

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on January 26th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Council: Mel Klassen, Ted Klassen, Don Braun, Tim Fast, Ann Kroeker and Earl Dick. Administration: Russ Phillips, Ron Epp, Perry Batchelor in for Glen Robinson, Larry Driedger and Bill Loewen.

Absent – Terry Wiebe, Irv Braun, Glen Robinson, Delores Loewen and Youth Representative Jordan Siemens

Gallery – Vic Klassen, Ken Wiebe & Menno Friesen

1. Call to order - Chair
Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
The agenda was approved on motion by Tim Fast and Ann Kroeker.

2.111 January 12th, 2010 Council Minutes

11-2010 – Earl Dick-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations
 - 3.1 5:45 P.M. – ‘Field of Dreams’ Proponents
 - 3.2 6:00 P.M. – Jake Friesen – Conscientious Objectors Request

See Delegations later in Minutes

4. Hearings - None
5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his CAO’s report.
 - The Garbage contractor failed to pickup up garbage yesterday. Administration plans to meet with the contractor to discuss this issue.
 - ATM at the MEC has been removed. The ACU had earlier indicated that they would no longer be servicing this machine.

There were also a number of comments about snow removal.

RE: Delegations

3.1 5:45 P.M. – ‘Field of Dreams’ Proponents

Ken Wiebe and Menno Friesen attended representing a group that is in the process of trying to build another senior league ball diamond. They are seeking to build it on the property west of the Gallery in the Park, which the Town has previously ‘earmarked’ for this.

Why build another diamond? – The primary reason is that in order to host tournaments for the Midget and older players we are in need of two diamonds. This second diamond would allow the Minor Ball organization to properly host such a tournament.

Fundraising – The group would like to hold a fundraising dinner on April 23rd, 2010. They are seeking the Town’s endorsement and permission so that ‘Tax Deductible Receipts’ can be issued, as has occurred with other past fundraising dinners. To date the group has been looking for a ‘major sponsor’, however with the state of the economy over the past year, this is proving difficult. They feel that for approximately \$300,000 they can make a field ‘playable’. To incorporate the other ‘dreams’ the total would rise to approximately \$750,000.

Project Phasing – the group would be looking to phase the project as follows:

- Year 1 – Landscaping
- Year 2 – Fencing & Trees
- Year 3 – Grandstands, etc.

Several Questions were asked:

Lights – The group would like to have lights in place. They are a part of the ‘dream’. They do not at this time know how much it would cost to run such lights.

Size of Facility – This would be a full size diamond.

Location – Would the group be amenable to a different location, such as the area between the MEC and the newly constructed Second Street NW? The group, to this point, has only been working on the location west of the Gallery in the Park. This would be their preferred location.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation and interaction and then left the meeting.

People leaving at this time were Ken Wiebe, Menno Friesen and Vic Klassen.

After the delegation left, Council discussed the requests. In order to be able to issue ‘Tax Deductible Receipts’ the project must be sponsored by the Town. The Town Council needs to decide whether or not to ‘endorse’ this as a ‘Town’ project.

After much discussion it was agreed that there is presently a lack of information, and that we need to obtain more detailed information so that a decision can be made at a future meeting of Council.

3.2 6:00 P.M. – Jake Friesen – Conscientious Objectors Request

Jake Friesen, Henry Sawatzky, Susan Rempel and Bernie Loeppky appeared before Council to discuss erecting a monument to recognize the Conscientious Objectors from the area who served during World War II. Bernie Loeppky made the presentation.

Mr. Loeppky stated that their goal is to have some type of recognition in the community made to those men who served as Conscientious Objectors during World War II. There were a total of 10,851 men in Canada. In Manitoba there were 3,021. They have been in contact with Todd Braun about a six to eight foot stone, which would have provision for a bronze plaque to be mounted on it. They would like to have it placed somewhere in the Centennial Park. It may take a year or so to get everything in place for this.

Would Council consider giving approval to such a monument?

After some discussion it was agreed by Council that they would support this request in principle. A formal resolution will come forward at the next meeting of Council.

The delegation thanked Council for the support and then left the meeting.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Minutes – January 19th, 2010 Meeting

The minutes were reviewed and highlighted by Councillor Tim Fast. Several items were dealt with via resolution.

12-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque No's 38140 to 38291 and the payroll & indemnities for the period of December 2, 2009 to January 13, 2010 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

13-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 2009 Financial Statements be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

14-2010 – Tim Fast-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the property taxes on Roll No. 114100 in the amount of \$6,225.79 plus penalties of \$77.82 be cancelled as per the sales agreement between the Town of Altona and the previous owner of the property.

CARRIED.

15-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1678/2010, to provide for Election Campaign Expenses and Contributions, be now given first reading.

CARRIED.

16-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1677/2009, to provide financing for the Town of Altona portion of the lagoon upgrade, having been approved by The Municipal Board, be now given second reading.

CARRIED.

17-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1677/2009, to provide financing for the Town of Altona portion of the lagoon upgrade, having been approved by The Municipal Board, be now given second reading.

Recorded Vote:

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

CARRIED.

18-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we renew the advertising contract with Golden West Broadcasting (CFAM) for the monthly Mayor's Message, for a monthly cost of \$180.00 per month.

CARRIED.

19-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THAT we grant Jessie Lavallee an amount equivalent to offset the rental and cleanup costs for the Rhineland Pioneer Centre, in order for her to organize and plan a fund raising event, to raise funds for the Canadian Red Cross to designate for Haiti relief.

CARRIED.

The date for the fundraiser is set for February 12th, 2010.

20-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – WHEREAS the Altona Community Foundation Inc. seeks approval from the Town of Altona for the appointment of members to its Foundation Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona formally approves the following appointments to serve as the Board for the Altona Community Foundation Inc.:

Betty Loewen, Don Wiebe, Chad Friesen, Steve Giesbrecht, Harv Heinrichs, Robert Martens, Cindy Hildebrand, Bob Stoesz, Darrell Friesen.

CARRIED.

- 6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation
No report.
 - 6.113 Chamber of Commerce
The Chamber report was covered in the review of the Finance & Administration Committee Minutes.
 - 6.114 Sunbelt Development Group
It was reported that the Board met this morning. They are awaiting a formal proposal. It was noted that there will come a time that each partner municipality will be required to make a decision as to the future support of this organization.
 - 6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report
Next Board meeting will be held on February 4th, 2010.
 - 6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee
Next Committee meeting to be held on February 1st, 2010.
 - 6.117 Triple R Community Futures
No report.
 - 6.118 RPGA Planning District
Reminder about meeting on Thursday at the Altona Curling Club Lounge from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- 6.2 Community & Social Development
- 6.211 Committee Minutes – January 19th, 2010 Meeting
The minutes were reviewed and highlighted by Councillor Ann Kroeker. The Winter Carnival will be taking place this coming weekend. Some activities will be starting on Friday.

21-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Don Braun – WHEREAS nominations are called for annually for the Premier’s Volunteer Service Awards;
AND WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee has reviewed the nomination procedures and wishes to make a nomination;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Leona Nickel be nominated for the Premier’s Volunteer Service Award.

CARRIED.

22-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Earl Dick – WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee has discussed the upgrade of Playground Equipment at the Altona Centennial Park;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Council support, in principle, an application to the Manitoba Community Places Program for the installation of new playground equipment at the Altona Centennial Park.

CARRIED.

6.212 CARE

The CARE Board has made application to the RHA for some additional funding for an additional meal program and also some resources at the Buffalo Apartment complex.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

No report.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

No report.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that research is being done on potential costs to expand the Altona branch library. He also presented a number of statistics:

Transactions	Total SCRL = 296,662	Altona = 61,337
Gate Count	Total SCRL ~ 142,000	Altona = 34,116
Internet	Total SCRL ~ 25,000	Altona = 4,246
Members	Total SCRL = 20,009	Altona = 2,725
		Gretna = 406
		Rhineland = 1,712

There were 1,828 new SCRL members in 2009

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that he and Dr. Kliewer will be attending a Doctor Recruitment Job Fair in Winnipeg on February 1st, 2010.

- 6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board
No report.
- 6.218 Curling Club
No report.
- 6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee
No report.
- 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)
Councillor Earl Dick reported that he just received the latest Shared Services minutes. They will be highlighted next meeting once they have been circulated.
There is a meeting tomorrow from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the MEC Craft Room regarding the Boyne Valley/Treherne Dam Project.

Perry Batchelor was welcomed back to work and condolences were extended to Bill Loewen on the recent passing of his father.
 - 6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission
Councillor Ted Klassen reported on his attendance at last weeks' conference in Grand Forks, N.D. Many very good speakers made presentations. Several were briefly highlighted. Councillor Klassen made the recommendation that in the future we should be sending at least 2 to 3 people to this conference.
 - 6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network
No report.
 - 6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop
No report.
- 7. General Correspondence:
 - 7.111 Card of Thanks from Bill & Joann Loewen
 - 7.112 Card of Thanks from Mel & Margaret Klassen
- 8. Unfinished business
None.

- 9. New business
 - 9.1 Councillor Absence from Meetings

23-2010 – Tim Fast-Ann Kroeker – THAT Councillor Earl Dick be allowed to attend Council and Committee meetings via telephone during the period of time that he will be away from Altona during the month of March 2010.

CARRIED.

24-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THAT Councillor Don Braun be allowed to attend Council and Committee meetings via telephone during the period of time that he will be away from Altona from early February to late April of 2010.

CARRIED.

- 10. In Camera
 - None.

25-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer