

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on December 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Media – Dean Penner

1. Call to order – Chair
Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
The agenda was reviewed

222-2011 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.111 November 29, 2011 Council Minutes

223-2011 – Don Braun-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the November 29, 2011 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations - None
4. Hearings – None.
5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips referred to his CAO Report distributed this afternoon. He also gave a reminder of a meeting tomorrow with a representative of Nestle Waters.
6. Committee Reports:
 - 6.1 Finance & Administration
 - 6.111 Committee Report

224-2011 – Don Braun-Glen Robinson – WHEREAS the Town of Altona Negotiations Committee has been in discussions with Town Staff related to the area of Salaries and Benefits and changes to the Personnel Policy; AND WHEREAS several changes have been negotiated; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a two (2) year agreement be approved, which would be effective from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 and thereafter until replaced; AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Salaries on the Approved Salary Grids be increased as follows:
2012 Increase by 3%
2013 Increase by 3%;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a “Discretionary Health Care” benefit be implemented on January 1, 2012. This benefit, to a maximum of \$250 per regular full-time employee per calendar year, is eligible to offset those costs incurred by the employee, and only for the employee, for such services as: counselling, physiotherapy, or to offset those supplemental costs for all those items covered by civic employee’s present Blue Cross insurance coverage, i.e. vision care, extended health, dental, prescription drugs, and such;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a 10% wage premium be paid to those line staff when they have been appointed to the role of supervisor or manager and where they have taken on the majority of those more responsible duties. This clause is not applicable to those already in a supervisory capacity assuming another manager’s role or that of the CAO.

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on today’s Board meeting:

- Altona businessman, Mr. Rendall Giesbrecht, attended the meeting as a business guest
- The Board discussed the need for the creation of more jobs in Altona. The greatest way to grow a community is to create more jobs
- They hope to hold a strategic session and somehow include the community as a whole
- Reeve Don Wiebe will be Rhineland’s representative on the Board
- The Board will be giving a grant to the South Central Settlement Services to help in coordinating a youth event at the Winter Carnival

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Glen Robinson highlighted some of the activities discussed at the last Chamber meeting:

- Tree lighting went well
- Moonlight madness
- Winter Carnival
- Annual General Meeting will be held on January 23rd, 2012

- There were seven applications for the Chamber Manager position. The Board interviewed four. Hoping to announce a new manager soon.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – No report

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation – No report

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – No report

6.117 Triple R Community Futures – No report

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that there will be a Public Hearing on January 3rd, 2012 in Plum Coulee to deal with the RPGA Development Plan. All are invited to attend if they so choose.

The RPGA is also looking into calling for RFP's for the Water & Wastewater Treatment systems. Altona & Rhineland have asked the RPGA to sponsor such a study and Plum Coulee and Gretna are determining whether to extend the study to their Communities. If the study is carried on through the RPGA then it may qualify for some funding from the Province.

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

Lizzie Braun reported that:

- Miller will be holding their Christmas Banquet soon
- The school is holding a fundraiser for "WE Day"

6.215 South Central Regional Library

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Christmas Carol was presented at the library.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc. – No report

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report

6.218 Curling Club

Councillor Tim Fast reported that the curling executive met at noon today.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee – No report

6.220 Playground Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that the balance of the playground funds will be used up with the purchase of the new items. There was a suggestion that members of the Committee should be sent a letter of appreciation for their efforts.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee – No report

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting. Some items were dealt with via resolution.

225-2011 – Ted Klassen-Ann Kroeker – WHEREAS the Altona/Rhineland/Gretna Shared Services Committee has been in discussion about the potential addition of a trash compactor unit at the Landfill site;
AND WHEREAS the Public Works Supervisors for Altona and Rhineland were asked to research the availability of such a unit;
AND WHEREAS a new compactor unit is in the price range of \$450,000.00, whereas a used, reconditioned unit can be purchased in the price range of around \$200,000.00;
AND WHEREAS the supervisors have found a supplier of used, reconditioned units that are located in southern Ontario;
AND WHEREAS the said supplier is willing to rent a used machine to our landfill for the sum of \$6,500.00 per month, for a four month period, with the paid rent then being applied to the purchase price of the unit;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve the proposed rental of such a trash compactor, subject to the approval of both the R.M. of Rhineland and the Town of Gretna;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon proving that this unit meets the requirements of the landfill and subject to the Shared Services Committee consideration to purchase the said unit, that such purchase request be brought back to council for formal approval.

CARRIED.

226-2011 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agreement between the Town of Altona, The R.M. of Rhineland and the Legends Car Club be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Works & Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

227-2011 – Ted Klassen-Tim Fast – AND WHEREAS the Altona Works & Operations Committee has further discussed this replacement; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Altona Fire Chief be authorized to start the process of looking for a new Fire Rescue Vehicle to replace the existing Rescue Vehicle, with the replacement to be completed in 2012, **AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** any proposed purchase be brought back to Council for formal approval.

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

Councillor Tim Fast reported that:

- The Board held a meeting on December 5th, 2011 with the Auditor. They discussed the changes resulting from the PSAB standards
- Annual General Meeting to be held in Morris on February 24th, 2012
- Feasibility Study for the possible expansion of the Stephenfield and Letellier Water plants.
 - Currently the Stephenfield plant is rated at 20 litres per second (LPS). Periodically it runs at more than 30 LPS. Estimated cost to upgrade this plant would be in the range of \$6.7 million.
 - Currently the Letellier plant capacity is 96 LPS and periodically it runs in excess of 110 LPS. The estimated cost to upgrade this plant would be \$12.5 million.
 - The quality of water is presently the driving force behind pursuing plant upgrades.

7. General Correspondence – None.

8. Unfinished business

8.1 Notice of Motion – RE: Family Resource Centre Funding

Councillor Tim Fast asked to be excused for this portion of the meeting due to the fact that his wife is involved with the Family Resource Centre.

228-2011 – Ann Kroeker-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona grant \$2000.00 to the Altona & Area Family Resource Centre to be used for their Early Childhood Intervention Program.

CARRIED.

9. New business - none

10. In Camera – None.

229-2011 – Don Braun-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer