

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on March 23rd, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Council: Mel Klassen arrived around 6:00 p.m., Tim Fast, Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Earl Dick via telephone, Don Braun via telephone, and Ted Klassen.

Administration: Russ Phillips, Larry Driedger, Delores Loewen, Bill Loewen, and Perry Batchelor.

Absent – Irv Braun, Jordan Siemens and Mel Klassen was late

Media Table – Greg Vandermuellen

1. Call to order – Chair
In the absence of Mayor Mel Klassen, and the physical absence of Deputy-Mayor Earl Dick, Councillor Ann Kroeker opened the meeting at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
2.111 March 9th, 2010 Council Minutes
50-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations
 - 3.1 5:30 P.M. – ‘Field of Dreams’ – Ken Wiebe and Gord Sawatzky
Ken Wiebe and Gord Sawatzky attended the meeting on behalf of the ‘Field of Dream’ Baseball Committee. Mr. Wiebe asked for permission to delay the proposed fundraising dinner from April to the Fall. They are having difficulty with arranging a guest speaker. They would propose to re-schedule it sometime between Mid October to Early November. The Committee is also working at establishing the appropriate grades for the property. Once the grades are established they will know how much landscaping will be required.
There was consensus from Council to approve the request to re-schedule the dinner.
The delegation then left the meeting.
 - 3.2 5:45 P.M. – Triple R Community Futures – Debbie Fortier
Debbie Fortier, representing Triple R Community Futures, attended the meeting to give a brief update on Triple R.
Loans:
 - The organization started in 1994
 - 157 loans have been approved to date. This totals to \$5.3 million

- Interest earned to date totals \$619,000
- Bad Debts to date total \$451,000
- In the past the interest rate has been connected to Prime plus a percentage. With the current low interest rate they have set the interest at a minimum of 6.5%

Community Development:

- Video Conferencing available in their Board Room in Morris. They are looking at inexpensive ways to market available courses through this resource.
- Business Start Program – First one for Triple R was held in Steinbach this year
- Numerous statistics were given for business activities
- Strategic Planners – They do act in this capacity. They are available to do more of this.
- Agri-Tourism – Some ‘farmers’ east of the Red River are working on this. They are working to establish enough locations so that people could make day trips to the area to learn more about farming.

The delegation then left the meeting.

- 3.3 6:00 P.M. – Altona & Area Family Resource Centre – Tim Mendel
See delegation later in minutes.

4. Hearings - None

5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips referred to his CAO's report circulated earlier. He highlighted numerous items.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Minutes – March 16th, 2010

Councillor Ted Klassen reviewed the minutes of the last Committee meeting. Several items were dealt with via resolution.

51-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque No.'s 38530 to 38637 and the Payroll and Indemnities for February 11th to March 10th, 2010 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

52-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following outstanding Utility Accounts be transferred to the Tax Roll Account:

Account #	Tax Roll #	Total Outstanding
000040-0	53800	76.52
000270-0	10900	98.89
000410-0	3300	266.85
000420-0	126000	92.41
000560-0	26300	90.71
000590-0	45200	119.84
000760-0	14300	203.23
000830-0	8800	113.06
001030-0	96100	133.34
001230-0	124400	112.88
001330-0	16600	123.2
001590-0	51600	342.12
001660-1	6100	19.17
001720-0	17700	162.07
001740-0	81400	90.84
001770-1	124700	106.29
001790-0	126700	158.56
001820-0	42900	198.74
001910-0	121300	73.54
001940-0	69600	101.12
002060-0	119700	63.01
002200-0	45900	71.09
002250-0	69500	119.56
002390-0	9500	63.01
002470-0	8200	69.79
002540-0	14200	87.47
002590-0	103600	13.88
003090-0	36400	68.33
003210-0	90000	154.03
003530-0	120400	185.47
003760-0	11300	240.35
003950-0	18300	215.33
004020-0	121100	96.18
004240-0	47400	71.2
004510-0	22350	108.79
004650-0	19000	124.78
004800-1	9400	54.73
004860-0	56500	172.23
005170-0	19300	74.83

005520-0	57300	169.09
005560-0	22200	63.01
005780-0	90200	63.01
005850-0	55200	60.51
006090-0	125900	73.01
006370-0	17500	159.09
006490-1	80300	44.55
007080-0	125500	12.21
007290-0	62400	81.33
007440-0	65200	157.39
007810-0	69400	100.97
008011-0	57700	63.01
008020-0	57800	104.23
008025-0	57800	45.73
008180-0	21300	151.54
008250-0	22500	138.94
008410-0	67000	39.61
008490-0	107200	91.88
008691-0	58500	73.68
008694-1	58500	51.03
008701-0	58600	100.97
008702-0	58600	165.32
008760-0	104200	197.04
009400-0	113500	223.04
009990-0	137700	198.88
010230-0	33500	98.36
010310-0	55700	284.93
010430-0	115800	178.45
010860-0	66900	269.86
011310-0	83650	89.4
011330-0	97100	265.81
012060-0	50100	53.22
012790-0	18510	15.85
012920-0	18520	12.74
012950-0	138500	109.03
013060-0	125500	21.2
013090-0	18505	11.37
013210-0	106700	13.88
013360-0	106800	93.03
013390-0	141020	157.02
013600-0	13600	53.54
013790-0	18505	27.65
014790-0	106900	63.01

130700-0	201900	32.87
204100-0	204100	74.02
204120-0	204120	35.86

Total		9327.61

CARRIED.

53-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the rate for enumeration, to create a voters list for the 2010 election, be set at \$0.70 per name.

CARRIED.

54-201 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2010 operating grant to the Altona Community Development Corporation be increased by \$15,000.00 to offset potential costs involved with the community 'Branding Project'.

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation – No report.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

- The Chamber is looking at ways to remove the 'Welcome to Altona' sign. They would like to have it removed at no cost if possible. They are looking for someone who might be interested in the salvage value of the sign, etc.
- The Chamber continues to look for Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, etc.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – No report.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation – No report.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – No report.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures
Report given under delegations.

6.118 RPGA Planning District
Four RFP's have been received. They will now be reviewed by the Board and then at the next Board meeting the Board will proceed to the next step.

3.3 6:00 P.M. – Altona & Area Family Resource Centre

Tim Mendel and Dorothy Braun appeared before Council on behalf of the Altona & District Family Resource Centre. They made a joint presentation.

- Various statistics were given
- They are looking to establish/expand a program aimed at the 0 to 5 year old population. This is a parent/child program. They informed Council that approximately 25% of children in Manitoba are not ready for school when they get to kindergarten.
- They feel that intervention and involvement 'downstream' helps to save dollars and effort 'upstream'
- The Resource Centre presently has an annual operating budget of \$70,000 and would like to increase this to \$100,000 to expand/establish this early years program. They are seeking a commitment from the Town of Altona of \$3,000 annually. They would also like the Town to consider appointing a representative to the Board.
- The Family Resource Centre would administer the program once it is approved.

There was some time for questions and interactions, after which Councillor Ann Kroeker thanked the delegation and they then left the meeting.

Councillor Ann Kroeker then vacated the Chair and Mayor Mel Klassen assumed the Chair. The Mayor arrived during the above delegations presentation.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – March 16th, 2010

Councillor Ann Kroeker reviewed the minutes of the Committee meeting with Council. Several resolutions were dealt with.

55-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the offer from Charles and Stella Thiessen to purchase the old Altona School building for \$1.00; AND FURTHER THAT the building(s) must be removed from the property no later than September 30, 2010.

CARRIED.

56-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT for the next 3 socials at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre, scheduled for April 23, May 1 and May 15, 2010, administration be authorized to hire official security services for each of these events.

CARRIED.

57-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2010 aquatic center swim lesson rates be set as follows:

30 minute classes	\$55.00
45 minute classes	\$60.00
60 minute classes	\$65.00
Adult (30 min)	\$55.00
Adult (60 min)	\$70.00
Bronze (plus manuals)	\$110.00
Family lesson pass	\$205.00
(GST included for all of the above)	

CARRIED.

58-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2010 aquatic center admission rates be set as follows:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DAILY PASS</u>	<u>SEASON PASS</u>
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	No charge when accompanied by a paid adult admission.	

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.

59-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2010 aquatic center staff wages be set as follows:

Bronze/Sr. Resus./SFA/CPR/N.L.S.	\$10.85/hr
W.S.I. Plus, Bronze/Sr. Resus./SFA/CPR, N.L.S.	\$11.37/hour
W.S.I. Plus, Bronze/Sr. Resus./SFA/CPR, N.L.S., RLSSC Inst.	\$11.88/hour
Assistant Supervisor - Dependant on qualifications	\$12.92/hour <small>Maximum</small>

Head Supervisor - Dependant on qualifications	\$15.12/hour <small>Maximum</small>
Ticket Clerk/Waterslide Attendant/Cleaning Staff	\$9.32/hr
Head Ticket Clerk/Supervisor	\$12.09/hour <small>Maximum</small>

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 2010 calendar year to be reimbursed to said staff.

CARRIED.

60-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the 2010 Campground rates be set as follows:

<i>Serviced Sites</i>	\$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.

It was reported that Leona Nickel has been recognized by the Premiers Volunteer Service Awards.

6.212 CARE

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that he had circulated the minutes of the most recent CARE Board meeting. He also informed Council that Ann Kroeker conducted a 'Seniors Quality of Life Survey'. The results will be released at the CARE Annual meeting in May.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

- The MSF has been informed that they have been approved for an additional \$3,400 in Federal funding.
- Homecoming Social will be held on May 15th, 2010.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report – No report.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Councillor Ted Klassen referred to the annual financial package. He forwarded it to the Secretary-Treasurer for anyone interested in reviewing it.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc. – No report.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.

- 6.218 Curling Club
 - Club windup is this Thursday
 - Ice is being removed this coming weekend.
- 6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee – No report.
- 6.220 Playground Committee
 - Fund Raising Display Board is up in the Mall
- 6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee
 - Program brochures are being worked on
- 6.3 Works & Operations
 - 6.311 Committee Report – No report
 - 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 - None
- 8. Unfinished business
 - 8.1 Conscientious Objectors Request
 - CAO Russ Phillips reported that he has been trying to make contact with Mr. Friesen. To date he has not been able to contact him.
- 9. New business – None.
- 10. In Camera
 - 61-2010 – Tim Fast-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.**

CARRIED.

62-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

63-2010 – Earl Dick-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer