

## TOWN OF ALTONA

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on May 24, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Irv Braun

Media: Dean Penner – CFAM.

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 May 10, 2011 Council Minutes  
**103-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.**

**CARRIED.**

**104-2011 – Don Braun-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.**

**CARRIED.**

3. Delegations – None.
4. Hearings – None.
5. Administrative Reports  
CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his CAO report with Council. As this was Town Engineer, Bill Loewen's, last meeting of Council to attend as the Town Engineer, Mr. Phillips and the Mayor, thanked Mr. Loewen for his many years of service to the Town of Altona.
6. Committee Reports:
  - 6.1 Finance & Administration  
6.111 Committee Minutes – May 17, 2011  
Councillor Don Braun reviewed the minutes of the Committee meeting. Several items were dealt with via resolution.

**105-2011 – Don Braun-Glen Robinson –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Altona Maroons be given a grant for their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations the amount of which will be the net difference between the amount that they will be invoiced for the use of the MEC and Aquatic Park and the actual costs incurred by the Town.

**CARRIED.**

**106-2011 – Don Braun-Terry Wiebe –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to attend a two week Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia's Darden Business School, from July 17<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at a net cost to the Town of Altona of \$4,000 plus travel costs;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer will use two weeks of vacation time to attend this event.

**CARRIED.**

**107-2011 – Don Braun-Tim Fast –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque No.s 40774 to 40920 and the Payroll and Indemnity from April 7<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

**CARRIED.**

**108-2011 – Don Braun-Glen Robinson –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 the Base Vehicle Allowance for the Fire Chief/Building Inspector be set at \$500.00 per month.

**CARRIED.**

**109-2011 – Don Braun-Glen Robinson –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 the Fuel Allowance for the Fire Chief/Building Inspector be set at \$150.00 per month.

**CARRIED.**

**110-2011 – Don Braun-Glen Robinson –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona adopt the National Joint Council Kilometric Rates Table to be used as the mileage rates for Town of Altona expense claims;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona take the necessary steps to amend the Indemnity and Expenses By-law to reflect this said change.

**CARRIED.**

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation  
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that:

- The Board is working at locating a new firm to the Altona Industrial Park. They have awarded the firm a small grant.
- Community Branding Project – continues to move forward. The plan is to 'roll out' or 'unveil' everything at the same time. This will most likely take place in Fall of 2011.
- Chamber of Commerce has requested to meet with the ACDC Board to discuss the Community Branding Project.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce – No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

Mayor Mel Klassen reported that the Access Credit Union has hired a firm to sell the bean plant building by auction. Date of the auction is June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report – No report.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee

There is a local tourism group meeting tomorrow. They will then decide who will represent Altona at the PVDC Tourism Committee.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Some information on summer Day Camps for kids or 'Budding Entrepreneurs': July 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in Niverville; July 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> in Altona; and July 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> there is a French Camp.

Councillor Terry Wiebe also reported that the Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> in Dominion City.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board has been discussing various policies, specifically the 'fringe area policies'.

The background and engineering study report has been completed.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – May 17, 2011

Councillor Tim Fast reviewed the minutes of the Committee meeting.

6.212 CARE

The Annual Report has been completed. The Town is in receipt of several copies. The Board has a new member, that being Kathy Dunsmore.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

- The Dodgeball Tournament between Miller and MCI is once again taking place.
- Student Council Elections are taking place on Monday, May 30 2011.
- SEVEC group has returned to Ontario
- Spring Concert will take place at Buhler Hall on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Library had record sales at this years' used book sale. Over \$17,000 in sales.

The library will also be starting a Facebook page.

The Altona branch has started both a 'novel' and 'writing' clubs.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that there are some medical students in Altona this week. The Mayor will be hosting them at a dinner.

The Board will be meeting on the first Thursday in June.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.

6.218 Curling Club – No report.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

There will be a plant sale on Saturday morning at the Altona Mall Parking Lot.

The Memory Garden service will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

6.220 Playground Committee – No report.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Official Openings were held last week. Town staff is investigating the installation of 'wind controls' to help control the fountain.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Report (if any)

Job 2011B – Minutes of Tender Opening – Information

**111-2011 – Ted Klassen-Glen Robison** – WHEREAS the Town of Altona has called for tenders for supply and placing of an 8 inch sewer force main known as Job 2011B;

AND WHEREAS two tenders have been received as follows:

John P. Enns Construction Ltd. \$238,992.50 plus GST

L.E.T. Construction Ltd. \$264,940.00 plus GST

AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona Engineer and Public Works Supervisor have reviewed the Tenders and recommend that John P. Enns Construction Ltd. be awarded the tender;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for Job 2011B be awarded to John P. Enns Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$238,992.50 plus GST.

**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 Invitation to Decoration Day Ceremony - information

7.112 Triple R Annual General Meeting – July 11<sup>th</sup> in Dominion City

7.113 Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre – June 4<sup>th</sup> – Dig Season Launch

7.114 Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba – June 7<sup>th</sup> – 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

8. Unfinished business

8.1 AMM Resolutions

**112-2011 – Ann Kroeker-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS** Manitoba Municipalities are encouraged to recycle products to prevent the unnecessary filling of landfills and also because it is beneficial for the environment;  
**AND WHEREAS** Manitoba Municipalities have many households that have ‘Household Hazardous Wastes’ including such items as:

Pesticides	Oils	Insecticides
Acids	Propane	Car Batteries
Mercury Thermometers	Paint Strippers	Acetylene
Glues	Metal Polishes	Toilet & Drain Cleaners
Furniture Polishes & Wax	Wood Preservatives	Gasoline
Pharmaceuticals	Household Cleaners	Butane
Herbicides	Rust Removers	Degreasers
Old Paint	Antifreeze	Aerosol Cans
Solvents	Lighting Ballasts	

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba only participates with a minimal number of ‘Hazardous Waste Days’ around the province;

**AND WHEREAS** residents of municipalities are storing such ‘Household Hazardous Wastes’ in their homes, sheds, etc. or are simply placing them in with the household waste stream;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities would like to encourage their residents to dispose of ‘Household Hazardous Waste’ in an environmentally safe and friendly manner;

**AND WHEREAS** it is cost prohibitive for municipalities to run such

'Hazardous Waste Days' in their municipalities;  
AND WHEREAS a number of municipalities already have some facilities established to collect items such as used oil and anti-freeze, etc;  
AND WHEREAS it would be convenient for residents of municipalities to be able to dispose of their 'Household Hazardous Waste' on an on-going basis as opposed to waiting for the occasional 'Hazardous Waste Days';  
AND WHEREAS any costs associated with such a program should be borne primarily by the Province of Manitoba;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Provincial Government to establish appropriate guidelines that would allow municipalities the option to set up depots for the collection of on-going 'Household Hazardous Waste', so that these products can be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

**CARRIED.**

9. New business – None.

10. In Camera

**113-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

**CARRIED.**

**114-2011 – Tim Fast-Ann Kroeker** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

**CARRIED.**

**115-2011 – 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, June 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Secretary Treasurer