

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on January 12th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Earl Dick

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 December 22nd, 2009 Council Minutes
1-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT the minutes of the December 22, 2009 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.
 - 2.112 December 7 & 8, 2009 Planning Workshop Minutes
2-2010 – Ted Klassen-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT the minutes of the December 7th & 8th, 2009 Planning Workshop meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.
3. Delegations
 - 3.1 5:40 P.M. – PVDC General Manager, Aggie Buhler
Aggie Buhler appeared before Council and gave an update on PVDC activities for 2009:
 - The office moved into their new location in November 2009. They now have a much greater visibility in the community
 - Busy with a lot Business Planning in 2009
 - Workshop for newcomers – partnered with MAFRI – good attendance
 - Transportation Survey – Winkler/Morden Area – Survey results are being processed. Communities will have access to the report upon completion
 - Tourism is becoming a ‘vital’ component in the region
 - Destination Development marketing group has started – Training will also be a significant portion of this program
 - Will be attending the RV Show in Winnipeg
 - Museum Passport Adventure – 14 groups participated in 2009
 - Pembina Valley Challenge – 400 people participated. Looking to get 100 teams in 2010

4. Hearings - None
5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips reported on some items:
 - Police Chief Designate, Perry Batchelor, may be returning to work as soon as next week for some light duties.
 - Meetings have been held with both the residents on Martin Crescent as well as the developer to discuss the progress on the proposed re-zoning
 - Council/Management Budget workshop has been set for February 17th, 2010 in the afternoon
 - Neuberghal Heritage meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report (if any)

3-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the whole of Council be appointed to serve as the Board of Revision for 2011 and that the Secretary-Treasurer be appointed as the Board of Revision Secretary.

CARRIED.

4-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS Section 173(1) of The Municipal Act of Manitoba states “A council may by resolution borrow money for operating expenses during a fiscal year, but the amount borrowed must not exceed the amount collected in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes in the previous fiscal year”;
AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona has collected in excess of \$4,500,000.00 in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes in 2009;
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Altona deems it necessary to borrow the sum of up to \$2,000,000.00 for the current operating year of 2010 until such a time as Taxes levied therefore are collected;
AND WHEREAS the amounts (if any) borrowed and outstanding for the purpose and amount hereby authorized to be borrowed and the amounts (if any) borrowed by any School Division during the present year for current purposes in anticipation of school tax monies to be received by it from the Town of Altona do not exceed the total amount of the taxes collected and grants in lieu of taxes received;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Altona be and they are hereby authorized to borrow from the Access Credit Union Limited the sum of \$2,000,000.00 for the purpose aforesaid and to pay and agree to pay interest thereon, either in advance or at maturity or as agreed upon between the Town of Altona

and the Access Credit Union Limited, at the rate of interest applicable as specified by the Access Credit Union Limited;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Altona be and they are hereby authorized on behalf of the Council of the Town of Altona to execute under the seal of the Town of Altona a promissory note or notes in favour of the Access Credit Union Limited for the amount of the said loan with interest as aforesaid, payable on demand;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona hereby mortgages, assigns, transfers, pledges and hypothecates to the said Access Credit Union Limited the taxes of the Town of Altona for the present year for Municipal, School or Municipal Commissioner purposes as additional security for the repayment of the amount so borrowed for any such purposes;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona shall deposit said taxes with the Access Credit Union Limited as collected for payment of the amount so borrowed, but the Access Credit Union Limited shall not be restricted to the said taxes for payment of the sum borrowed hereunder, nor shall it be bound to wait for repayment of said sum until said taxes are collected, or be required to see that they are deposited or applied as aforesaid;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amount so borrowed and interest thereon shall be payable within the current year;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer are hereby authorized to give to the Access Credit Union Limited in the name, on behalf of and under the seal of the Town of Altona as security for the monies so borrowed, and interest thereon, a covenant or agreement containing a clause that all taxes levied or to be levied by the Town of Altona for the present year be and they are hereby pledged, hypothecated, mortgaged, transferred and assigned to the Access Credit Union Limited as security for the said loan and interest thereof and are charged as a first charge with repayment of such loan and interest, or a clause to like effect, and that said taxes shall be deposited forthwith on being collected in the Access Credit Union Limited to the credit of the Town of Altona as collateral security for said advance.

CARRIED.

5-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the following as the Interim Budget Estimates for 2010:

General Government Services	\$400,000.00
Protective Services	\$400,000.00
Transportation Services	\$400,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$100,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$80,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$5,000.00

Economic Development Services	\$75,000.00
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$350,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$800,000.00

CARRIED.

6-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THAT the following grants be approved for 2009:

Altona Chamber of Commerce	39,000.00
Manitoba Sunflower Festival	10,000.00
Rhineland C.A.R.E.	1,000.00
Rhineland C.A.R.E. - Handi-Van Grant	1,000.00
Heritage Research Centre	2,000.00
Southern Manitoba Concerts	200.00
Youth for Christ-2008 Grant	150.00
Altona Seniors Centre	2,500.00
Altona Minor Baseball	250.00
Kidsport	300.00
Ebenezer Home Supervised Living Program	3,000.00
Morden Vet Board	2,300.00
Pembina Valley Humane Society	3,000.00
Altona & District United Way	162.50
Triple R Community Futures	250.00
Total Amount	65,112.50

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe briefed Council on today's Board meeting:

- Altona Community & Highway Signage – looking at updates
- Review of Altona Slogan
- Transitional Home – Board is in favour of retaining the home, however they will be making the home available for rental to non-immigrants as well
- BRE – The BRE Chair wants to contact another 17 businesses to get the 100 businesses
- DAWN Project – Three Altona businesses have participated. This is a program to help integrate new immigrants into the work force.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

- Board meeting will be held tomorrow.
- Annual General Meeting will be held next Monday, January 18th, 2010 at 5:30 in the Altona Curling Club lounge.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

- Board will be meeting next Thursday
- Presently working with Access Credit Union on resolving some issues.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report

- Board met last week
- 2010 Budget is being worked on – looking at a 2% increase in required funding from all partners
- Financially the organization is now out of a deficit position.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee (PVTA)

- PVTA will end 2009 with approximately a \$5,000 surplus
- 2010 Budget will be in the \$40,000 to \$42,000 range
- Web-site – is current and up-to-date, however is costly to maintain
- PVTA is looking at promoting 'driving tours' of the region
- PVTA is concerned about the inconsistencies in the hours of the retailers in the PVTA region
- Pembina Valley Challenge – it is growing and will need more volunteers in 2010.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

No report

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Community 'stakeholders' meetings will be held on January 28th, 2010 and February 10th, 2010.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report (if any)

No report.

6.212 CARE

No report.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

- Homecoming Social will be held on May 22, 2010
- There will be a fundraising breakfast held at the Winter Carnival

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

- Miller hovercraft team will be competing in Winnipeg
- Grade 12 Provincial English exam was written a couple of weeks ago
- Student Council has a few thousand dollars of surplus. They are looking at where to allocate it.
- School is looking at various activities during the upcoming Olympics.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

There will be a meeting tomorrow between Town representatives and Mary Toma and Liz Forrester to look at the possible library additional use of space in the Golden west Plaza.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

- Meeting to be held tomorrow morning with the Doctors to discuss clinic leases, Doctor recruitment, etc.
- The Altona hospital will soon be hosting dental surgery for the area

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board

No report.

6.218 Curling Club

- Ladies Bonspiel was held this past weekend. There were 18 teams
- Corporate sponsorships are being worked on
- Fundraising Dinner – January 30th, 2010 ‘Taste of Australia’
- 2011 ‘Scotties’ will be held in Altona in January 2011

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

- Committee met on January 6th, 2010
- They plan to replace half of the planters in 2010

6.220 Playground Committee

- RInC grant was announced yesterday
- Councillor Earl Dick will be the Fundraising Chair for the project and he will start when he returns from vacation.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

- Operations of the ‘Park area’ should be within budget for 2009
- Margaret Doell will be the featured artist for the first half of the 2010 season.
- Some building upgrades will need to be done in 2010. The air conditioner needs replacement and some siding is in need of repair, etc.

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that she attended, on behalf of Town Council, the Olympic Torch celebrations in Winkler. She reported that it was a major show of patriotism.

Councillor Kroeker also encouraged all councillors to attend the Neubergthal Heritage meeting tomorrow.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – January 5th, 2010 Meeting

Councillor Terry Wiebe reviewed the minutes with Council. An application has been updated for additional trails under the RInC program. We will await a response and make some decisions in this regard during the 2010 budgeting process.

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission
Annual meeting of the Red River Basin Board to be held next week.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network
No report.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop
Some information was discussed about the R.M. of Franklin request for assistance as reported in the Pembina Valley Water Coop minutes.

7. General Correspondence:
7.111 Thank you Card from Ev Kehler

8. Unfinished business

8.1 Amendment of the Vision Statement
7-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Vision Statement be amended to read as follows:

“Altona, an attractive, safe, caring, progressive community which provides cultural, recreational, educational and health services for all ages and is capable of providing employment and entrepreneurial opportunities within a sustainable environment.”

CARRIED.

9. New business
None.

10. In Camera
8-2010 – Don Braun-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

9-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

10-2010 – 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, January 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer