

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on March 9th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Council: Mel Klassen, Tim Fast, Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Earl Dick via telephone, Don Braun via telephone, and Ted Klassen. Administration: Russ Phillips, Larry Driedger, Delores Loewen, Irv Braun, Bill Loewen, Perry Batchelor and Youth Representative Jordan Siemens.

Absent – Ron Epp

Media Table – Dean Penner, CFAM; Greg Vandermuellen, Echo

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 February 23rd, 2010 Council Minutes
45-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations
 - 3.1 5:30 P.M. – Michelle Frost, Pembina Valley Humane Society
Michelle Frost, representing the Pembina Valley Humane Society, based in Morden, appeared before Council. She thanked Council for their donation to the construction of a new facility. She also touched on a number of other items.
 - Construction of the building is approximately 50% completed
 - Hope to start taking animals into the building in mid to late April
 - Overview of financial information
 - A 'pie chart' showing where the animals come from was presented
 - Altona stats include Rhineland. Altona has had 41 over three years or 7% of the total.
 - A number of stats regarding the 'spay' and 'neuter' program were reviewed
 - 'Dog Therapy' – they are looking to establish therapy programs in each of the communities. These programs would focus, for example, on taking animals into personal care homes, etc. to 'play' with the residents, etc.

The Humane Society is requesting Altona give \$2,500 towards the 2010 operating costs. Council will refer this request to the appropriate Standing Committee for review.

3.2 6:45 P.M. – Access Credit Union Ltd. – Meet In-Camera Session

4. Hearings - None

5. Administrative Reports

CAO Russ Phillips referred to his CAO's report circulated just prior to the meeting.

- Spring cleanup week will be the last week in April (starting on the 26th).
- Old Schools behind MEC – RFP's have been called for. The Recreation Director is away on vacation. Plan to review this after he returns.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Report (if any) – None.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on today's Board meeting.

- Community Branding – The Board is estimating that this could cost anywhere between \$15,000 to \$40,000. The Board would like the Town to fund approximately \$15,000 of this in 2010.
- Business Opportunities – There continue to be parties interested establishing businesses in Altona.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce – No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

The 'party' interested in the new plant north of Altona is 'taking their time'.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported on a number of items.

- Last Years' Financials – GTP is working on the Year-end
- The PVDC Net Income for 2009 should be over \$20,000
- Tobacco Creek Model Watershed – There is a group working on a scientific study that will track the nutrients from the Tobacco Creek to the Lake Winnipeg Basin.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – No report.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that everything has slowed down. He also gave a number of loan statistics.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported on last weeks' RPGA meeting.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Report (if any) – None.

6.212 CARE – No report.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Jordan Siemens reported the following.

- SEVEC – a group from Miller will be leaving in a couple of days for Quebec.
- The bands are competing at the Brandon Band Festival
- Student Trip to Italy – those students going will be leaving towards the mid to end of March.
- Youth in Philanthropy – applications are being accepted.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported on the following.

- Door operators will be installed on the library doors
- The library staff are willing to wait until next year for the expansion and renovations.

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

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.

6.218 Curling Club

Councillor Tim Fast reported on the following.

- The fish fry last week was well attended
- Final fish fry for the year will be on April 7th.
- Club windup will be on March 25th
- Planning for the 2011 Scotties Tournament of Hearts is on-going

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee – No report.

6.220 Playground Committee

- Fundraising is starting
- Fundraising progress sign will be located in the BSI window

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Councillor Don Braun reported that several upgrades such as Air Conditioner, roof repairs, wind control pump, etc. will be coming from the Town budget in 2010. This will be incorporated as part of GITP Operating budget.

CAO Russ Phillips reported that a group of individuals will once again be travelling to Sioux Falls, SD to pick up some art pieces. They have secured 8 pieces so far for the 2010 season.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – March 2nd, 2010 Meeting
Councillor Terry Wiebe reviewed the minutes with Council.

46-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Steve Wiebe, Public Works Supervisor, be appointed as the Town of Altona Weeds Inspector and Bill Loewen, Town Engineer be appointed as Assistant Weeds Inspector.

Carried.

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – No report.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network
Councillor Ted Klassen reported on the meeting minutes. The per capita fees will remain the same for 2010. The processing fees per tonne will also remain the same for 2010.
As of April 1st, 2010 the Manitoba Product Stewardship Board will be replaced by Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop – No report.

7. General Correspondence:

7.111 Junior Achievement – Information
Youth Representative, Jordan Siemens recommended not to support this request this year because the program has not yet been started at Miller.

7.112 Manitoba Conservation Districts Association
Councillor Ted Klassen to attend.

7.113 Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre
The group would like to make a presentation to Council. It was agreed that it would be acceptable to listen to their proposal, however not to make any financial commitments at this time.

7.114 Canadian Federation of Students - Information

8. Unfinished business

8.1 Conscientious Objectors Request – Nothing to report at this time.

8.2 Former Bueckert Motors Property
A question was asked about the progress of this property. It was reported that we just received an engineers' report. There are some concerns

about the structures. Administration is looking at some potential options and hopes to bring some information to next weeks' Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

9. New business – None.

10. In Camera

47-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

48-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

49-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer