

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on March 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Irv Braun.

Gallery: Lyle Dunsmore, and Corey Wall.

Media: Dean Penner – CFAM, and 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:
 - 2.111 February 22, 2011 Council Minutes
48-2011 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 22nd, 2011 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

- 2.112 February 25th, 2010 Special Council Minutes
49-2011 – Don Braun-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of Council, held on February 25th, 2011, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations – None.
4. Hearings – None.
5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips briefly reported that Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Driedger would be away at the Manitoba Planning Conference, along with Councillors Ted Klassen and Terry Wiebe. He also reported that he would be away on a vacation day tomorrow.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report (if any)

By-law No. 1685/2011 – To create Solid Waste Reserve – Third Reading
50-2011 – Don Braun-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1685/2011, to establish a Solid Waste Reserve be now given third reading and passed.

Mel Klassen	-	YES
Ann Kroeker	-	YES
Terry Wiebe	-	YES
Ted Klassen	-	YES
Glen Robinson	-	YES
Don Braun	-	YES
Tim Fast	-	YES

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that there is a potential for a new business/new building for the industrial park. He also reported that the ACDC Board is recommending that the Community Development Officer, Delores Loewen, attend a BR&E training session related to GAP analysis.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Reports were included with the agenda package. A request was made to have at least a two year comparative budget/financial instead of just one year. Councillor Glen Robinson will make this request of the Chamber.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

Mayor Mel Klassen and Councillor Don Braun reported that the Sunbelt Development Group has met its obligations as they relate to the Access Credit Union Ltd. An amicable settlement was reached.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met in Winkler last week. Several items were dealt with:

- By-laws were reviewed
- Final readings were given to Policies and Procedures related to PVLEA
- Code of Conduct was adopted
- Annual General Meeting will be held in Roland on April 7th.

- 6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the Committee met in Manitou this morning. Due to our own budget deliberations he was unable to attend, however he will circulate the minutes of the meeting.
- 6.117 Triple R Community Futures
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that he will circulate the minutes of yesterday's meeting when he receives them.
- 6.118 RPGA Planning District
Manitoba Planning Conference in Winnipeg this week from Wednesday to Friday.
- 6.2 Community & Social Development
- 6.211 Committee Report – No report.
- 6.212 CARE
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that there is a new Palliative Care Coordinator in place. Her name is Candace Kiehl.
- He also reported that the Handi-van is still seeking a coordinator. In the meantime Ann Kroeker is performing these duties.
- 6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival
- February 16th, 2011 Minutes
 - Comparative Balance Sheet at Jan 31, 2011
 - Comparative Income Statement as of January 31, 2011
 - Comparative Income Statement to Budget as of January 31, 2011
- Councillor Glen Robinson referred to some of the above reports and minutes.
- 6.214 Council Youth Representative Report
Keely Loewen reported that:
- Amnesty Coffee House was held last week. They raised approximately \$300
 - Jazz Coffee House is being held tonight at 7:30 PM at Miller
 - Miller has adopted a new cell phone policy.
- 6.215 South Central Regional Library Report – No report.
- 6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc. – No report.
- 6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.

6.218 Curling Club – No report.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee – No report.

6.220 Playground Committee – No report.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Gallery Minutes and Associated Info.

Councillor Don Braun referred to the above information contained in the Agenda package. The Friends of the Gallery renewal requests have been mailed.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Report – March 1, 2011 Committee Minutes

51-2011 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS the Works & Operations Committee has reviewed two quotations for the purchase of a new police vehicle as follows:

West Park Motors – Caprice - \$42,517.53

Rhineland Car – Crown Victoria - \$33,564.15

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona purchase a new Ford Crown Victoria from Rhineland Car at a price of \$33,564.15 and that this purchase be paid for in the 2011 Financial Plan out of the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund.

CARRIED.

52-2011 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS the Town of Altona Council has given first reading to a new Utility Rate By-law, being Town of Altona By-law No. 1684/2011, and has submitted said By-law to the Public Utilities Board for approval;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona Works & Operations Committee has had further discussion about this proposed rate increase and is recommending that the rates be amended to phase the proposed increase in over three years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we submit a resolution to the Public Utilities Board requesting them to approve By-law No. 1684/2011 subject to the following rate amendments:

1. THAT the proposed rates for Water sales per 1,000 gallons be changed to the following:

April 1, 2011 - \$11.57 per 1000 gallons

January 1, 2012 - \$11.49 per 1000 gallons

January 1, 2013 - \$11.40 per 1000 gallons

2. THAT the proposed rates for Sewer sales per 1,000 gallons of water usage be changed to the following:

April 1, 2011 - \$3.83 per 1000 gallons of water usage

January 1, 2012 - \$5.09 per 1000 gallons of water usage

- January 1, 2013 - \$6.35 per 1000 gallons of water usage
3. THAT any other calculations in the by-law, such as the minimum quarterly billings and bulk water rates, be amended to reflect these changes.

Mel Klassen	-	YES
Ann Kroeker	-	NO
Terry Wiebe	-	YES
Ted Klassen	-	NO
Glen Robinson	-	YES
Don Braun	-	NO
Tim Fast	-	YES

CARRIED.

It should be noted that during the discussion on Resolution 52-2011 there was a point at which the Deputy-Mayor assumed the chair in order to allow the Mayor to express his opinion.

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 on the recent annual general meeting of the PVWC. The PVWC is repaying its capital debt at approximately \$1 million per year. They are also preparing studies that will spell out the costs to upgrade the Stephenfield and Letellier water treatment plants.

There were some comments made about the water hardness and the PVWC's recent letter to Altona regarding the recent repairs at the Letellier plant. The hardness levels have returned to the 150 PPM levels.

7. General Correspondence:

7.111 Sierra Club Letter – Information

7.112 Red River College – Information regarding the Mobile Training Lab.

8. Unfinished business – None.

9. New business – None.

10. In Camera

53-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

54-2011 – Tim Fast-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

55-2011 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer