

## TOWN OF ALTONA

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on February 14, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Mayor Melvin Klassen, Councillors: Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Ted Klassen, Glen Robinson, Don Braun (via phone) and Tim Fast, Administration: Larry Driedger, Steven Wiebe, Ron Epp, Irv Braun, Delores Loewen and Perry Batchelor.

Absent – Russ Phillips and Lizzie Braun

Media – Dean Penner

Gallery – Bertha Wiebe

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

**19-2012 – Glen Robinson - Tim Fast** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED.**

2.111 January 24, 2012 Council Minutes

**20-2012 – Glen Robinson – Tim Fast** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 24, 2012 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

**CARRIED.**

3. Delegations - None
4. Hearings – None.
5. Administrative Reports  
Secretary-Treasurer Larry Driedger reported that the non PSAB Financial Statements for 2011 are more or less complete. A report will be made at the Finance & Administration Committee meeting.
6. Committee Reports:
  - 6.1 Finance & Administration
    - 6.111 Committee Report (if any) – No report

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on today's Board meeting:

- The Boards discussion focussed much attention on the 'future of Altona'
- Is it time to create another 'incubator mall' concept?
- Transition Home is in need of some repairs – Discussion on “where to from here” and what options are available for this property.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the Chamber Annual General Meeting was held last night. Twenty-seven people attended the meeting.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – No report

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation – No report

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee

The tourism awards will be held in Plum Coulee next week. Councillor Glen Robinson will get an exact time and inform the rest of Council.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe reviewed the Triple R report that was included in the agenda package.

6.118 RPGA Planning District – No report

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report (if any) – No report

6.212 CARE

Councillor Terry Wiebe reviewed the CARE minutes and summary that was distributed earlier.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report

6.214 Council Youth Representative – No report

6.215 South Central Regional Library

Various information contained in the agenda packages were reviewed by Councillor Ted Klassen.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met last week. They have established a new 'Technology Reserve' and will be placing \$6,000 per

year into said reserve. The Board continues to pursue doctor recruitment. They are also looking for some handicapped parking signs/spots at the clinic.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report

6.218 Curling Club

Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Men's Bonspiel is being held this weekend. They also continue to resolve some of the compressor issues.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee – No report

6.220 Playground Committee

The additional equipment has arrived.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee – No report

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Meeting

By-law 1689/2012 – Utility Rates

**21-2012 – Glen Robinson-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. 1689/2012, to provide for new Utility Rates for 2012 & 2013 as Ordered by the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba, be now given first reading.

**CARRIED.**

**22-2012 – Ted Klassen-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No 1689/2012 be now given second reading.

**CARRIED.**

Councillor Ted Klassen also reported that he attended the Border Land School Division public meeting last night. At this time they are proposing a 7.75% increase.

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission/Red River Basin Commission  
Councillor Tim Fast reported that along with Mayor Klassen and Councillor Terry Wiebe, they attended the annual Conference. He gave a report on the conference. It was noted that the US has hundreds of years' worth of information on the Red River Basin.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that he received a call from Access Credit Union last week to sign a cheque issued by the PVRN. Apparently he still had signing authority on the account. Councillor Tim Fast will

discuss the signing authority issue with the PVRN Board at its next meeting.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Morris at Burke's Restaurant on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.

7. General Correspondence

7.111 Ebenezer Home – Request to Re-designate Funds

**23-2012 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona hereby authorizes the Ebenezer Home to transfer the surplus donated funds from the “24/7 Supervised Living Program” to the “Ebenezer New Building Project”; AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Secretary Treasurer be authorized to sign the Release Form on behalf of the Town of Altona.

**CARRIED.**

7.112 Pembina Valley Humane Society Information – Referred to Finance & Administration Committee

7.113 Thank you card from Arlene Dick & Family – Information

7.114 Knights of Columbus – Information on a Holocaust Survivor who is touring  
Referred to Miller Collegiate

8. Unfinished business

8.1 FCM Conference Information – Saskatoon – June 1 to 4, 2012  
Mayor Mel Klassen plans to attend. Others have not yet decided about going. Need to make a decision at the next meeting of Council.

8.2 AMM Municipal Officials Seminar – Brandon – April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Anyone who plans to attend should notify the Administration Office as soon as possible so that hotel accommodations can be arranged for.

8.3 Request from Rhineland Food Bank – Directors Liability Coverage

**24-2012 – Don Braun-Ted Klassen** – WHEREAS the Rhineland Food Bank Inc. has been in existence for a number of years and have been operating within the Town of Altona;

AND WHEREAS the current Rhineland Food Bank Inc. Board of Directors have requested that they be included under the Town of Altona's insurance plan so that the Board of Director's will have liability insurance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Rhineland Food Bank Inc. be included under the Town of Altona insurance program to provide the Board of Directors with liability insurance coverage.

**CARRIED.**

9. New business - None

10. In Camera

**25-2012 – Terry Wiebe-Glen Robinson –** 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.**

**26-2012 – Glen Robinson-Tim Fast –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

**CARRIED.**

**27-2012 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Secretary Treasurer