

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on January 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Media – Dean Penner

Gallery – Jeff Dyck

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 Mayor Klassen asked that the topic of 'Field of Dreams' be added to the agenda under Unfinished Business.

12-2012 – Tim Fast – Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.111 January 10, 2012 Council Minutes

13-2012 – Ted Klassen – Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 10, 2012 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. In addition to his report he reported that the Rhineland Food Bank has inquired about being added to the Town's insurance program regarding Directors Liability. There has also been an inquiry from the Provincial FIPPA about who Altona's appointments are. Annual Workshop agendas should be available Thursday afternoon.
6. Committee Reports:
 - 6.1 Finance & Administration
6.111 Committee Minutes – January 17th, 2012 Meeting

14-2012 – Don Braun-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque Numbers 42102 to 42199 and the Payroll and Indemnities from December 10th, 2011 to January 7th, 2012 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation - No report.

6.112 Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the Chamber Board met recently. It was basically a meeting to get to know the new Manager.

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 members of the Executive Committee met with Dillon and Provincial representatives this morning. Several issues were hopefully resolved and Dillon will be preparing the edits for the Board to then review.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – January 17th, 2012 Meeting
Councillor Tim Fast reviewed the Committee minutes. The Committee met with a delegation from the 'Field of Dreams' group. Committee was informed that the group continues to move forward.

15-2012 – Ted Klassen-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Norma Thiessen be appointed as Altona's Citizen representative to the South Central Regional Library Board.

CARRIED.

6.212 CARE – No report

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival
Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the new Festival Chair is Cindy Hildebrand. The Committee is planning towards the 50th.

- 6.214 Council Youth Representative
Lizzie Braun reported that the school is busy with exams, so nothing much else is happening.
 - 6.215 South Central Regional Library – No report
 - 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 Club is preparing for the Men's Bonsel. They also recently replaced the transformer again. This time there was no loss of ice, etc. It will be replaced under warranty.
 - 6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee – No report
 - 6.220 Playground Committee – No report
 - 6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee
Councillor Don Braun reported that there have been some 'art specific' donations received.
- 6.3 Works & Operations
- 6.311 Committee Report (if any) – No report
 - 6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission
Councillor Tim Fast reported that along with Mayor Klassen and Councillor Terry Wiebe, they are attending the Red River Basin Board Conference being held in Winnipeg. This afternoons speaker was from the US and was quite informative.
 - 6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – No report
 - 6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop – No report
7. General Correspondence
- 7.111 Dental Association Letter – information.
8. Unfinished business
- 8.1 'Field of Dreams'
Mayor Mel Klassen reported that the group promoting this is in the process of fundraising. They are applying to the Blue Jays Foundation for a grant and would like a letter of support from the Town of Altona.
- There was various discussion about this project and after discussion there was general agreement to send a 'generic' letter of support.

Ted Klassen – Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized to write a letter of support for the 'Field of Dreams' project to the Blue Jays organization.

CARRIED.

9. New business

9.1 FCM Conference Information – Saskatoon – June 1 to 4, 2012

It was agreed that the attendance at the FCM Conference would be decided at the next meeting of Council.

9.2 AMM Municipal Officials Seminar – Brandon – April 11th & 12th, 2012

Those interested in attending should inform the Administration Office as soon as possible, in order to allow staff to make appropriate reservations.

10. In Camera

16-2012 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss preliminary discussions on matters that if discussed in public could affect the municipality's ability to carry it.

CARRIED.

17-2012 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

18-2012 – Ann Kroeker-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer