

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on January 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Ann Kroeker, Lizzie Braun and Delores Loewen

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 and Councillor Don Braun requested that 'Permission to attend by Teleconference' be added to the Agenda under New Business.

01-2012 – Tim Fast – Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.111 December 13, 2011 Council Minutes

02-2012 – Ted Klassen – Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the December 13, 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.
Condolences were extended to Delores Loewen and her family.
We have received an offer from Golden West Broadcasting for free passes to the Red River Basin Board conference coming up in Winnipeg.
6. Committee Reports:
 - 6.1 Finance & Administration
 - 6.111 Committee Minutes – December 20th, 2011 Meeting

03-2012 – Don Braun-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque Numbers 41845 to 42101 and the Payroll and Indemnities from November 3rd to December 9th, 2011 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

04-2012 – Don Braun-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 2011 Financial Statements be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

05-2012 – Don Braun-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the following as the Interim Budget Estimates for 2012:

General Government Services	\$400,000.00
Protective Services	\$400,000.00
Transportation Services	\$400,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$100,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$80,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$25,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$75,000.00
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$350,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$800,000.00

CARRIED.

06-2012 – Don Braun-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS Section 173(1) of The Municipal Act of Manitoba states “A council may by resolution borrow money for operating expenses during a fiscal year, but the amount borrowed must not exceed the amount collected in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes in the previous fiscal year”;
AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona has collected in excess of \$4,500,000.00 in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes in 2011;
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Altona deems it necessary to borrow the sum of up to \$2,000,000.00 for the current operating year of 2012 until such a time as Taxes levied therefore are collected;
AND WHEREAS the amounts (if any) borrowed and outstanding for the purpose and amount hereby authorized to be borrowed and the amounts (if any) borrowed by any School Division during the present year for current purposes in anticipation of school tax monies to be received by it from the Town of Altona do not exceed the total amount of the taxes collected and grants in lieu of taxes received;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Altona be hereby authorized to borrow from the

Access Credit Union Limited the sum of \$2,000,000.00 for the purpose aforesaid and to pay and agree to pay interest thereon, either in advance or at maturity or as agreed upon between the Town of Altona and the Access Credit Union Limited, at the rate of interest applicable as specified by the Access Credit Union Limited;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Altona be and they are hereby authorized on behalf of the Council of the Town of Altona to execute under the seal of the Town of Altona a promissory note or notes in favour of the Access Credit Union Limited for the amount of the said loan with interest as aforesaid, payable on demand;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona hereby mortgages, assigns, transfers, pledges and hypothecates to the said Access Credit Union Limited the taxes of the Town of Altona for the present year for Municipal, School or Municipal Commissioner purposes as additional security for the repayment of the amount so borrowed for any such purposes;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona shall deposit said taxes with the Access Credit Union Limited as collected for payment of the amount so borrowed, but the Access Credit Union Limited shall not be restricted to the said taxes for payment of the sum borrowed hereunder, nor shall it be bound to wait for repayment of said sum until said taxes are collected, or be required to see that they are deposited or applied as aforesaid;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amount so borrowed and interest thereon shall be payable within the current year;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer are hereby authorized to give to the Access Credit Union Limited in the name, on behalf of and under the seal of the Town of Altona as security for the monies so borrowed, and interest thereon, a covenant or agreement containing a clause that all taxes levied or to be levied by the Town of Altona for the present year be and they are hereby pledged, hypothecated, mortgaged, transferred and assigned to the Access Credit Union Limited as security for the said loan and interest thereof and are charged as a first charge with repayment of such loan and interest, or a clause to like effect, and that said taxes shall be deposited forthwith on being collected in the Access Credit Union Limited to the credit of the Town of Altona as collateral security for said advance.

CARRIED.

07-2012 – Don Braun-Glen Robinson – WHEREAS every year we advance the annual library levy to the South Central Regional Library starting in January of each year at an accelerated rate so that it is completed around the time that the SCRL receives its funding from the Province of Manitoba;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we advance the annual funding to South Central Regional Library at the rate of \$7,700 per month until the 2012 levy has been paid in full.

CARRIED.

- 6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on today's Board meeting:
- Ray Loewen attended today's meeting. He updated the Board on the Refugee Program. As others also face, the refugees are looking for housing at an affordable price.
 - Affordable/subsidized housing was discussed by the Board.
 - Vic Loewen was re-appointed to the Board
 - Some Board members will be attending the January 30th, 2012 Council Planning session.
 - The Board approved a Community Works Loan Program (CWLP) application for a small business in Altona
 - The Board is also planning to look at its guidelines to assist businesses in Altona.
- 6.113 Chamber of Commerce – December 27, 2011 Minutes attached
Councillor Glen Robinson reviewed the Chamber minutes with Council.
- 6.114 Sunbelt Development Group
Information has been received that the Access Credit Union has reduced the asking price on the former SPP building.
- 6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation
Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met last week. He gave an overview of the General Managers report. The Financial Statements show a surplus of between \$8,000 to \$9,000 at year-end.
- 6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee
Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the Committee met this morning. They passed the 2012 Budget and also discussed the Tourism awards. Councillor Robinson will be putting forward a nomination for the Gallery in the Park for a Tourism award.
- 6.117 Triple R Community Futures – No report
- 6.118 RPGA Planning District
Councillor Ted Klassen reported on last weeks' RPGA Board meeting and the Public Hearing. Processes are now underway to analyse and incorporate comments/concerns into the Development Plan, if applicable. The Board hopes to give second reading to the by-law at the March meeting.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – December 20th, 2011 Meeting
Councillor Tim Fast reviewed the Committee minutes. He also gave a few updates on some of the recreation activities since the minutes.

6.212 CARE – No report

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report

6.214 Council Youth Representative – No report

6.215 South Central Regional Library
Councillor Ted Klassen reported Norma Thiessen will be the new SCRL Board member representing Altona. A resolution appointing her will be brought to the next Council meeting.

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 on various curling related items.

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 – January 3rd, 2012 Meeting
Councillor Ted Klassen reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting. Some information was given on new Police Constable Ryan Coward.

08-2012 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No 1690/2011, to amend the Town of Altona Building By-law No. 1670/2009, sump pump section, be now given third reading and passed.

Mel Klassen	-	YES
Ann Kroeker	-	ABSENT
Terry Wiebe	-	YES
Ted Klassen	-	YES

Glen Robinson - NO
Don Braun - NO
Tim Fast - YES

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 Minister of Public Safety - Vic Toews - Information

7.112 2012 Planning Conference Information – Information

7.113 Order of Manitoba Information

8. Unfinished business - None

9. New business

9.1 Permission to Attend Meeting via Teleconference

Councillor Don Braun requested permission to attend meetings via telephone. He will be away for two months starting February 5th, 2012. After some discussion the following motion was put forward:

Ted Klassen – Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Don Braun be allowed to attend meetings via telephone for a period of two months starting February 5th, 2012.

CARRIED.

10. In Camera

09-2012 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters.

CARRIED.

10-2012 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

11-2012 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer