

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on May 25, 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, Ron Epp, Perry Batchelor, Bill Loewen, and Youth Representative Jordan Siemens.

Absent – Irv Braun, and Greg Vandermeullen (Echo)

Media Table – 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 May 11, 2010 Council Minutes
92-2010 – Don Braun-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the May 11, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.
3. Delegations – None.
4. Hearings - None
5. Administrative Reports
 - CAO Russ Phillips referred to his CAO's report.
 - He also gave Council an update on the 14th Avenue project.
 - Administration will be meeting with the Conscientious Objectors group in a couple of weeks.
 - Update on 2011 Census – Potential for missing newcomers to Canada – Area CAO's recently met to discuss the potential loss of future revenue from people not completing the census information. Settlement Services will work together with the newcomers to try and get as many filled out as possible.
6. Committee Reports:
 - 6.1 Finance & Administration
 - 6.111 Committee Minutes – May 18, 2010
Councillor Tim Fast reported on the minutes of the last meeting. Several items were dealt with via resolution.

93-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Accounts Receivable Invoice Number 6501 in the amount of \$345.96 plus penalties of \$15.57 be cancelled.

CARRIED.

94-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Altona Branch of the South Central Regional Library be allowed the use of Room 119 in the Golden West Plaza as a meeting room subject to said room only being used by the library and not-for-profit organizations.

CARRIED.

95-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Accounts Payable Cheque Numbers 38753 to 38907 and the Payroll & Indemnities for April 8th to May 5th, 2010 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

96-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS the Town of Altona has compiled a list of voters to be used for the 2010 Municipal Elections to be held in October of 2010;
AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona has incurred expenses in the production of said voters list;
AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona occasionally receives requests from other election agencies such as the Province of Manitoba, Government of Canada, Border Land School Division, etc.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona charge \$0.35 per electors name to those other election agencies that request a copy of the Town of Altona Voters list.

CARRIED.

97-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following taxes be cancelled in accordance with the Town of Altona Farmland Rebate Policy:

Roll #	Reason	Amount of Credit
18458.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
18460.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
18462.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
18464.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
18466.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
18468.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
18470.000	Farmland Rebate	40.73

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18472.000	Farmland Rebate	40.73
18474.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
18476.000	Farmland Rebate	45.26
18478.000	Farmland Rebate	52.21
18480.000	Farmland Rebate	42.28
18482.000	Farmland Rebate	42.28
18484.000	Farmland Rebate	42.28
18486.000	Farmland Rebate	42.72
18488.000	Farmland Rebate	52.66
18490.000	Farmland Rebate	45.26
18492.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
18494.000	Farmland Rebate	40.73
18496.000	Farmland Rebate	40.73
18500.000	Farmland Rebate	493.66
139600.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
139602.000	Farmland Rebate	24.73
139604.000	Farmland Rebate	28.70
139606.000	Farmland Rebate	28.70
139608.000	Farmland Rebate	24.73
139610.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
145600.000	Farmland Rebate	24.40
145700.000	Farmland Rebate	24.40
145800.000	Farmland Rebate	24.95
145900.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
146000.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
146100.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
146200.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
146300.000	Farmland Rebate	22.96
146400.000	Farmland Rebate	22.96
146500.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
146600.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
146700.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
146800.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
147600.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
147700.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
147800.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
147900.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
148000.000	Farmland Rebate	22.96
148100.000	Farmland Rebate	29.81
148200.000	Farmland Rebate	29.58
148300.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
148400.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
148500.000	Farmland Rebate	22.63
148600.000	Farmland Rebate	22.08
148700.000	Farmland Rebate	22.96
200300.000	Farmland Rebate	545.32
203510.000	Farmland Rebate	771.56
204350.000	Farmland Rebate	482.52

204542.000	Farmland Rebate	39.30
204544.000	Farmland Rebate	39.30
204546.000	Farmland Rebate	39.30
204548.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204550.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204552.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204554.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204556.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204558.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
205560.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204570.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
204572.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
204574.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
204576.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
204578.000	Farmland Rebate	40.29
204580.000	Farmland Rebate	41.29
204582.000	Farmland Rebate	47.69
204584.000	Farmland Rebate	38.31
204586.000	Farmland Rebate	39.30
205588.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204590.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204592.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204594.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204596.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
204598.000	Farmland Rebate	39.74
	TOTAL	\$4,884.44

CARRIED.

98-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT
the following taxes be cancelled in accordance with the Town of Altona
Developers Rebate Policy:

Roll #	Reason	Amount of Credit
134400.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	242.30
137000.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	242.30
137100.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	242.30
139624.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	285.47
139626.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	285.47
139628.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	285.47
139630.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	285.47
139632.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	285.47
139656.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	334.41
139658.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	281.46
142500.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	263.44
142600.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	262.33

142800.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	257.44
142900.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - Final Year	259.44
204540.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	264.33
204600.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	473.70
204494.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	266.34
204504.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	256.32
204506.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	276.35
204508.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	274.34
204510.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	304.38
204512.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	312.39
204514.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	310.38
204516.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	304.38
204518.000	2010 DEVELOPERS REBATE - First Year	281.46
	Totals	\$ 7,137.14

CARRIED.

99-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following taxes be cancelled in accordance with the Town of Altona 25 Year Tax Freeze Policy:

Roll #	Reason	Amount of Cancellation
200000	25 Year Tax Freeze	545.90
200100	25 Year Tax Freeze	165.98
200400	25 Year Tax Freeze	101.09
200500	25 Year Tax Freeze	211.22
200600	25 Year Tax Freeze	210.91
200700	25 Year Tax Freeze	210.91
200800	25 Year Tax Freeze	2,277.29
200900	25 Year Tax Freeze	394.26
201000	25 Year Tax Freeze	631.38
201100	25 Year Tax Freeze	51.48
201200	25 Year Tax Freeze	75.19
201300	25 Year Tax Freeze	702.00
201400	25 Year Tax Freeze	385.22
201500	25 Year Tax Freeze	88.92
201600	25 Year Tax Freeze	375.02
201700	25 Year Tax Freeze	239.30
201800	25 Year Tax Freeze	81.95
201900	25 Year Tax Freeze	400.19
202000	25 Year Tax Freeze	430.66
202100	25 Year Tax Freeze	1,080.66
202200	25 Year Tax Freeze	541.41
202300	25 Year Tax Freeze	439.50
202400	25 Year Tax Freeze	1,842.15

202500	25 Year Tax Freeze	129.17
202600	25 Year Tax Freeze	1,161.47
202700	25 Year Tax Freeze	565.86
202800	25 Year Tax Freeze	84.23
202900	25 Year Tax Freeze	556.09
203000	25 Year Tax Freeze	556.71
203100	25 Year Tax Freeze	671.01
	Total	\$ 15,207.13

100-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the variation application fee for 12 Boardwalk be waived.

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation – No report.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Chamber Board met on May 19th, 2010.

- Board held a debrief session on the awards night
- Canada Day preparation continues
- Manitoba Sunflower Festival – 2010 Homecoming event to be held on Friday & Saturday of the Festival
- Manitoba Youth Job Centre – Julie Dueck is this year’s coordinator
- Newcomers reception on June 8th in the Park
- Tourism Coordinator – Chamber is not prepared to take this on

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – Nothing new to report.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board Executive met in Altona last week.

- Staff is attempting to set up a meeting with the Minister
- Summer student has been hired even though the PVDC did not receive any grant funding for this position for 2010
- Staff is working on a Policy Manual.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – No report.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the Triple R will be holding a golf tournament at the St. Malo golf course.

6.118 RPGA Planning District
The Board will be meeting next Tuesday.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – May 18, 2010

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported on the minutes of the last meeting.
Several items were dealt with via resolution.

101-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS there have been on-going concerns about property damages occurring at the Millennium Exhibition Centre during events when rentals are occurring;
AND WHEREAS it has been the practice to recover the costs related to damages from those renting the facilities;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we continue the practice of charging all damage costs to those renting the facilities.

CARRIED.

102-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Don Braun – WHEREAS we have conducted a trial period where private security firms have been hired to provide security during “Social Events”;
AND WHEREAS this trial period has been completed and has proven successful;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all future “Social Events” must pay for said security firms that will be hired by the Town of Altona for said events;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT there are some renters who have signed contracts for future events, prior to this decision being made, and that those renters shall be required to have the security, however these additional costs shall be borne by the Town of Altona for these contracts only.

CARRIED.

103-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS there are numerous events held in the Millennium Exhibition Centre (MEC) that require the utilization by caterers of kitchen facilities within the MEC;
AND WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee is recommending that all caterers/groups being allowed to use the said kitchen facilities shall provide evidence of liability insurance;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Policies regarding the rental of the MEC kitchen facilities shall be amended to reflect the need for all caterers to provide evidence that they have a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance prior to them being allowed access to any kitchen facilities in the MEC.

CARRIED.

104-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Don Braun – WHEREAS there are numerous “Social Events” held every year at the Millennium Exhibition Centre (MEC); AND WHEREAS the renters have not been required to provide liability insurance to this point in time; AND WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee is recommending a change so that all renters holding “Social Events” must have liability insurance; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Policies regarding rental of the MEC for “Social Events” be amended to ensure that all renters holding such “Social Events” must provide liability insurance for a minimum of \$2,000,000 for each event.

CARRIED.

105-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS there are numerous rentals held every year at the Millennium Exhibition Centre (MEC) for events other than “Social Events”; AND WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee is recommending that these renters should have liability insurance, however, they should be allowed the discretion as to whether or not to have such liability insurance; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Policies regarding rental of the MEC be amended to encourage renters to provide liability coverage for their rental events, however to also reflect their ability to refuse to provide said liability coverage and thereby releasing the Town of Altona from any potential liability claim from their event.

CARRIED.

106-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the corkage charges for the Rhineland Pioneer Centre, for “Social Events” only, be set as follows:

0 – 20 units sold	\$750.00 plus GST
21 – 40 units sold	\$900.00 plus GST
41 – 60 units sold	\$1300.00 plus GST
61 or more units sold	\$1600.00 plus GST

CARRIED.

107-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the corkage charges for the Curling Club Lounge Rentals (during the period of time that the Town is responsible for these rentals), for “social Events” only, be set as follows:

0 – 20 units sold	\$550.00 plus GST
21 – 40 units sold	\$825.00 plus GST

41 – 60 units sold	\$1225.00 plus GST
61 or more units sold	\$1450.00 plus GST

CARRIED.

108-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective immediately no persons under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, be allowed to attend “Social Events”, in the Millennium Exhibition Centre, where alcohol is served.

CARRIED.

6.212 CARE

Councillor Terry Wiebe highlighted several items from the CARE Annual Report.

- RHA Grant Programs
- Handi-van
- Various Statistics
- CARE Seniors Survey

There were some questions about the user fees for the Handi-Van.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

Disappointed with the number of people that turned up at the Homecoming Social.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Jordan Siemens reported:

- Representatives from MAFRI conducted some meetings with some students regarding the RPGA Planning District
- Dodgeball Tournament between Miller and MCI went well
- Coffee House to be held on May 27th
- Altona Community Foundation granted student council \$1500 towards the landscaping project
- Student Council elections will be coming up soon

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met in Altona last week. Bank Service charges are increasing; however the bank has indicated that they will be granting this back to the SCRL at the end of the year. He also gave some statistics on the SCRL.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the process for the Dr. Toni scholarships has started. A new Doctor is in Town. Her and her family have purchased a house. The EMS Garage was recently officially opened.

- 6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board
Councillor Earl Dick reported briefly on the clinic.
- 6.218 Curling Club – No report.
- 6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee
The annual planting will be held on June 1st.
- 6.220 Playground Committee
Committee is still fundraising.
- 6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee
Openings went very well.
- 6.3 Works & Operations
 - 6.311 Committee Report
Councillor Earl Dick reviewed the Inter-Municipal Shared Services Minutes.
The next meeting will be with all Town and RM Councillors to be held at Oakview on July 19th, 2010.
 - 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:
 - 7.111 Pembina Valley Humane Society – Grand Opening Invitation
 - 7.112 Property Registry – Consumer Alert – Tax Sale & Mortgage Sale Scams
 - 7.113 Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation – Bus Service to Rural & Northern Manitoba
- 8. Unfinished business
 - 8.1 Former 'Bueckert Motors' Property
109-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – WHEREAS the Town of Altona did acquire the property known as the former Bueckert Motors site legally known as Lot 1 Plan 1921 MLTO in SW ¼ 9-2-1 WPM and also All that portion of SW ¼ 9-2-1 WPM taken for public road Plan 1424 (now closed), which portion lies to the south of a line drawn North of parallel with and perpendicular distant 160 feet from the southern limit of Lot 9 Plan 584 MLTO and west of production northwest of southwest limit of Road Plan 1424 MLTO;
AND WHEREAS the Town has defined said lands as surplus;
AND WHEREAS the Town did put out a call for proposals;

AND WHEREAS Keystone Kat Ltd. was determined to have the most cost effective and appropriate re-use;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona sell the former Bueckert Motors site to Keystone Kat Ltd. for an amount of \$60,000 and subject to the terms and conditions as contained in the agreement of sale;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the Town of Altona.

CARRIED.

8.2 Emergency Siren Update

The EMO committee recently met. A 'community mailer' is being developed that will explain how the siren will work and what to do in the event that it is activated. Once the mailer is completed it will be sent via mail to all households in Altona.

9. New business – None.

10. In Camera – None.

110-2010 – Don Braun-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer