

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on April 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Glen Robinson.

Gallery: Susan Yakabowich

Media: Dean Penner – CFAM

1. Call to order
Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
66-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

- 2.111 March 22, 2011 Council Minutes
67-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the March 22, 2011 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations
 - 3.1 5:45 P.M. – SEVEC Students
Students Dillon Kokotalio and Miranda McGhie, along with teacher, Mrs. Melissa Robinson, attended the meeting on behalf of the Miller SEVEC Students. Miranda McGhie gave a brief presentation on their 2011 proposed visit from their exchange program. There will be approximately 30 students available for about a day and a half of work projects. One project that the group has in mind for this year is the upgrade of the pad and basketball equipment in Ash Park in Altona. Would the Town have any other projects for them to do?
The guest students will be in Altona between May 13 to 20, 2011.

After a number of questions and comments the students were encouraged to talk to Steve Wiebe and Bill Loewen in the Altona Public Works department.

4. Hearings

4.1 6:00 P.M. - V2011A – W.C. Miller Collegiate – Sign Variation
See Hearing later in minutes.

4.2 6:00 P.M. – 123 First Street SW – Ben Falk Property
See Hearing later in minutes.

5. Administrative Reports

CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his latest report with Council.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report (if any) – No report

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the ACDC Board has approved the new community brand for Altona as earlier presented. There will be some official unveiling events in the future to publicly display the new brand. The Board also thanked outgoing Chamber President, Brad Derksen, for his efforts on the ACDC Board and welcomed incoming Chamber President Karen Mueller.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce – No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – No report.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the annual reports are out.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee

It was reported that an initial meeting of a local tourism will be held on April 28th.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures – Report attached

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met last week. A primary topic of discussion centered around the fringe area policy.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report – No report.

6.212 CARE

It was reported that Esther Enns has taken on the task of being the Handi-van Coordinator.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Youth Council representative reported that:

- The hot beverage machine has been installed.
- She attended the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa during Spring Break
- The Vocal Jazz group will be performing at the Policemen's Ball.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Copy of 2010 SCRL Annual Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reviewed the Annual Report.

Councillor Ted Klassen was also congratulated for the recent award of distinction as a library trustee.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Health Board recently met.

Some items of discussion included Ladies Auxiliary, Doctor Recruitment and Dr. Toni Scholarship.

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

There is a meeting scheduled to be held soon.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Featured artists for the 2011 season have been arranged.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – April 5, 2011

By-law No. 1684/2011 – Amend and Give Second and Third Readings

68-2011 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1684/2011, having been partially approved on an interim basis by the Public Utilities Board, be now given second reading as amended.

CARRIED.

69-2011 – Ted Klassen-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1684/2011, having been amended prior to second reading, be now given third reading and passed.

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

CARRIED.

There was some discussion about the City of Winkler's request to remove the Fluoride from the water treatment process. This topic was discussed at the Works and Operations Committee Meeting and a report is to be prepared by Administration for discussion at the next meeting of Council.

Hearing – V2011 A – W.C. Miller Collegiate – Sign Variation

In attendance for the hearing, in addition to those listed, was W.C. Miller Principal Jonathan Toews.

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing. Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Driedger, gave an overview of the application.

The Collegiate wants to replace their present sign with an electronic sign. Their sponsor, Access Credit Union wants to have their name and logo on the lower part of the sign. According to Altona's Zoning By-law this requires a variation. Also, the proposed sign will be 56 square feet, whereas the maximum size allowed under the Zoning By-law is 50 square feet. These are the reasons for the Variation requests. Circulation of the hearing has been completed and to date we have not received any concerns or inquiries.

Mr. Jonathan Toews briefly spoke to the request. Because the sign is located within the 125 foot highway right-of-way, the Highway Traffic Board is also holding a hearing on this topic.

Mayor Klassen called for any concerns or objections. There were none and the hearing was then closed.

70-2011 – Ted Klassen-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application V2011A, applied for by W.C. Miller Collegiate – 181 Sixth Street SE – Roll No.s 58700 & 71000, to vary Sections 54.1.4(d) and 54.3.1 of the Town of Altona Zoning By-law No. 1553/99, as amended, be approved as follows:

1. THAT Section 54.1.4(d) be varied to allow the sign sponsor, Access Credit Union Ltd. to have their name and logo displayed on the lower portion of the sign; and
2. THAT Section 54.3.1 be varied to allow for a maximum sign size of 56 square feet.

CARRIED.

Jonathan Toews then left the meeting.

Hearing – 123 First Street SW – Ben Falk Property

In attendance for the hearing, in addition to those listed, were Ben Falk, Melanie Aldridge and Steven Hancock.

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing. CAO Russ Phillips gave an overview of the history of this situation.

Mr. Falk has appealed the order to remediate his property. Last fall he was given an order to fix certain deficiencies on his property. These deficiencies were to be remedied by March 31st, 2011.

Mr. Falk informed Council that just last week Friday he became aware of a provincial program that helps to fund such problems. He would like more time so that he can obtain some 'grants' to fix his house.

There were numerous questions asked and some answers given. Mr. Falk agreed to share his various correspondences with Council once the provincial programs have made a decision to fund his required renovations.

Council was in agreement that more information needs to be obtained and therefore adjourned the hearing at this point, reserving the right to reconvene the hearing at the next meeting of Council.

Councillor Ted Klassen then continued with the Works & Operations Committee report.

71-2011 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised Plum Coulee Police Agreement be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Works and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

72-2011 – Ted Klassen-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona authorizes the purchase of a five acre parcel of property adjacent to the Altona/Rhineland/Gretna landfill site from the Province of Manitoba for a total price of \$12,500.00 which will be shared proportionately by the three municipalities as per their funding agreements.

CARRIED.

73-2011 – Ted Klassen-Ann Kroeker – WHEREAS the Towns of Altona, Gretna and Plum Coulee and the R.M. of Rhineland have a joint Emergency Plan; AND WHEREAS the joint Emergency Plan has received numerous revisions since it was last approved; AND WHEREAS each Councillor has received a copy of the Emergency Plan for their reference; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona hereby approves the Emergency Plan as presented.

CARRIED.

74-2011 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS the Town of Altona has developed a “Report on Pandemic Event Priorities and Essential Services” and the same has been reviewed by the Works & Operations Committee; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona adopt the “Report on Pandemic Event Priorities and Essential Services” as its policy on potential Pandemic Events.

CARRIED.

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – No report.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – Financial Report Attached
Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Town of Carman has instituted a one bag of garbage per week limit for its residents. At the same time they also implemented weekly recycling pickups. This program has significantly increased the amount of recycling.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop
Councillor Tim Fast reported that the PVWC will be discussing the ‘Fluoride in Water’ issue in late April. Presently, the cost to add fluoride to the water is two cents per 1,000 gallons of water.

7. General Correspondence:

7.111 Office of the Minister of Public Safety – Taken as information.

7.112 Kidsport – Taken as information

7.113 Kerry Irvin-Ross Office – RE: Manitoba Housing Office in Altona

- 7.114 News release relating to Additional Police Officers
- 8. Unfinished business
 - 8.1 PVWC Request – Fluoride in Water – To be discussed at next Council Meeting.
- 9. New business
 - 9.1 AMM Resolutions – Deadline – June 1, 2011 – Does Altona have any? For further discussion at next meeting of Council.
- 10. In Camera – None.

75-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer