

TOWN OF ALTONA

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

Present – Council: Mayor Melvin Klassen, Deputy Mayor Earl Dick, Tim Fast, Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Ted Klassen and Don Braun. Administration: Russ Phillips, Delores Loewen, Ron Epp, Perry Batchelor, Irv Braun, Bill Loewen and Virginia Rempel.

Absent: Larry Driedger and Jordan Siemens

Media Table – Candace Doerksen, CFAM.

1. Call to order – Chair
Mayor Mel Klassen opened the meeting at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda and previous minutes:
 - 2.111 June 22, 2010 Council Minutes
132-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the June 22, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations
 - 3.1 5:45 P.M. – Joyce Fehr – Blue Sky Rezoning
See Delegations later in minutes.
 - 3.2 6:00 P.M. Objection – Ben Falk – Unsightly Property Appeal
4. Hearings – None
5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his report with Council. In addition to the written report circulated earlier he also noted that the Town of Altona will be losing police constable Devin Bell. Constable Devin Bell will be continuing his career in the Town of Morden and we wish him well.
He also gave a brief update on the status of mosquito fogging. Two of our staff members have written the exam that is necessary for our staff to fog in the Town and we are awaiting confirmation on the passing of their exams.

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report

Councilor Tim Fast dealt with a resolution.

133-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the following Supplementary Tax Statements be added to the Tax Collectors Roll with a due date of October 31st, 2010:

<u>Roll #</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
139648	4 BOARDWALK ST	11-2009	NEW HOUSE AND GARAGE	\$625.56

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councilor Terry Wiebe reported on today's meeting. Mayor Mel Klassen and Reeve John Falk's trip to Iowa to meet with A & I went well.

ACDC has received an Offer to Purchase a lot in Industrial Park and it was accepted.

The Board will be taking out a loan for \$214,000 to cover infrastructure costs in the 2nd phase of Industrial Park.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Councilor Tim Fast reported on the last meeting of the Chamber.

The Canada Day celebration went very well with numerous positive comments.

Professional Security will be hired to work in the park for this year's festival.

There was some discussion on the Tourism portfolio and currently the Chamber handles various events and it is felt that the amenities are owned by the Town. The Chamber is unwilling to handle Tourism.

Ann Kroeker will be handling ordering of the rollkuchen for the Sunflower Festival free watermelon and rollkuchen on Sunday afternoon.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

A meeting is scheduled for later this week. Sunbelt is still pursuing the sale of the Sunbelt Prairie Products property with an interested buyer.

5:45 Delegate Joyce Fehr – Blue Sky Rezoning

Joyce Fehr a neighbouring resident of Blue Sky Opportunities attended the meeting as a delegation. Also present at the meeting were: Jake Fehr, Aggie and Glen Buhler, Phyllis Loewen, Elvira Harder, Leslee and Cliff Doell, Lloyd Loewen, Richard Neufeld, and Peter Cole.

Joyce Fehr presented her thoughts of Blue Sky's presentation and the idea that the Industrial Park is the best solution. In the past they have tried to resolve issues with Blue Sky and felt that there is a lack of consideration for the surrounding neighbours. She expressed concern on Blue Sky's recycling operations and the notion there is encouragement to

recycle from our community plus the surrounding region which will only make the problem worse as Blue Sky continues to grow.

After Joyce Fehr's presentation a few of the Councilors made comment one of which was the Blue Sky Opportunities has obligations to work with their neighbours. It was also noted that a Development Agreement could address a number of the concerns voiced by the delegate and staff has been working with Blue Sky to address these concerns.

If the rezoning is approved, it was suggested that perhaps a small committee of the residents could meet with Blue Sky to come up with a satisfactory plan that would benefit all parties involved.

6:05 The Mayor thanked Joyce Fehr for her presentation. Several of the people in the gallery left at this time.

6:05 Objection – Ben Falk – Unsightly Property Appeal

Ben Falk voiced his concern regarding the timeline to clean up his property and requested an extension.

Several of the Councilors addressed Mr. Falk with questions regarding his property. The Council felt that Mr. Falk has had sufficient time to comply with the order. The appeal was denied.

The meeting went back to the completion of the Finance & Administration Report.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report – no report

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – Councilor Tim Fast reported that they are still looking for a representative from this area. Administration is working on this and either Ron Epp or Grace Braun will be attending these meetings.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures
Their annual meeting was held yesterday, this past year was an active year for them.

6.118 RPGA Planning District
Councilor Ted Klassen reported briefly on the Planning District. The Councils are very impressed with the work done to date. RPGA has officially requested funding from the province.

6.2

6.211 Committee Report – no report

6.212 CARE – no report

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

The fishing derby which was originally canceled will be on. Discussion on who will be participating with the serving of watermelon and rollkuchen on the Sunday of the Sunflower Festival. Make sure to bring your own equipment.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report – no report

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report – no report

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councilor Ted Klassen reported that several bursaries have been awarded.

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

Councilor Ann Kroeker reported on the playground equipment. The new equipment has been ordered and we plan to start the installation by August 23rd. Removal of the old equipment will commence around August 20th.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Councilor Don Braun reported there will be a major art donation of which will be announced at a later date. A meeting is scheduled for July 15.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – July 6th, 2010 meeting

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

134-2010 – Earl Dick-Don Braun – WHEREAS the Town of Altona does not presently have a formal By-law regulating parades and processions; AND WHEREAS the Chief of Police has brought forward concerns respecting the safety, coordination, conduct and regulation of parades, including the potential for liability; AND WHEREAS a degree of control by a marshal or organizer over where processions are held, their route, timing and nature is required;

AND WHEREAS the movement of vehicles and pedestrians through a parades' route should be controlled so as to provide for the public's safety; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona By-law No. 1681/2010, to implement a new By-law, having to do with conduct and control over Parades, be now given first reading.

CARRIED.

135-2010 – Earl Dick-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS the Town of Altona/Altona Police Service has declared the 2001 Ford Expedition as surplus equipment; AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona has advertised said surplus equipment for sale and has received two offers; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2001 Ford Expedition be sold to Roger Myall for the price of \$1,611.99 in "AS IS" condition.

CARRIED.

136-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS THE Town of Altona has been approached by the RM of Rhineland to agree to allocate waste water treatment capacity up to 150 new service connections; AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona is seeking an independent opinion as to the implications and issues to be considered in approaching a decision; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona engage the services of Dillon Consulting to provide the engineering opinion for a lump sum of \$3,800 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED.

137-2010 – Earl Dick-Ann Kroeker – WHEREAS Municipalities are required to present minimum filing requirements for filing applications for revised water and sewer rates with the Public Utilities Board; AND WHEREAS having an expert prepare a final report and assist the Town of Altona in providing responses to the PUB questions or attend a public meeting of the Town of Altona the PUB is expected to provide operational and economic value; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to enter into an agreement with Gerald Barron to provide consulting services to complete a rate study at a quoted cost of \$6,500 plus disbursements and taxes

CARRIED.

There was some discussion on the request to erect a “Children Playing” sign along 14th Avenue NW.

138-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS the Town Council received a letter from the residents along 14th Avenue NW to erect a “Children Playing” sign due to the speed of the traffic on this road; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration has been directed to erect “Children Playing” signs along 14th Avenue NW.

CARRIED.

- 6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – no report
- 6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – no report
- 6.314 Pembina Valley Water Co-op – no report
- 7. General Correspondence
 - 7.111 C.O. Committee – Southern Manitoba – the committee response to the agreed location for their monument along with a copy of the proposed text for this monument.
 - 7.112 The Canadian Postal Service Charter and the Future
A request to support CUPW in encouraging Canada Post and the government to rethink its policies and practices by passing two resolutions. The Council is not prepared to support this at this time.
 - 7.113 The Altona & District Farmers Market
A letter thanking Council for support in locating the market at the former Esso site along Main Street.
 - 7.114 RM of Westbourne Resolution request for Support
The RM of Westbourne is requesting support by passing a resolution that the Federal and Provincial Governments take immediate action to assist the farmers with disaster caused by excessive rains. Council will not support this at this time.
 - 7.115 The Mayor read a letter from Artist Vaughn Baird commending Supervisor of Public Works Steven Wiebe on his work ethic.
 - 7.116 A letter from Kathy McPhail – A grant of \$14,000 for the Seniors Centre
 - 7.117 A note to say that September is Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month.

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Blue Sky Opportunities

139-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS Blue Sky Opportunities has applied to have some of their properties re-zoned from Residential Single Family (RS) to Industrial Business District (MB);

AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona has given first reading to By-law No. 1680/2010 and has advertised and held a public hearing on the matter;

AND WHEREAS there were numerous objectors to the re-zoning request;

AND WHEREAS subsequent to the public hearing Blue Sky Opportunities Management and Board has supplied further information to the Town of Altona Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 76(3) of *The Planning Act* states in part:

“76(3) If the board or council gives the by-law second reading it must, as soon as practicable after second reading, send a notice to every person who objected to the by-law, stating that

(a) the person may file a second objection to the by-law with the board or council by the deadline specified in the notice, which must be at least 14 days after the date of the notice; and

(b) if a second objection is not filed before the deadline, the by-law may be given third reading without further notice.”

AND WHEREAS Sections 81 and 150 of *The Planning Act* refer to Councils ability to enter into a development agreement with the owners of the property being re-zoned;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona hereby gives second reading to Town of Altona By-law No. 1680/2010 subject to the owners, being Blue Sky Opportunities, entering into a development agreement with the Town of Altona.

CARRIED.

Delegate Joyce Fehr left the meeting at this time.

9. New Business

9.1 Reinland Church Application For Subdivision

140-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS the Trustees of the Reinland Mennonite Church have made application for a proposed subdivision of Lot 1, Plan 28936 SW ¼ 17-2-1W within the Town of Altona;

AND WHEREAS the Reinland Mennonite Church is proposing to subdivide a 185'X35" strip of land for a driveway/access to abutting cemetery. The Church intends on selling the residual parcel that currently has a home on site;

AND WHEREAS the Church is owner to both properties;

AND WHEREAS the development Plan for the Town of Altona designates this area as Residential and zones the area as "RRE" for Residential Rural Estate Zone;

AND WHEREAS the application for approval of Subdivision for the above noted property can be processed in accordance with Section 134 of the Planning Act as a Shortened Process for Minor Subdivision;

AND WHEREAS Community Planning Services have no concerns or objections with this application for a driveway subdivision and consolidation with the abutting property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT application for subdivision of Lot 1, Plan 28936 SW ¼ 17-2-1W within the Town of Altona be approved as applied for.

10. In Camera – none

141-2010 – 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, August 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Acting Secretary Treasurer