

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on February 9th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Council: Mel Klassen, Tim Fast, Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Earl Dick, and Don Braun via telephone. Administration: Ron Epp, Glen Robinson, Larry Driedger, Delores Loewen, Irv Braun, Bill Loewen and Youth Representative Jordan Siemens.

Absent – Ted Klassen, Don Braun, and Russ Phillips.

Gallery – Lloyd Giesbrecht

Press – Dean Penner & Greg Vandermuellen

1. Call to order – Chair
Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
2.111 January 26th, 2010 Council Minutes
26-2010 – Tim Fast-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED

3. Delegations – None.
4. Hearings - None
5. Administrative Reports
CAO, Russ Phillips, was not in attendance, however he had earlier submitted a CAO Report.
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.
 - Entry Level/Affordable Housing continues to be an issue
 - Ray Loewen attended the meeting to discuss this topic. He has some ideas that he is working on.

- Community Branding/Promotions (ie Signage, etc.)
 - Slogan Refresh/Update – the Board would like to pursue this. Is Altona's slogan 'old'?
 - Will be seeking input from the public on this
 - This will have budgetary constraints, so the Board is seeking support from Town Council.
- Community Pictures – The Board is working towards obtaining new pictures of the community.
- Budget for 2010 – The Board will be addressing this at an upcoming Planning Workshop. They will need to incorporate the new loan for the infrastructure works which were done to establish the Second Street NW Industrial Park.
- BRE – Phase 1 of the process is 90% complete. Phase 2 will start after Phase one is complete.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce
No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

- Mayor Mel Klassen reported that Jim Spencers' contract expired at the end of January 2010. He will not be renewing it.
- Sunbelt Building in Rhineland Ag Park – Some proposals are in the works. They are at the lawyers office, being worked on.
- The Board's primary concern at this time is to sell/lease the building

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report
Councillor Ted Klassen was unable to attend the meeting due to medical reasons. He submitted a written report which was referred to.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee
Councillor Tim Fast reported on a recent meeting.

- 2010 Budget - \$55,000
- Will attend the RV Show at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on March 9 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.
- Vacation/Adventure Packages being worked on. Some examples include but not limited to:
 - Artists Delight
 - Mennonite Tour
 - Country Classics
 - Golf Packs, etc.
- Rosenort Credit Union will be one of the corporate sponsors for the 2010 Pembina Valley Challenge

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on a number of statistics for the Triple R. 2009 was a busy year, however January 2010 has slowed down.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen was unable to attend the meeting due to medical reasons. He submitted a written report which was referred to.

A reminder was also given about the meeting at the Pioneer Centre tomorrow evening from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report

Councillor Ann Kroeker congratulated the organizers of the Winter Carnival on a successful event.

6.212 CARE

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the Board will be meeting on February 12th, 2010. Jake Neufeld has been appointed to the CARE Board by the Altona Seniors Centre. This is the first time that the Seniors Centre has appointed a board representative.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

The Committee met today. Councillor Ann Kroeker asked to postpone her report until next meeting. This will give her time to distribute the financial information.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Youth representative, Jordan Siemens, commented on a number of items.

- Haiti Relief Fundraiser – Miller raised over \$1,400 for this effort.
- Musical will be taking place next week
- Hockey playoffs start next week
- Bands will be going to the Optimist Band Festival in Winnipeg

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Councillor Ted Klassen was unable to attend the meeting due to medical reasons. He submitted a written report which was referred to.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen was unable to attend the meeting due to medical reasons. He submitted a written report which was referred to.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board

Councillor Earl Dick reported that he had missed the last Vet Board meeting. He will report at a future meeting, after he has received the minutes.

6.218 Curling Club

Councillor Tim Fast reported on a number of Curling Events.

- Men's Bonspiel – February 19 to 21
- Preparation for the 2011 'Scotties' is starting
 - Seeking Chairpersons for various committees
 - Will be seeking volunteers
- Information can be found at www.altonacurlingclub.ca
- Curling Club seeking to have a link on the Town's web-site
- 'Taste of Australia' evening was successful – it raised \$1,100. The Curling Club will put these funds towards the purchase of an AED (Defibrillator)
- Dominion Curling Championships will be held in Clearwater in Spring.
- Club finals will be held on March 26th.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker asked to postpone her report until next meeting. This will give her time to distribute the financial information.

6.220 Playground Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker highlighted the minutes of the last meeting.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Next meeting will be held on February 11th.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – February 2nd, 2010 Meeting

Councillor Earl Dick reviewed the minutes of the Committee with Council. Several items were dealt with via resolution.

27-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS Blue Sky Opportunities is the recycling contractor for the Town of Altona;

AND WHEREAS Blue Sky Opportunities, in cooperation with Gateway Resources of Winkler, Manitoba, would like to establish an 'E-waste' drop-off facility in Altona;

AND WHEREAS there will be some additional costs related to this venture;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona hereby authorizes Blue Sky Opportunities to establish an 'E-Waste Collection Facility' and that costs associated with this venture be paid for by the Town;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this venture be further evaluated with the annual recycling contract review.

CARRIED.

28-2010 – Earl Dick-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona nominate the individuals responsible for the life saving

incident that occurred in the Sunflower Gardens in November of 2009 for a Silver Award under the St. John Life-saving Awards Program;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Administration be charged with completing the appropriate nomination forms.

CARRIED.

29-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona enter into a Letter of Understanding with the Canadian Red Cross as related to the Town of Altona Emergency Plan.

CARRIED.

30-2010 – Earl Dick-Ann Kroeker – WHEREAS White Castle Limousine Service has requested the Town of Altona to support its application for a 'taxi' licence, so that they may provide a professional driver service in the area;
AND WHEREAS the Works & Operations Committee has reviewed the request and recommends approval to Council;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona support the White Castle Limousine Service in its bid to obtain a 'taxi' licence.

CARRIED.

Councillor Earl Dick also highlighted some information that resulted from two meetings with the RM of Rhineland last week Thursday. One meeting was regarding Fire Departments and the other regarding the proposed sewer systems.

Public Works staff was commended on the snow removal.

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 Town of Morris – Inter-Municipal Curling Event
Those interested in attending should contact Delores Loewen so that the registrations can be made.

7.112 Minister of Justice – Andrew Swan
Information regarding the Police Act and holding meetings with Councils regarding the new requirements under the new Police Act. The Mayor will continue to pursue these meetings.

8. Unfinished business

8.1 Field of Dreams

31-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona formally recognizes the 'Field of Dreams' Baseball Committee and its efforts to construct another baseball diamond in Altona;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Administration be authorized to issue receipts for the fundraising efforts that the "Field of Dreams' Baseball Committee is undertaking.

CARRIED.

8.2 Conscientious Objectors Request

32-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona approve the request of the local 'Conscientious Objectors Recognition' Committee to set up a monument; AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT said monument shall not be of any cost to the Town of Altona and also shall be located and placed in consultation with appropriate Town of Altona Staff.

TABLED.

The above resolution was tabled on motion by Earl Dick and Terry Wiebe.

Administration was asked to obtain more information for Council on this matter. Information to seek out – size of stone & plaque; location and possible wording on the plaque.

8.3 Election Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law

33-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1678/2010, to provide for Election Campaign Expenses and Contributions, be now given second reading.

CARRIED.

34-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1678/2010 be now given third reading and passed.

Recorded Vote:

Mel Klassen	-	YES
Earl Dick	-	YES
Terry Wiebe	-	YES
Ted Klassen	-	ABSENT
Ann Kroeker	-	YES
Don Braun	-	YES
Tim Fast	-	YES

CARRIED.

9. New business - None

10. In Camera – None

35-2010 – Earl Dick-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary-Treasurer