

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on April 13, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Council: Mel Klassen arrived, Tim Fast, Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Earl Dick, Don Braun via telephone, and Ted Klassen. Administration: Larry Driedger, Delores Loewen, Bill Loewen, Steve Wiebe, Perry Batchelor, and Youth Representative Jordan Siemens.

Absent – Russ Phillips

Ron Epp was late.

Media Table – Greg Vandermeullen, Echo; Dean Penner, CFAM

1. Call to order - Chair
Mayor Mel Klassen opened the meeting at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Driedger, informed those present that the applicant under agenda item 4.1 – Hearing for Conditional Use Application C2010B, has withdrawn his application.

2.111 March 23, 2010 Council Minutes
64-2010 – Earl Dick-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT the minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.
3. Delegations – No formal delegations were present other than for the hearings.
4. Hearings
 - 4.1 6:00 P.M. – C2010A 103 1st Street NW – Residential Multiple Family in a Commercial Central District
See hearing later in minutes.
 - 4.2 6:15 P.M. – C2010B 67 4th Avenue NE - Residential Multiple Family in a Commercial Central District – **Withdrawn.**
 - 4.3 6:30 P.M. – 2010 Financial Plan (Budget) Hearing
See hearing later in minutes
5. Administrative Reports – None.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report (if any) – None.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on today's Board meeting:

- Gerry Sawatzky, Manager of Supreme's Altona location, attended the meeting. He gave the Board a number of items of information about Supreme, including that they have 49 employees in Altona
- Bueckert Property – the Board encouraged Council to get something done sooner, rather than later.
- The Board is concerned about the lack of available zoned areas for multiple family housing.
- The Board is starting to pursue the whole 'community branding' process. It was suggested to the Board that they should check with Red River Valley Insurance to see what process they utilized for their corporate re-branding.
- Working on an RFP for community photos.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce – No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

Mayor Mel Klassen reported that the Board is negotiating an offer on the building. More details need to be finalized.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported on last weeks' Board meeting:

- Annual General Meeting to be held on April 29th, 2010
- PVLEA lease in Winkler is being worked on
- Destination Development – this is a lobby effort that will work with Travel Manitoba to promote the Pembina Valley area. There will be a "Creating Great Destinations: Destination Development Workshop Series" that will be coming up. This was referred to the Finance & Administration Committee for their review.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – No report.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported the following:

- The Board met last night
- 8 new business clients
- 37 existing business clients
- 28 loans outstanding
- Various other statistics were also given

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board will be starting interviews with prospective consultants this Friday.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report (if any) – None.

6.212 CARE

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the Annual General Meeting will be held on May 17th, 2010.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported as follows:

- An 'all volunteer's' meeting was held recently
- A number of Festival events will return, such as Sumo Wrestling, etc.
- Homecoming Social is set for May 15th, 2010. Councillors are all encouraged to attend.
- The Festival Committee is requesting permission to attach a 4 foot by 8 feet sign onto the Chamber of Commerce Electronic sign in front of the Civic Centre. This sign will only be located here until the Social is completed. Council was in consensus to allow this, subject to approval by the Police Chief to ensure that traffic is not affected.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Youth Representative, Jordon Siemens reported the following:

- SEVEC students will be here in about two weeks.
- Boys Baseball and Girls Softball has started. The girls' team is looking at upgrading the diamonds.
- The hovercraft team took 4th place.
- In school food drive is on-going
- Grad fundraiser will be held on April 29th.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report – No report.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met last week. They are starting to work on the Dr. Toni Scholarships and also are pursuing some potential doctor candidates.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board

Councillor Earl Dick reported that the Board held re-elections at the last meeting. All positions are the same as last year. Tours of the new facility were also held after the last Board meeting.

6.218 Curling Club

Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Club is holding their meeting tonight. Their final fish fry for the season was last week.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that the Committee will be holding their 'kick-off' week from May 29th to June 4th.

6.220 Playground Committee

It was reported that the Committee will be meeting next week to review two proposals for the new playground.

Recreation Services Manager, Ron Epp arrived at this time.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

It was reported that:

- Minutes of the last committee meeting were emailed out
- Gallery Staff has been hired
- Committee is working on various art pieces
- Grounds keeping for 2010 will be done on a 'contract' basis
- Will once again bring in six sculptures from Sioux Falls
- New for this year will be three sculptures from a private individual who lives near St. Agathe, MB.
- Former Altona resident, Margaret Doell, will be this years' featured artist for the first half of the season. Her art will be featured on the first floor, while a Juried Art Show will be featured on the second floor.
- Saturday, May 15th will be the official opening for the 2010 season. Friends of the Gallery Opening will be Friday, May 14th.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – April 6th, 2010

Councillor Earl Dick reviewed the minutes of the last Committee meeting. Some items were dealt with via resolutions as follow.

65-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon completion of repairs, the emergency siren be tested daily at noon for one full revolution of the siren.

CARRIED.

66-2010 – Earl Dick-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the emergency siren be tested completely for the full cycle limit, with a corresponding 'all-clear' signal after testing to ensure that the community is aware of what steps to take in a real emergency, **AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the community be informed of approximately when such a test will happen.

CARRIED.

67-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT April 23rd and 24th be set as ‘Give-Away Days’ for the Town of Altona for 2010.

CARRIED.

Town Engineer, Bill Loewen reported that tenders have been advertised for the construction of Fourteenth Avenue NE. The Tenders close on April 26th, 2010.

RE: Item 4.1 – 6:00 P.M. Hearing - C2010A 103 1st Street NW – Residential Multiple Family in a Commercial Central District

Gallery Attendance – John Giesbrecht

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time.

Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Driedger, gave an overview of the proposal. It is the intent of the applicant to construct a new six unit building. To date there have not been any concerns or objections raised that have been filed with the Administration Office.

No one in attendance raised any objections to the proposal.

There was discussion amongst Council regarding drainage of the property, particularly the west side of the property.

After some discussion the Mayor closed the hearing.

No approving resolution was made at this time due to a lack of information regarding the drainage question. It was suggested that the Town Engineer meet with the applicant to determine an appropriate plan of action regarding drainage.

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 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – Homecoming Social – Information

7.112 Red River Valley Mutual Insurance – Open House Thursday at Noon

8. Unfinished business

8.1 Conscientious Objectors Request

Mayor Mel Klassen reported that he had received a call from one of the CO Committee Members. At this time they are trying to determine appropriate wording, etc. for the plaque and they recommend that once they are ready they will come back to Council.

Council was in consensus to take this off the agenda for now.

9. New business – None.

RE: Item 4.3 – 6:30 P.M. Hearing - 2010 Financial Plan (Budget) Hearing

Gallery Attendance – John Giesbrecht, Cornie N. Driedger and Mike Tarnick.

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time.

Finance & Administration Committee Chairperson, Councillor Tim Fast, gave an overview of the 2010 Financial Plan.

Mayor Klassen then opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

Mr. Cornie N. Driedger then asked a number of questions, that were in turn answered by either Council or staff.

There were no other questions and the Mayor then closed the hearing.

A number of resolutions relating to the financial plan were then put forward for approval.
68-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2010 Town of Altona Financial Plan be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

69-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the 2010 Capital Budget as presented.

CARRIED.

70-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the Five Year Capital Expenditure Program as presented.

CARRIED.

71-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1679/2010, to provide for imposition of taxes for 2010, be now given first reading.

CARRIED.

72-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1679/2010 be now given second reading.

CARRIED.

10. In Camera

73-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

74-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

75-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer