

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Councillors: Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Ted Klassen, Glen Robinson and Don Braun (via phone); Administration: Russ Phillips, Larry Driedger, Steven Wiebe, Delores Loewen and Perry Batchelor.

Absent – Melvin Klassen, Tim Fast, Ron Epp, Irv Braun and Lizzie Braun

Media – Dean Penner

1. Call to order – Chair
Deputy-Mayor Ann Kroeker chaired the meeting and called it to order at the appointed time.

2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:

2.111 February 14, 2012 Council Minutes

31-2012 – Ted Klassen – Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

2.112 February 23, 2012 Special Council Meeting

32-2012 – Ted Klassen-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held on February 23rd, 2012, be adopted.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations - None

4. Hearings – None.

5. Administrative Reports

CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his report submitted earlier in the day. There will be a Council/Management Budgeting session to be held on March 15th at 1 PM.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Minutes – February 21st, 2012 Meeting

Councillor Glen Robinson reviewed the minutes of the Committee Meeting with Council. Several items were dealt with via resolution.

33-2012 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sub-division File No. 4400-12-5803, to divide a new duplex property on Millennium Drive, be approved.

CARRIED.

34-2012 – Glen Robinson-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque No.'s 42200 to 42471 and the Payroll and Indemnities from January 8th, 2012 to February 4th, 2012 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

35-2012 – Glen Robinson-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following 2011 year-end reserve allocations be made:

Solid Waste Reserve – Transfer \$27,000 to Solid Waste Reserve

General Reserve – Transfer up to \$240,000 to General Reserve

Utility Reserve – Transfer \$100,000 to Utility Reserve

AND THAT these transfers be made knowing that in the event of adjustments potentially required to meet PSAB that these transfers may be adjusted accordingly.

CARRIED.

36-2012 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS the 2011 December Financial Statements have been presented to the Finance & Administration Committee for review;
AND WHEREAS the Finance & Administration Committee has recommended some year-end transfers be made to differing reserve funds;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 2011 Financial Statements be approved as amended, incorporating the said reserve transfers.

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the ACDC continues to pursue businesses interested in locating in Altona.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the Chamber Board has held its election of officers.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – No report

6.114 Pembina Valley Development Corporation

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the PVDC Board recently held its annual planning workshop.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee

Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the Tourism Awards were recently held in Plum Coulee. Altona received a couple of awards.

There was consensus that the Mayor should send a congratulatory letter to the Gallery in the Park Committee.

The annual RV Show is in Winnipeg from March 9th to 11th, 2012.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures – No report

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported on his attendance at the Planning Conference held last week in Brandon, Manitoba.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – February 21st, 2012 Meeting

Councillor Glen Robinson reviewed the minutes of the last Committee meeting.

6.212 CARE – No report

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

It was highlighted that there will be a 'Mennonite Food' fundraising dinner on March 14th, 2012 at the Pioneer Centre starting at 5:00 P.M.

6.214 Council Youth Representative – No report

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 – No report

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that some of the present planting areas will be replaced with concrete planters. They are also looking at a greater variety of flowers for the hanging baskets.

6.220 Playground Committee – No report

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee – No report

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Report (if any)

By-law 1689/2012 – Utility Rates – Third Reading

37-2012 – Ted Klassen-Glen Robinson – 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 third reading and passed.

Recorded Vote:

Mel Klassen	-	ABSENT
Ann Kroeker	-	YES
Terry Wiebe	-	YES
Ted Klassen	-	YES
Glen Robinson	-	YES
Don Braun	-	YES
Tim Fast	-	ABSENT

CARRIED.

Minutes of February 17th, 2012 – RE: Police Agreement with Plum Coulee
38-2012 – Ted Klassen-Glen Robinson – WHEREAS representatives of Altona and Plum Coulee met to discuss the Municipal Policing Contract between the two Communities;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 17th, 2012 meeting between representatives of Altona and Plum Coulee be adopted and that the increase in funding coming from Plum Coulee be incorporated into the 2012 Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission/Red River Basin Commission – No report

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – No report

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop – No report

7. General Correspondence - None
8. Unfinished business
 - 8.1 FCM Conference Information – Saskatoon – June 1 to 4, 2012
Councillor Ted Klassen reported that he will consider going.
 - 8.2 AMM Municipal Officials Seminar – Brandon – April 11th & 12th, 2012
Anyone who plans to attend should notify the Administration Office as soon as possible so that hotel accommodations can be arranged for.
9. New business
 - 9.1 Notice of Hearing on Financial Plan – April 10th, 2012
It was reported that the date for the 2012 Financial Plan Hearing has been advertised as April 10th, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.
10. In Camera
39-2012 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the following:
 - Preliminary discussions on matters that if discussed in public could affect the municipality's ability to carry it.

CARRIED.

40-2012 – Glen Robinson-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

41-2012 – Terry Wiebe-Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer