

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on June 14, 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, Steven Wiebe, and Youth Representative Keely Loewen.

Absent – Irv Braun, Ron Epp, and Perry Batchelor.

Media: Dean Penner – CFAM.

Gallery – Jeff Dyck representing the Chamber of Commerce

1. Call to order – Chair
2. Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
 - 2.111 May 24, 2011 Council Minutes
116-2011 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

117-2011 – Don Braun-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the May 24, 2011 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations – None.
4. Hearings:
 - 4.1 6:00 P.M. - V2011B – Altona Farmers Market
 - 4.2 6:10 P.M. – C2011A – Friesen's Corporation

See hearings later in minutes

5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his report with Council. In addition to his report the following items were mentioned:
 - Construction on Second Street NE has started. To date crews have experienced some soft areas and may need to 'over excavate' some areas.
 - Sewer Forcemain relocation – crews are planning the project.

- Canada Post super mail boxes – Some of the Management Group has met with representatives of Canada Post regarding possible site locations. Finalization of sites should be complete soon.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report (if any)

Re-Zoning By-law No. 1687/2011 – First Reading

118-2011 – Don Braun-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1687/2011, to amend the Town of Altona Zoning By-law No. 1553/99, as amended, be now given first reading;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town proceed with the required advertising as legislated under The Planning Act.

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on today's Board meeting:

- BRE Program is being worked on – targeting early Fall for some business programming
- ACDC Financial Report was circulated to Council
- Future locations of an industrial park were discussed
- Triple R Development Corporation – Annual General Meeting to be held on July 11 in Dominion City

6.113 Chamber of Commerce – No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

Recently there was an auction held at the Bean Plant. There was no bid higher than the reserved bid, and the building was not sold.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation

Councillor Ted Klassen reported on the June 2nd meeting.

The PVDC Manager has been busy with:

- Youth Employment Study Report
- PVDC Regional Web-site
- PVDC Venture Challenge (PVDC's version of "Dragons Den")

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee

- The PVDC Tourism group is pleased that Altona finally have a local Tourism committee.
- 90% of businesses involved in the Pembina Valley Challenge has once again registered for this year's Challenge.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe referred to the report circulated earlier.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported:

- The RPGA Board held a meeting on April 19th with Provincial representatives to discuss the Development Plan.
- The Board has been discussing the next steps in the process.
- The Board is also recommending that all four municipal partners standardize their fee structure for development items.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report

- Aquatic Park opened June 7th
- Centennial Park is busy with various activities

6.212 CARE – No report.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report.

6.214 Council Youth Representative

- Grads are busy
- Provincial English exams will be written soon
- The last Student Council meeting of the year will happen this Friday
- Gravel for fastball diamonds has arrived.

6.215 South Central Regional Library

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the used book sale set a record at \$17,029 in book sales.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported on the Boards recent activities:

- Dr. Bueddefeld is now a member on the Board
- The Board is again discussing the idea of hiring a “recruiter”
- Dr. Toni Scholarships have been awarded to Derrin Symington of Altona and Kaitlyn Rempel of Plum Coulee

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – 2010 Audited Statements attached
– No report

6.218 Curling Club – No report.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

The Committee will be conducting a review to see if there are ways of recruiting more volunteers.

6.220 Playground Committee – No report.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee – No report.

6:00 P.M. Hearing – Variation Application V2011B – Altona Farmers Market

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time. Also in attendance for this hearing were Ron (Joe) Braun, Joyce Hildebrand, Carol Friesen, Jake Friesen and Dalen Goossen.

Secretary-Treasurer Larry Driedger gave an overview of the application. The Altona Farmers Market has secured a lease with Imperial Oil for the utilization of this property by the Altona Farmers Market for holding their weekly sales. The Farmers Market organization would like to erect a steel frame with canvass top canopy on this site. The reason for the variation is to allow such a canopy to be erected in this zone, as the zoning by-law does not allow for this type of structure. No objections have been received to this point.

Ron (Joe) Braun gave some additional information. The location of the shelter that was shown on the sketch attached to the notice may be moved. The shelter will most likely be as far to the western edge of the lot as can be placed.

Mayor Klassen called for any objections or concerns to the proposal. Mr. Jake Friesen, on behalf of the MCC, only stated that they had a concern about the location of the shelter on the lot; however this has now been addressed.

Mayor Klassen then closed the hearing and the following resolution was proposed.

119-2011 – Don Braun-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application V2011B, to allow the Altona Farmers Market to construct a shelter on the property located at 27 Main Street (Roll No. 700), be approved as applied for.

CARRIED.

Those in attendance for this hearing left the Council Chambers.

6:10 P.M. Hearing – Conditional Use Application C2011A – Friesen's Corporation

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time. Steve Neufeld, owner of the property directly to the north of 120 Sixth Street NE, was in attendance for the hearing.

Secretary-Treasurer Larry Driedger gave an overview of the application. Friesens Corporation has applied for permission to construct five motel style rooms within their building located at 120 Sixth Street NE. No objections or concerns have been received to this point.

Mayor Klassen called for any objections or concerns to the proposal. Steve Neufeld inquired about where these proposed rooms would be and when he was given the information that these would be within the existing building he had no objections or concerns to the proposal.

Mayor Klassen then closed the hearing and the following resolution was proposed.

120-2011 – Don Braun-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Application C2011A, to allow Friesens Corporation to construct five Motel rooms inside the building located at 120 Sixth Street NE (Roll 32400), be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. THAT the rooms be only used to house Friesens customers; and
2. THAT this Conditional Use will expire if the ownership of the Building changes.

CARRIED.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – June 7, 2011

Councillor Ted Klassen reviewed the minutes with Council. There was some further discussion on the proposed super mail boxes being proposed by Canada Post. Staff has been trying to work with Canada Post to arrive at reasonable and practical places to establish these 'points of call'.

121-2011 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS the Altona Public Works Department has called for quotations for the supply of a pick-up truck;

AND WHEREAS two quotations have been received as follows:

West Park Motors Ltd.	\$23,150.74 plus taxes
Rhineland Car Co. Ltd.	\$25,847.00 plus taxes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona purchase a new 2011 Chevrolet Silverado Regular Cab Pick-up truck from West Park Motors Ltd. for the amount of \$23,150.74 plus applicable 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 Mayor Mel Klassen reported that the Manitoba Lieutenant Governor will be attending the Manitoba Sunflower Festival Parade.

8. Unfinished business

8.1 AMM Resolutions – Discussion of proposed resolutions

The resolutions were reviewed. It was decided that Councillor Ted Klassen would move the resolution that Altona has put forward. There is also a concern about one resolution about the carbon monoxide and Emergency 911. It was agreed that the Town should oppose this resolution, or at least have clarification/amendments thereto.

9. New business

9.1 Summer Meeting Dates

Past practice has been to reduce the frequency of Council meetings in summer to one per month. The dates proposed were July 19th and August 16th. A question arose about the July 19th date – i.e. - is this the Festival Welcome to Altona Dinner for the Australians? If it is then the date should be the 12th of July.

(Writers Note – in checking with Festival Committee the Dinner will be on the 19th of July, therefore the July meeting will be scheduled for July 12th.)

9.2 Mosquito Fogging

A question arose about the nuisance mosquito fogging program. It was noted that the fogger has arrived and has been properly calibrated. Budgetary provisions have been made to 'fog' twice a week, however for the time being we will start at once per week, that being Thursdays, weather permitting. Should the need arise, then the program will be intensified to twice per week fogging.

9.3 FCM Reports

The three members of Council that attended the FCM meetings in Halifax each gave a brief report on the conference. It was an inspirational and motivational event. They were impressed with the recycling streams that they have undertaken in the Halifax region.

10. In Camera

122-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

123-2011 – Ann Kroeker-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

124-2011 – Tim Fast-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer