

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on May 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Ann Kroeker, Ted Klassen, Irv Braun, Delores Loewen, and Keely Loewen

Media: No media was in attendance.

1. Call to order - Chair
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
 - 2.111 April 26, 2011 Council Minutes
95-2011 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

96-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the April 26, 2011 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations
 - 3.1 5:30 PM – Oliver Prusina – Provincial Assessor's Office
Mr. Prusina made a presentation to Council regarding the 2012 Provincial re-assessment. Altona's overall assessment will rise by 8.8%. He reviewed the re-assessment impact document with Council. The assessment for 2012 has been brought up to April 1, 2010. After some brief questions, Mr. Prusina left the meeting.
 - 3.2 5:55 PM – Martin Friesen
CAO Russ Phillips gave an overview of the area of discussion that Mr. Friesen wanted to address. Mr. Friesen earlier applied for sub-division, for an additional 2 lots to be created in his sub-division, plan, east of the 'old Altona' village. In August 2010 the Finance & Administration Committee recommended not to deal with this request until such a time that the RPGA had dealt with its 'Fringe Area Policies'.

Mr. Friesen then addressed Council. He has a significant investment in this sub-division already and would appreciate the ability to sub-divide these additional lots.

There was some discussion and interaction between Mr. Friesen and Council members. After this interaction Mr. Friesen left the meeting.

Council then proceeded to discuss the matter further. After this discussion Council concluded that the sub-division could be approved. A resolution confirming this will be brought to the next Council meeting. CAO Russ Phillips will advise the Provincial Planning department of Councils impending plans to approve this.

4. Hearings – None.

5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his report circulated this afternoon.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report

Tax Levy By-law – Attached – Third Reading

97-2011 – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1686/2011, to provide for imposition of taxes for 2011, be now given third reading and passed.

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

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on today's Board meeting:

- The Board is looking at calling for tenders for the signage changes to coincide with the 're-branding' initiative.

- CAO Reported to the Board about his attendance at the EDAM, Capturing Opportunities and the Red River Economic Developers Network meetings.
- Potential new business in the Industrial Park. Someone is working on a business plan.
- An easement will be placed across the westernmost portion of the ACDC Lots on the west side of Second Street NW. This easement will allow the new sewer force main to be located there.
- Information from D.A. Walls & Associates regarding 'affordable housing'.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce – No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – No report.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report – No report.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – April 19th Minutes attached
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that there was a meeting this morning in Emerson. He was unable to attend.
Councillor Wiebe also reported that there is a local committee that has had one meeting so far to discuss the tourism portfolio.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures
Councillor Terry Wiebe reviewed the Triple R Board report circulated this afternoon.

6.118 RPGA Planning District – No report.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report – No report.

6.212 CARE – No report.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report – No report.

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 – No report.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – May 3rd, 2011

Councillor Terry Wiebe reviewed the minutes with Council. A couple of items were dealt with via resolution as follow.

98-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – WHEREAS the Town of Altona has called for tenders for construction works on Industrial Drive and Second Street NE – Job 2011A;

AND WHEREAS four tenders have been received as follows:

Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.	\$456,211.50 plus GST
Borland Construction Ltd.	\$513,057.00 plus GST
Bayview Construction Ltd.	\$573,447.50 plus GST
Nelson River Construction Inc.	\$563,930.50 plus GST

AND WHEREAS the Works and Operations Committee has reviewed the Tenders and recommends that Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. be awarded the tender;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for Job 2011A be awarded to Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$456,211.50 plus GST as recommended by the Works & Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

99-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona purchase a John Deere 7230 Tractor, from Green Valley Equipment, together with a new snow blower at a cost of \$93,856.00 including taxes.

CARRIED.

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – No report.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – No report.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop – No report.

7. General Correspondence:

7.111 Altona Maroons Hockey Club Proposal – Referred to Finance & Administration Committee

7.112 Petition from Katharina Courts Residents – Administration will look for conditions imposed on this development under the Development Agreement.

7.113 Soul'd Youth Event – Taken as information.

8. Unfinished business

8.1 AMM Resolutions – Nothing at this time.

9. New business – None.

10. In Camera

100-2011 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

101-2011 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

102-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer