

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on September 28, 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, Ron Epp, Perry Batchelor and Youth Representative Keely Loewen.

Media Table – Dean Penner, CFAM.

Absent – Irv Braun & Media Rep from the Echo.

1. Call to order – Chair

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the meeting at the appointed time. He proceeded to welcome new Youth Representative Keely Loewen and presented her with a Town Portfolio.

2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:

2.111 September 14, 2010 Council Minutes

175-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations – None.

4. Hearings

4.1 6:00 P.M. – Zoning By-law No. 1682/2010 – Various Changes to Zoning By-law
See hearing later in minutes.

5. Administrative Reports

5.111 Canada Post Update

CAO Russ Phillips reported that meetings have been held with Canada Post representatives. They are looking at setting up 'super mail boxes' in phases in Altona. They are looking at starting in the North West quadrant, north of Tenth Avenue, of Altona this fall and then the south west quadrant next spring. As more information is made available council will be kept informed.

5.112 CAO's Report

Russ Phillips highlighted some of his report.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Minutes – September 21, 2010

Councillor Tim Fast reviewed the minutes of the Committee meeting. Several items were dealt with via resolution.

176-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque Numbers 39388 to 39633 and the Payroll and Indemnities for the period of July 29th, 2010 to September 8th, 2010 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

177-2010 – Tim Fast-Earl Dick – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following outstanding utility accounts be transferred to their corresponding tax roll account:

Account #	Tax Roll #	Total O/S
00000070-0	86400	35.79
00000130-0	45300	198.88
00000190-0	5300	103.07
00000220-0	44900	709.49
00000340-0	46800	67.23
00000410-0	3300	272.12
00000560-0	26300	117.05
00000760-0	14300	44.48
00000800-1	16500	28.21
00000830-0	8800	79.47
00001030-0	96100	308.57
00001080-0	96200	144.18
00001330-0	16600	67.23
00001590-0	51600	304.97
00001740-0	81400	115.06
00001790-0	126700	112.57
00001910-0	121300	84.23
00001940-0	69600	173.56
00002200-0	45900	59.12
00002320-0	29000	5.25
00002380-0	112600	108.44
00002390-0	9500	153.50
00002470-0	8200	290.33
00002540-0	14200	57.94
00003030-0	122700	188.83
00003210-0	90000	138.12
00003530-0	120400	210.73

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00003760-0	11300	256.94
00003780-0	13000	112.33
00003840-0	80000	149.03
00003950-0	18300	245.72
00004020-0	121100	127.03
00004070-0	118800	44.22
00004240-0	47400	310.00
00004510-0	22350	124.10
00005170-0	19300	82.79
00005520-0	57300	206.84
00005560-0	22200	67.23
00005780-1	90200	57.11
00005850-0	55200	1,121.30
00005880-1	17000	36.23
00005940-0	84300	10.13
00006440-1	120500	116.97
00006490-0	80300	67.23
00007440-0	65200	181.92
00007650-0	126500	307.98
00008011-1	57700	383.09
00008020-0	57800	67.23
00008021-0	57800	46.72
00008025-0	57800	170.79
00008130-0	83100	0.88
00008250-0	22500	138.12
00008697-0	58500	67.33
00008701-0	58600	133.94
00008702-1	58600	170.24
00008706-0	58600	119.54
00008708-0	58600	9.99
00008760-0	104200	146.33
00008870-0	65900	87.10
00009400-0	113500	219.07
00009520-0	103300	180.62
00009660-0	106500	162.48
00010310-0	55700	309.71
00010330-0	55900	24.01
00010430-0	115800	67.23
00010860-0	66900	250.21
00011220-1	71600	286.87
00011310-0	83650	8.28
00011330-0	97100	283.35
00012350-0	22975	89.26

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00012570-0	132100	299.05
00012670-0	21200	149.89
00012950-0	138500	141.00
00013150-0	760	1,810.43
00013360-0	106800	101.58
00013390-0	141020	186.93
00013910-0	141400	209.29
00014510-0	142700	130.88
00014670-1	136900	37.80
00014760-0	204530	183.65
00014790-0	106900	57.11
00109401-0	41450	103.40
00204100-1	204100	13.22
00204120-0	204120	42.33
00204300-0	204300	5.60

Total		14,698.07

CARRIED.

178-2010 – Tim Fast-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT
the following tax penalties be cancelled:

<u>ROLL #</u>	<u>PENALTY AMOUNT</u>
58750	\$ 30.35
108400	\$ 5.56
116632	\$ 6.70
116611	\$ 6.84
116612	\$ 6.57
116613	\$ 6.57
116615	\$ 6.52
116616	\$ 6.52
116617	\$ 6.48
116618	\$ 6.48
116619	\$ 6.48
116620	\$ 6.48
116621	\$ 6.48
116622	\$ 6.48
116623	\$ 6.40
116624	\$ 6.61
116625	\$ 6.66
116626	\$ 6.66
116627	\$ 6.66
116628	\$ 6.66
116629	\$ 6.70
116630	\$ 6.70

116631	\$ 6.70
116633	\$ 6.70
116634	\$ 6.70
116635	\$ 6.70
116636	\$ 7.29
116614	\$ 6.52

TOTAL	\$ 208.17
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CARRIED

179-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT
the following Business Taxes be cancelled:

Roll No.	Reason	Amount
B4300	Assessment Revised	\$328.00
B6920	Assessment Revised	\$303.34

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation – No report.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Tim Fast reported on two items:

Arena Sale – The Chamber has decided that they will not plan this event again. This generated discussion from Council and in the end the Council would encourage the Chamber to re-consider this decision and continue the Arena Sale.

Tourism Portfolio – The Chamber has had discussion with Town Representatives and more discussions need to take place. It was suggested that the Chamber should increase their membership fees and then take on the Tourism mandate.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – No report.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the PVDC is looking at an awards program. They are looking for nominations for the PVDC Regional Business Awards. The deadline is Noon on October 20th.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – No report.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures – No report.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the RPGA Board had met to discuss the Town of Altona re-Zoning By-law Appeal. After some deliberation the Board Ordered that the Town By-law not proceed any further.

He also reported that the first of three public meetings regarding the RPGA Development Plan was held on September 20th. The next meeting will be in Plum Coulee in November.

6:00 P.M. Hearing – Zoning By-law No. 1682/2010 – Various Changes to Zoning By-law

Also in attendance during the hearing were Ron (Joe) Braun and James & Phyllis Loewen.

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time.

Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Driedger, gave an overview of the proposed by-law. This by-law makes numerous administrative changes to the zoning by-law.

There was no one in attendance who spoke against the by-law. Mayor Klassen closed the hearing and the following resolutions were then dealt with.

180-2010 – Tim Fast-Ted Klassen – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1682/2010, to make numerous amendments to the Town of Altona Zoning By-law, be now given second reading.

CARRIED.

181-2010 – Tim Fast-Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1682/2010 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.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – September 21, 2010

Councillor Ann Kroeker reviewed the minutes of the meeting. A couple of items were dealt with via resolution.

182-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Ted Klassen – WHEREAS the Town of Altona passed a resolution on March 23, 2010 authorizing the sale of the ‘old schools’ located on the Millennium Exhibition Centre grounds to Charles & Stella Thiessen;

AND WHEREAS the Thiessens’ have indicated that they will not be able to fulfill the terms of the sales agreement and therefore have not signed any sales agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee has met with the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society (MMHS) to discuss the ‘Old Altbergthal’ School;

AND WHEREAS the MMHS has requested some time to develop a realistic plan for the relocation of this said school building;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona give permission to the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society to develop a realistic plan to relocate the ‘Old Altbergthal’ School;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society be given until June 30th, 2011 to relocate said school;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT if the said school is not removed by said date then the Town of Altona will take the necessary actions to demolish said school building.

CARRIED.

183-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the changes to the rental agreements for the Millennium Exhibition Centre and the Rhineland Pioneer Centre be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Community & Social Development Committee.

CARRIED.

6.212 CARE

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported

- The Handi-van will have a slight deficit.
- Palliative Care Coordinator is being sought. Elaine Friesen has agreed to help out in the interim.
- Handi-Van coordinator is retiring at the end of December 2010
- Handi-Van Soup & Pie – November 1 at the Altona Seniors Centre

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

The organizational relationship between the Town and the Festival are being reviewed.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Youth Representative, Keely Loewen, reported that the Miller Fall Concert will be held at Buhler Hall. The school also will be hosting a Halloween dance.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported on a number of Library Statistics. He also reported that the Library is now utilizing the meeting room.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that he and Dr. Bueddefeld attended a medical job recruitment fair in Portage la Prairie. They were very pleased with the Fair.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.

6.218 Curling Club – No report.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

There will be a Fall Planting happening at the Memory Garden on October 7th at 6:30 P.M.

6.220 Playground Committee

- The playground is open and being used. Good reviews to date.
- Grand Opening Celebrations will not be held until after the Municipal Elections.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

- Last open day for this season was September 26th, 2010
- Attendance for the season was over 5,000.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Report (if any)

Councillor Earl Dick reported on the 2010 Municipal Recycling Report. Altona once again received an A+ rating.

He also reviewed the Shared Services Minutes of September 20, 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

The Morris Water Treatment Plant has been officially opened. This new plant is able to get water to a much softer level because of the new technology it is utilizing.

7. General Correspondence – None.

8. Unfinished business

8.1 RPGA Planning District Board Order No. 01/2010

184-2010 – Ted Klassen-Earl Dick – WHEREAS the Town of Altona received objections, after second reading, to Town of Altona By-law No. 1680/2010, which would have re-zoned some residential properties to industrial;
AND WHEREAS the by-law was referred to the RPGA Planning District Board for the Board to rule on this matter;
AND WHEREAS the RPGA Planning District has issued an order;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Council hereby resolves not to proceed any further with Town of Altona By-law No. 1680/2010.

CARRIED.

9 New business – None.

10 In Camera

185-2010 – Ann Kroeker-Tim Fast – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

186-2010 – Ted Klassen-Don Braun – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

187-2010 – 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, October 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer