

## TOWN OF ALTONA

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on September 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Youth Rep & Echo Rep.

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 August 17, 2010 Council Minutes  
**162-2010 – Terry Wiebe-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**  
THAT the minutes of the August 17, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

**CARRIED.**

3. Delegations – None.
4. Hearings - None
5. Administrative Reports
  - 5.1 CAO Report  
CAO Russ Phillips reviewed his report with Council. (Report attached to minutes.)
6. Committee Reports:
  - 6.1 Finance & Administration
    - 6.111 Committee Minutes – August 17, 2010  
Councillor Ted Klassen reviewed the Committee Minutes with Council. Several items were dealt with at the previous Council meeting, however there were a few resolutions from the minutes that were dealt with.  
**163-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS** the Finance & Administration Committee has reviewed a proposed Town of Altona Grants Policy and is recommending its approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed Town of Altona Grants Policy be adopted as a standing policy of the Town of Altona as recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

**CARRIED.**

**164-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun –** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Grant \$200.00 to the Southern Manitoba Concerts from the 2010 Grants Budget.

**CARRIED.**

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation  
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that:

- The Board will be meeting with a company next week Thursday to discuss the 'Community Branding' idea.
- The Board is working with a party that is interested in purchasing a number of lots in the new industrial park on Second Street NW

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Tim Fast reported that:

- The Chamber felt that the Sunflower Festival went well this year.
- The Arena Sale is scheduled for this coming weekend. Lots of interest from vendors/businesses
- The Chamber will be hosting an 'all candidates' forum on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre (CFDC) in Morden will be hosting some free tours.
- Manitoba Youth Job Centre has closed for the season.
- Canada Day Parade went well
- Various workshops and seminars were highlighted.
- There will be a meeting next week Monday between the Chamber and Town representatives to discuss the tourism portfolio.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group

Mayor Mel Klassen reported that there will be a Board meeting on Thursday.

Councillor Don Braun reported that the Town did not budget enough funds to cover the requirements by Sunbelt. In addition to the amount budgetted Altona's portion will be an additional \$58,000 for 2010.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board met a week ago in Winkler, although there was not a quorum.

PVLEA reported that the immigration is not slowing down in this area. They have around 800 registrants in their program.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee

Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Committee met last week.

- Destination Development Tours – the trip to Drumheller and area was highlighted
- They continue to plan for the future. They will be holding a strategic planning exercise in the Spring of 2011.
- Mini Tours – They are exploring these. Hopefully some can be set up for this fall.
- International Adventure Trail
- Pembina Valley Challenge – 99 teams participated this year. There were 130 challenges.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that Triple R is busy. He reported various statistics.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the RPGA Board will be holding a special meeting this Thursday to discuss the Blue Sky Opportunities rezoning application.

He also reported that there will be a public open meeting on next Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Altona Curling Club Lounge area to discuss the RPGA Development Plan. The meeting will be from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – August 17, 2010

Councillor Ann Kroeker reviewed the Committee minutes. There was some discussion regarding the two 'old schools' on the MEC property. Council was in consensus to have the CAO and Recreation Services Manager talk to Mr. Ron (Joe) Braun about these schools. A report on these talks will be reviewed by the Committee.

**165-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED THAT the 2010/2011 season Sunflower Garden Arena in the Millennium Exhibition Centre rates be as follows:**

Public skating admission is free, donations of minimum of \$2,000.00 in lieu of admission fees

User groups rentals fees (GST included) as follows:

Figure Skating/Minor Hockey/Minor Groups	\$70.00/hour
Minor Hockey & Minor Age Group Tournaments	\$77.25/hour
Maroon Old Timers/Adult Rec. Leagues/Adult Groups	\$111.00/hour
Miller Aces practices and games	\$105.50/hour
Miller Aces playoffs	60/40 gate split only
Miller Aces usage between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays at no charge as per user agreement. Miller Aces usage before 8 a.m. on weekdays at \$30/hour.	
Altona Maroons games (no gate splits)	\$151.50/hour

Altona Maroons practices	\$127.75/hour
Adult Shinny	\$6/participant

Weekday ice time rentals before 9:00 a.m. will receive 25% off of regular rates (excluding the Miller Aces already reduced rate of \$30/hr)

Weekday ice time rentals (excluding Borderland Schools within the R.M. of Rhineland) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. will be charged at the minor hockey/figure skating rate.

Borderland Schools within the R.M. of Rhineland usage on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. is at no charge as per the user exchange agreement.

Ice-out season:

- \$315.00/day plus GST for rental of the ice arena area
- \$35/day plus GST for rental of the parking lot for car washes

**CARRIED.**

6.212 CARE – No report.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that the MSF Committee held a meeting to review each of the events.

- The general consensus was that the Festival went well.
- The Committee is starting to think and plan for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up in 2014.
- There also continues to be an issues regarding the throwing of candy during the parade.
- The Committee will be losing its Secretary, however all others will be returning.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report – No report.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report – No report.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that he and Dr. Bueddefeld would be attending a Medical Recruitment Fair in Portage la Prairie in later September.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.

6.218 Curling Club – No report.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker gave a report on the Committees activities in 2010:

- Basket growth was good this year. Incorporating other items helped with the flower growth.
- New baskets will be ordered for next year and the current baskets will be re-used in other applications or some may be sold as well.

- Backyard tours were a success.
- Spring Plant Sale will be moved to the Altona Mall Parking lot for 2011.

6.220 Playground Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported:

- Playground structure is pretty much in place.
- Landscaping, etc. needs to be completed.
- Location of the equipment was slightly controversial, however reasons for placement are valid.
- Grand Opening is being coordinated and we hope to set a date soon.
- The playground will open to the public once it is complete.

Councillor Earl Dick also gave an update on the fund raising efforts.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Councillor Don Braun reported that:

- The Gallery will be closing on September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Some restoration is being done to the east side of the building
- Committee will be meeting this Thursday.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Minutes – September 7th, 2010 Meeting

Councillor Earl Dick reviewed the Committee minutes..

**166-2010 – Earl Dick-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Altona install two ‘Children Playing’ signs along Ninth Street NW.

**CARRIED.**

**167-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe – WHEREAS** there has been a significant increase in the volume of traffic using Fourteenth Avenue North, thereby also increasing the volume of traffic utilizing the intersection of Highway 30 and Fourteenth Avenue North East;

**AND WHEREAS** there have been major upgrades and improvements made to the intersection of Highway 30 and Fourteenth Avenue North East;

**AND WHEREAS** in the interest of public safety the Town of Altona is requesting that the 70 kilometre per hour speed limit zone be extended north to the limits of the Town of Altona, which is one half mile north of Fourteenth Avenue North;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Altona hereby request Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and the Highway Traffic Board to extend the reduced speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour on Highway 30 from the existing area to the northerly boundary of the

Town of Altona which is one half mile north of Fourteenth Avenue North.

**CARRIED.**

**168-2010 – Earl Dick-Ted Klassen** – WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Altona installed a 'Four-Way Stop' at the intersection of Centre Avenue East and Sixth Street with the understanding that this installation would be reviewed after a six month trial period;  
AND WHEREAS the Works and Operations Committee has reviewed this installation and is recommending that it be made permanent;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 'Four-Way Stop' at the intersection of Centre Avenue East and Sixth Street be permanently made and that the Town of Altona Stop Sign Schedule in the Traffic Control By-law be amended to reflect this change.

**CARRIED.**

**169-2010 – Earl Dick-Terry Wiebe** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 'Yield' sign at the easterly end of Pioneer Drive be removed, and FURTHER THAT the removal of this sign be reviewed in six months time.

**CARRIED.**

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – No report.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – No report.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop

Councillor Don Braun reported on four items:

- Morris Plant expansion opening tomorrow.
- Present Board members are expected to serve on the Board until the annual meeting in February.
- Financial Statements were highlighted
- There will be an increase of 2% in January 2011 to the water rates. They are presently \$6.40 per 1000 gallons and will rise to \$6.52 per 1000 gallons.

7. General Correspondence:

7.111 Hudson Bay Route Association - Information

7.112 AMM Letter of thanks – Information

7.113 Correctional Service Canada

**170-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Earl Dick** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona proclaim November 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 as

Restorative Justice Week 2010.

**CARRIED.**

- 7.114 Manitoba Trucking Association – Information
- 7.115 YFC Altona – Thank you card
- 7.116 Open Farm Guide 2010 – Information
- 7.117 Regional Connections – Information
- 7.118 Public Utilities Board – Information on Pre-Arranged Funerals/Open House
- 7.119 Heart & Stroke ‘Big Bike Ride’ – Taking place tomorrow.
- 7.120 Manitoba Hydro ‘Insights’ Newsletter

8. Unfinished business

8.1 Parade By-law – Second and Third Readings

**171-2010 – Earl Dick-Don Braun** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No 1681/2010, to provide regulations for holding parades, be now given second reading as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**172-2010 – Earl Dick-Don Braun** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1681/2010 be now given third reading and passed.

Recorded Vote:

Mel Klassen	-	YES
Earl Dick	-	YES
Terry Wiebe	-	YES
Ted Klassen	-	YES
Ann Kroeker	-	YES
Don Braun	-	YES
Tim Fast	-	YES

**CARRIED.**

8.2 Canadian Breast Cancer Proclamation

**173-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Ted Klassen** – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona proclaim October of 2010 as Breast Cancer

Awareness Month.

**CARRIED.**

9. New business
  - 9.1 Sunbelt Financial Concerns  
It was suggested that the earlier report under the Sunbelt Development Group regarding the additional financing that will be required should receive a thorough discussion at the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting.
10. In Camera – None.

**174-2010 – Earl Dick-Ann Kroeker – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Secretary Treasurer