

## TOWN OF ALTONA

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on May 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Jordan Siemens and Bill Loewen

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

1. Call to order – Chair  
Mayor Mel Klassen opened the meeting at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
  - 2.111 April 27, 2010 Council Minutes  
**86-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**  
THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

**CARRIED.**

3. Delegations
  - 3.1 6:00 P.M. – Conscientious Objectors Group  
Bernie Loeppky, Jake Friesen, Ted E. Friesen and Henry Sawatzky attended Council meeting on behalf of the Conscientious Objectors Group. Ted Friesen referred to the letter earlier submitted by the Group, along with the proposed wording for the monument.  
A question was raised about why they wanted it in the Centennial Park. The answer was that it would be the best place to see it.  
The group would be open to negotiation of other locations as well.  
The delegation was thanked for their input and then left the meeting.
4. Hearings - None
5. Administrative Reports  
CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his report circulated earlier. Additional to it, he referred to waiting on lab tests for the soil samples on the sewer break on Fourth Avenue NE.
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.

- Working on an RFP for Community Branding
- Farmers Market Delegation attended the meeting. They are seeking a more permanent location to set up their market. They have received some grant funding to establish a semi-permanent shelter. Their preferred location would be the former Esso site on Main Street. They would also be able to use the area north of the Coop Food Store, however their first choice would be the Main Street location.
- Community Gardens – There has been a request to establish a community garden in town. This is being discussed.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce – No report.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

The Executive Committee met yesterday. The Board met today. Progressing slowly.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met April 29<sup>th</sup> in Winkler.

- Ralph Groening has been elected as the new Board Chair
- Don Wiebe is the Vice Chair
- Ted Klassen is the Treasurer
- Government Grant has been reduced by 11%
- An award was given to Dorothy Braun at the recent Capturing Opportunities Event in Brandon.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee

Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Committee has been looking at the structure of the organization. New Policies and Procedures were adopted this morning.

- Pembina Valley Challenge – working on the event for 2010
- Destination Development Tour

Who is Altona's contact with the Pembina Valley Tourism Association? It was suggested that this contact should be the Chamber of Commerce. Referred to the Finance & Administration Committee for further discussion

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported on a number of statistics.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that Dillon Consulting Limited has been hired to conduct the Development Plan process.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – Special Meeting of May 6th, 2010

Councillor Ann Kroeker referred to the minutes.

**87-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Earl Dick** – WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee has received two proposals for playground upgrades to the playground equipment located in the Altona Centennial Park, one proposal from Crozier Enterprises Ltd. and a second proposal from Playgrounds-R-U's;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has reviewed both proposals and has made a recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona accept the playground proposal as submitted by Crozier Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$174,864.90 and that Administration be authorized to enter into an agreement with Crozier Enterprises Ltd. for the purchase and installation of said equipment.

**CARRIED.**

**88-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Ted Klassen** – WHEREAS the Town of Altona has approved a proposal for upgrades to the playground equipment in the Altona Centennial Park;

AND WHEREAS the approved proposal does not include a 'Sway Fun Wheelchair Glider';

AND WHEREAS the Playground Committee would like this piece of equipment incorporated into the playground upgrade as funding allows;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona continues to seek grant funding from various agencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the playground upgrade as approved incorporate provisions for the eventual placement of said 'Wheelchair Glider';

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon future approval of adequate grant funding being received by the Town, that the glider then be incorporated into the playground upgrade.

**CARRIED.**

6.212 CARE – No report.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

The Homecoming Social is this Saturday. Council was encouraged to attend.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

See written report attached.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the recent book sale grossed \$13,540. Expenses will need to be subtracted from this. The annual provincial support grant was recently received.

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

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.

6.218 Curling Club – No report.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

Planting week will be held from May 31st to June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is seeking volunteers to help plant and also volunteers to look after the flower beds throughout the summer.

6.220 Playground Committee – refer to 6.211

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

- New donor wall is being prepared
- Six new sculptures have been received on loan from the Sioux Falls group
- Friends of the Gallery Opening Event set for this Friday
- Gallery will open to the public at noon on Saturday

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – May 4th, 2010 Meeting

Councillor Earl Dick reviewed the minutes with Council.

**89-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe** – WHEREAS there have been some issues relating to the sewer and water connection services for 25 Second Street NW as they have been placed across the property located at 29 Second Street NW;

AND WHEREAS during the renovation to the home located at 29 Second Street NW the sewer service to 25 Second Street NW was punctured and required replacement and relocation as the service connection was located directly underneath the garage of 29 Second Street NW;

AND WHEREAS considerable time, effort and expense has been incurred in resolving this issue;

AND WHEREAS these said direct costs have so far amounted to approximately \$1,800.00:

AND WHEREAS it has been recognized that a legal easement should be entered into and registered against both of these properties so that future owners are aware of said service connections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona participate with the owners of these two properties in sharing the repair/relocation costs of this utility connection on a one-third share each (not to exceed \$600.00), on the condition that a legal agreement be

entered into and registered against each of these said properties, with the Town of Altona receiving a copy of said easement agreement.

**CARRIED.**

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission  
Councillor Ted Klassen reported that he had attended a 'Boyne Valley Water Project' meeting held in Altona. They would like support from Altona for their proposed dam project for north of Treherne. The CAO will draft a letter of support for the Mayor to send to the group.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – No report.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop  
The next meeting of the Board will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

7. General Correspondence:

7.111 Chamber of Commerce Dinner to be held this Thursday

7.112 Youth Job Center will be opening on May 20<sup>th</sup>

7.113 Central Region RHA – Altona EMS Garage Opening

7.114 Decoration Day – June 13<sup>th</sup>

8. Unfinished business

8.1 Conscientious Objectors Request

**90-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we grant permission to the Conscientious Objectors Group to locate a monument along the boulevard on the north side of Tenth Avenue NE, AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Administration be authorized to determine the exact location of said monument in consultation with the Conscientious Objectors group.**

**CARRIED.**

8.2 Council Chamber Sound System

Councillor Ann Kroeker expressed concern about being able to 'hear' in the Council Chambers. There have now been a few times that delegations have also not been able to hear properly. Administration was asked to check into the feasibility of installing some sound equipment.

8.3 Playground Fundraising

There was some discussion about the 'bricks' that will acknowledge people who have or will donate to the playground upgrade. After some discussion it was agreed that this topic be referred to the Committee.

9. New business – None.

10. In Camera – None.

**91-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Tim Fast** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Secretary Treasurer