

## TOWN OF ALTONA

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on March 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Councillors: Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Ted Klassen, Don Braun, Glen Robinson, and Tim Fast, Administration: Russ Phillips, Virginia Rempel, Delores Loewen, Bill Loewen, Ron Epp, Perry Batchelor, and Youth Representative Keely Loewen.

Absent – Irv Braun.

Media: Dean Penner – CFAM

1. Call to order - Chair  
Deputy Mayor Ann Kroeker called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:  
2.111 March 8, 2011 Council Minutes  
**56-2011 – Terry Wiebe – Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT  
RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting of Council be  
adopted as posted and circulated.**

**CARRIED.**

3. Delegations – None.
4. Hearings – None.
5. Administrative Reports  
The CAO reported that Town Engineer Bill Loewen has announced his retirement effective June 2, 2011. Mr. Loewen has been employed by the Town of Altona for 36 years and his expertise and knowledge will be missed.  
There is significant activity in the Industrial Park and a meeting has been scheduled for Monday March 28, 2011 at 10:00 am with Bunge, Blue Sky Opportunities and Ryan Penner.  
There was a recent incident in the community involving the Police Department. The RCMP was called in to take over the incident. Their involvement was much appreciated and the incident was resolved safely.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report (if any)

**57-2011 – Glen Robinson – Don Braun –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque No.'s 40446 to 40587 and the payroll and indemnities from January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee.

**CARRIED.**

**58-2011 – Glen Robinson – Terry Wiebe -** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the period ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

**CARRIED.**

**59-2011 – Glen Robinson – Ted Klassen -** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona grant \$300.00 to the Altona Police Service to help in planning and organizing a Police Officers Community Ball.

**CARRIED.**

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation  
No Report

6.113 Chamber of Commerce  
The next meeting is scheduled for next week.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group  
No report

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report  
Ted Klassen reported on some Tourism brochures that were distributed in Winnipeg. 15,000 brochures were mailed to Winnipeg residents. Ted Klassen indicated the Town of Altona was conspicuously absent in the brochure and this was a missed opportunity.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee  
There was some discussion on the need for someone to take on this roll. At this time there is no budget or resource for this position. Administration will coordinate a meeting of the various tourism related parties.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures  
No report.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Ted Klassen reported on the Open House that was held in Gretna on March 21, 2011. It was very well attended. He also reported that the Planning Conference that Ted Klassen, Terry Wiebe and Larry Driedger attended last week was very informative and highlighted some topics. One of the keynote speakers Randall Ernhart is scheduled to appear before the Winkler and Morden Councils. Ted Klassen will ask him what the cost would be for him to make a presentation to the Altona Council.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report – March 15, 2011

There was some discussion on item 4.1.4 the Moto-Cross Club – liability insurance issues. There has been no response from the Club regarding this issue. The RM of Rhineland will attempt to make contact with some of the senior riders.

**60-2011 – Glen Robinson – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2011 aquatic center swim lesson rates be set as follows:

30 minute classes	\$60.00
45 minute classes	\$65.00
60 minute classes	\$70.00
Adult (30 min)	\$55.00
Adult (60 min)	\$70.00
Bronze (plus manuals)	\$115.00
Family lesson pass	\$215.00

(GST included for all of the above)

**CARRIED.**

**61-2011 – Glen Robinson – Tim Fast - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2011 aquatic center admission rates be set as follows:

CATEGORY	DAILY PASS	SEASON PASS
12 & under	\$4.00	\$65.00
13 – 17/Senior	\$5.00	\$75.00
Adult	\$6.00	\$85.00
Family	\$15.00	\$195.00

(Family defined as 2 adults & 3 children, extra \$1/person for daily pass, extra \$10/person for season pass)

Observer Pass	\$3.00	\$40.00
Pre-schoolers admission	No charge when accompanied by a paid adult	
RENTALS	\$100/hr plus \$1/Person	

One week notice of rental cancellation will be accepted at no charge. If booked but not used with less than a week's notice, the renter will be charged a minimum of one hour of rent unless cancellation is due to severe weather conditions. (As approved by the Pool Supervisor). Rental groups are minimum of 20 people, small rental groups may be asked share the facility with other rentals. (GST included for all of the above)

**CARRIED.**

**62-2011 – Glen Robinson – Ted Klassen - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2011 aquatic center staff wages be set as follows:

Bronze/Sr. Resus./SFA/CPR/N.L.S.	\$10.93/hr
W.S.I. Plus, Bronze/Sr. Resus./SFA/CPR, N.L.S.	\$11.46/hour
W.S.I. Plus, Bronze/Sr. Resus./SFA/CPR, N.L.S., RLSSC Inst.	\$11.97/hour
Assistant Supervisor - Dependant on qualifications	\$13.02/hour
	Maximum
Head Supervisor - Dependant on qualifications	\$15.24/hour
	Maximum
Ticket Clerk/Waterslide Attendant/Cleaning Staff	9.50/hr
Head Ticket Clerk/Supervisor	\$12.18/hour
	Maximum

Additional \$0.25 per hour for each year of experience with the Altona Aquatic Center;  
Half the cost of Lifeguard and Instructor Certification courses taken by staff in 2011 calendar year to be reimbursed to said staff.

**CARRIED.**

**63-2011 – Glen Robinson – Tim Fast - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2011 Campground rates be set as follows:

Serviced Sites	\$20.00/night
Un-serviced Sites	\$12.00/night
Reservation Fee	\$5.00/transaction

Weekly Fee - Stay for seven consecutive nights and receive the seventh night free.  
Requests for long term camping will only be considered for sites 21 - 30 (GST included for all of the above)

**CARRIED.**

**64-2011 – Glen Robinson – Don Braun - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Town of Altona make application to Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism for a grant under the Designated Heritage Building Grants Program for an amount of up to \$13,598.50 for the purpose of repair to the exterior of the building, known as the Schwartz House;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we the Town of Altona Council guaranteed that there are adequate funds available to complete the project and to continue to operate the facility;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the funds available for this project be taken from one of the Gallery in the Park funds.

**CARRIED.**

6.212 CARE

A meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2011. The Handivan had a small surplus last year.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

A meeting is scheduled for next week.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Keely Loewen reported that:

- The jazz festival was very good
- This week is spirit week
- This week Thursday and Friday is the Talent Competition
- Keely Loewen and another student will be attending the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa next week.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

The library meeting was held last week. The annual report will be out shortly. The Library Financial Statement will be in the administration office for review.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

A meeting is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There is now a permanent Doctor on the Board.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board

Next meeting will be held in April, 2011.

6.218 Curling Club

Tim Fast reported that the minutes will be distributed when they are received. They are having some problems with the ice plant.

- 6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee  
A meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2011.
- 6.220 Playground Committee  
Ann Kroeker reported on the funds raised and the expenses of the Playground Project.
- 6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee  
Russ Phillips reported on the meeting that was held March 21, 2011.  
Friesens Corporation donated funds in order to purchase a new sculpture to display at the Gallery. The committee members are also looking for new pieces to display.
- 6.3 Works & Operations  
Committee Report – no report
  - 6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – no report
  - 6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network  
A meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2011
  - 6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop  
Tim Fast brought forward a request by the City of Winkler to remove the fluoride in the drinking water. More information is needed on this topic.  
This item is to be brought forward at the next meeting of Council.
- 7. General Correspondence:
  - 7.111 Altona & Area Family Resource Centre  
Requesting continued partnership in contributions for the operational costs.  
To be brought forward at the next Finance & Administration Committee.
  - 7.112 Invitation to the Police Officer's Ball  
The event starts at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Councillors are encouraged to attend this event.
  - 7.113 Minister of Housing and Community Development – relocation of Manitoba Housing Offices in Altona  
CAO Russ Phillips apprised Council of the concerns the Chamber of Commerce and Administration have regarding this move, eg; zoning, parking signage.
- 8. Unfinished business – None.

9. New business

- 9.1 Earth Hour – The World Wildlife Fund is calling on Canadians to think about how we use and produce energy. To show our support turn off lights on March 26 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
Council agreed to participate and a news release will be issued.

10. In Camera – none

**65-2011 – Tim Fast – Glen Robinson** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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(Acting) Secretary Treasurer