youth Representative Keely Loewen.

Absent – Russ Phillips, and Irv Braun.

Gallery: Virginia Rempel

Media: Greg Vandermuellen – Echo

1. Call to order – Chair
Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.

2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
The agenda was approved on motion by Tim Fast and Terry Wiebe.

2.111 February 8, 2011 Council Minutes

**32-2011 – Don Braun-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the February 8th, 2011 meeting of
Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations - None

4. Hearings – None.

5. Administrative Reports – None.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report - February 15, 2011 Minutes

Councillor Glen Robinson reviewed the minutes with Council.

**33-2011 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT** account Cheque Numbers 40258 to 40445 and the
payroll and indemnities from December 30th, 2010 to January 26th, 2011

be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

34-2011 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the outstanding account receivable for Joanne Kehler (Customer No. 692), for Pioneer Centre Rental plus associated interest, be cancelled due to being uncollectible.

CARRIED.

35-2011 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1685/2011, to establish a Solid Waste Reserve be now given first reading.

CARRIED.

36-2011 – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1685/2011 be now given second reading.

CARRIED.

37-2011 – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona transfer the amount of \$108,000.00 from the 2010 general operating financial plan to the proposed Solid Waste Reserve upon the final passing of Town of Altona By-law No. 1685/2011.

CARRIED.

38-2011 – Glen Robinson-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we allocate an additional amount of up to \$20,000 to the General Reserve Fund from the General Operating Fund for the 2010 Fiscal Year.

CARRIED.

39-2011 – Glen Robinson-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we allocate an additional amount of up to \$167,500 to the Utility Reserve Fund from the Utility Operating Fund for the 2010 Fiscal Year.

CARRIED.

40-2011 – Glen Robinson-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona sponsor a table at the Youth for

Christ annual fundraising dinner at a cost of \$200.00.

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the ACDC continues to work with the Community re-branding project.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce – No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – In-camera was requested.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report – No report.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – No report.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the January report was attached for Councils review.

6.118 RPGA Planning District
Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board will be meeting next week. A meeting last week with the consultants focussed on policy development.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report – February 15, 2011 Minutes
Councillor Ann Kroeker referred to the minutes of the last committee meeting.

6.212 CARE – No report.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report
Keely Loewen reported:

- Grad Soup & Pie fundraiser was held last week.
- 'Grease' musical is being presented this week.
- Miller's Essay received Second Place in the Country. They received \$5,000.00 in Staples gift cards for the School to use.
- A Jazz coffee house will be held on March 8th.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report – No report.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.
Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met a week and a half ago. They discussed the 2011 Budget and also the Nurse/Practitioner.

Councillor Klassen also reported that he attended a Community Leaders meeting with the RHA on the same day. There it was reported that:

- Edith Calder will be retiring
- Almost 100 dental surgeries were held in the Altona Surgical ward in the past 12 months
- The RHA is looking at the additional potential use of Altona's Surgical Ward for 'scopes'

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.

6.218 Curling Club

January 17, 2011 Minutes – Information

Councillor Tim Fast reported that:

- Scotties Committee and the 'profits' generated from hosting the event are being discussed. They would prefer to have these funds used for some legacy project.
- Refrigeration Unit will need to be refurbished in the near future
- Men's Bonspiel was held last weekend with 18 teams participating
- Mixed Bonspiel will be held in March

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

6.220 Playground Committee

There were some questions on the financing of the project. Hope to have a financial report for the next Community & Social Development Committee Meeting.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Councillor Don Braun reported that he had emailed some information to the Administration Office. It will be circulated with the next Council Agenda.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Report – No report.

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – No report.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – No report.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop

Councillor Tim Fast reported that:

- The PVWC Audit Committee met this afternoon
- Annual General Meeting of the PVWC will be held in Winkler this coming Friday. Councillor Fast and Mayor Klassen will attend

7. General Correspondence:

7.111 Minister of Health Letter

The letter was reviewed and discussed. It was referred to the Works & Operations Committee for discussion about the topic of First Responders. Councillor Don Braun had also forwarded a copy of the letter to the Board Chair of the Ebenezer Home

7.112 Borderland Invitation – Taken as information

7.113 News Release – Student Entrepreneur Provincial Champion

8. Unfinished business

8.1 Authorization to attend Manitoba Planning Conference

41-2011 – Ted Klassen-Tim Fast – THAT Councillor Terry Wiebe be authorized to attend the Manitoba Planning Conference from March 9th to 11th, 2011 in Winnipeg and that all expenses incurred therein be paid for out of public funds.

CARRIED.

9. New business – None.

10. In Camera

42-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

43-2011 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

Resolution 44-2011 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer