

TOWN OF ALTONA

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

Present –Mayor Mel Klassen, Councillors: Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Ted Klassen, Don Braun, Tim Fast, Glen Robinson, Administration: Russ Phillips, Bill Loewen, Perry Batchelor, Delores Loewen, Ron Epp, Larry Driedger, and Youth Representative Keely Loewen.

Media – Dean Penner.

Absent – Irv Braun.

Gallery – Cathy Friesen, Scott Friesen, Al Hemmingway and Leanne Braun

1. Call to order - Chair
Mayor Melvin Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
2.111 November 16, 2010 Council Minutes
233-2010 – Terry Wiebe – Ted Klassen - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT
the minutes of the November 16, 2010 meeting of Council be adopted as posted
and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations
3.1 5:45 PM – Parkside Junior High School – Results of Hazardous Waste Day Survey
Student Scott Friesen gave a presentation to Council regarding holding a Hazardous Waste Day in Altona. He surveyed a number of students in his school and presented these results.

After his presentation he was thanked for taking the initiative to conduct such a survey. He was also encouraged to have some discussion with Town of Altona Engineer, Mr. Bill Loewen, to pursue this further.

After this presentation Gallery members Cathy Friesen, Leanne Braun and Scott Friesen left the meeting.

4. Hearings – None.
5. Administrative Reports
CAO Russ Phillips reported:

- JKW's Statement of Claim is with our lawyer and Altona's Statement of Defence and Counter Claim have been filed by our lawyer.
- Aggie Buhler (PVDC) has requested to appear as a delegation before Council. Will attempt to schedule this for one of the January Council meetings.
- Water Rate Study – still being reviewed by Administration
- Landfill Study being worked on
- 2011 Scotties Host Committee has requested sponsorship. The Town has an agreement with the Scotties Committee for the use of the entire MEC for a period of 10 days. These are the days that they are paying for. However they will need some days prior to the event and after the event to re-do the arena ice surface, etc. This will make ice rentals unavailable during this time. It was agreed that the Finance & Administration Committee review this request further and come back to Council with a recommendation.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Minutes - November 16th meeting

234-2010 – Don Braun – Glen Robinson - WHEREAS the Town of Altona Council gave first reading to By-law No. 1675/2009, to re-zone certain properties on Martin Crescent;
AND WHEREAS the public hearing was held with a significant amount of opposition to the re-zoning;
AND WHEREAS the applicant has now indicated that he does not want to proceed further with this application;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona not proceed any further with By-law No. 1675/2009.

CARRIED.

235-2010 – Don Braun – Terry Wiebe - WHEREAS the Town of Altona has several capital projects that have been completed and are ready to be set up with long term financing;
AND WHEREAS the Finance & Administration Committee authorized Administration to contact the CIBC, Access Credit Union and the Royal Bank for their interest rate proposals for this financing;
AND WHEREAS all three financial institutions have submitted their proposals;
AND WHEREAS the Access Credit Union Ltd. submitted the lowest interest rate proposal;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we award the financing of \$599,500.00 to the Access Credit Union Ltd. for a term of six years at 3.0%.

CARRIED.

236-2010 – Don Braun – Ted Klassen - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona By-law No. 1683/2010, to set up financing in the amount of \$599,500.00 with the Access Credit Union Ltd., be now given first reading and submitted to The Municipal Board for their approval.

CARRIED.

- 6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation
Councillor Terry Wiebe briefly reported on today's Board meeting.
- Community Signage – The Board recommended that the Town establish signage patterns that would bring people looking for the recreation facilities through the community to 'showcase' it, as opposed to giving them the 'fastest route'.
 - Multiple Family Housing – the Board would like to encourage the Town to get some properties re-zoned for multiple family uses.
- 6.113 Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the Chamber met on November 17th, 2010. Minutes were distributed prior to the Council meeting. The Chamber Board members are working on a schedule that will see them attending Council meetings on a regular basis.
- 6.114 Sunbelt Development Group
Mayor Mel Klassen reported that the Board is entering into an agreement for a realtor to market the 'bean plant' building.
- 6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report
Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the PVDC Executive met in Altona last week. They will be presenting a budget to the next PVDC Board meeting. Both the Town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin have withdrawn from the PVDC.
- 6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee
PVTA Award deadline is December 20th. Councillor Terry Wiebe will speak to Aggie Buhler about nominating the Gallery in the Park.
- 6.117 Triple R Community Futures
Councillor Terry Wiebe has been appointed as vice-chair of the Triple R Board.
- 6.118 RPGA Planning District
The second public forum was held in Plum Coulee in November.
- 6.2 Community & Social Development
6.211 Committee Minutes - November 16th meeting

237-2010 – Ann Kroeker – Glen Robinson - WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee has recommended that changes be made to the “Rhineland Pioneer Centre ‘SOCIAL EVENTS ‘ Only – BAR RATES & RULES” Policy regarding the attendance of persons under the age of 18 at ‘social events’;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT said policy document be amended to include the following wording:

Clause 2 be amended to read as follows:

2. Anyone under the age of 18 is strictly prohibited from attending any social type event in the RPC where alcohol is to be served, excepting as per clauses 3 & 4 below.

Clauses 3 and 4 be inserted to read as follows:

3. That for pre-wedding socials special permission may be granted for minors to attend socials ONLY if permission is requested in writing, and that legal guardian(s) of the minor(s) to attend will be in attendance of the event and be in charge of said minor(s) for the entire event. Permission will ONLY be considered for immediate family members or the bride/groom and those that are in the actual wedding party (bridemaids/groomsmen).

In addition, for the annual Sunflower Festival social the queen contestants that are still minors be allowed to attend this event.

4. In accordance with M.L.C.C. regulations, minors will not be served alcohol at any event in the Pioneer Centre.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the existing clauses 3 to 6 be renumbered 5 to 8.

CARRIED.

6.212 CARE

Cathy Neustaeter will become the new handi-van coordinator effective January 1, 2011

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the ACU pancake breakfast will be cut back to one, being Saturday only. Also the street dance will be brought back on Friday night. It is being planned for the park area.

There was some discussion on the location of the street dance. Some on Council feel it should be located downtown.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Keely Loewen reported:

- Candlelight services were held last Thursday and Friday evenings.
- Christmas Social will be held on December 21
- Social Committee is organizing ‘candy grams’
- Hot Drink Machine has had some complications. Hope to have it installed after Christmas.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

Water leak in library is being worked on. This is a Condo Board issue. Concern has been expressed, to the Condo Board, about the damages happening to library property.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

It was reported that the Board is pursuing for someone to be appointed from the Altona Clinic to sit on the ADHCC Board.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board

Councillor Glen Robinson reported that he recently attended a Board meeting. The primary topic of discussion was discussion about the year-end financial position. Any surplus will be used to pay down the equipment loan.

6.218 Curling Club

Councillor Tim Fast gave an update from the most recent ACC meeting.

- Ladies Bonspiel will be held in mid-January
- 200 Club tickets are being sold
- Junior curling program is winding down before Christmas. It will start up again after Christmas.
- Discussions have been held about Executive Members Terms.
- Compressor – It should be rebuilt every 10,000 hours. The present compressor has 15,000 hours on it. The Club has set aside some funds to date and is hoping that some of the profits made from hosting the Scotties can be used for the compressor rebuild.
- Rock Replacement – the rocks will need to be replaced in the next couple of years. Options are being looked at.

Scotties:

- Volunteers are in place
- Committees are 'ready to go'
- Scotties 'Boutique' is open
- A number of the seats in the viewing area of the arena have been 'sold'
- Looking for 'billets'

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee – No report.

6.220 Playground Committee – No report.

6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee

Councillor Don Braun reviewed the minutes, circulated earlier, of the recent Committee Meeting.

6.3 Works & Operations

- 6.311 Committee Minutes – November 30th meeting
Councillor Ted Klassen reviewed the minutes of the last Committee meeting.

238-2010 – Ted Klassen – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Tim Fast be appointed to serve on the Lower Red River Valley Water Commission as the Town of Altona Council representative.

CARRIED.

239-2010 – Ted Klassen – Glen Robinson - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Tim Fast be appointed to serve on the Pembina Valley Recycling Network as the Town of Altona Council representative.

CARRIED.

240-2010 – Tim Fast – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Ted Klassen be appointed to serve on the Inter-Municipal Shared Services Committee as the Town of Altona Council representative.

CARRIED.

A question was raised about the use of the Winnipeg Police Helicopter. At this time the Altona Police Service has been informed that there is no cost and will be available 'as deemed available' by the Winnipeg Police Service.

- 6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission
Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Red River Basin Annual Conference will be held from January 18th to 20th, 2011 in Fargo, ND. Council in consensus to send Councillor Fast.
- 6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – No report.
- 6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop
Comments were made about the water quality available out of the Morris treatment plant. Councillors encouraged the water coop to make this same quality available to our community, as Altona is the largest user of water in the PVWC.
7. General Correspondence:
7.111 Thank you card from Ev Kehler.
8. Unfinished business - None
9. New business

9.1 Committee of the Whole Discussion

Discussion occurred at the Annual Planning Workshop regarding the switch to the Committee of the Whole. Mayor Mel Klassen reported that he recently discussed this concept with Steinbach's CAO, Mr. Jack Kehler. Mr. Kehler would be willing to come and meet with Altona Council & Administration to discuss how Steinbach uses this process.

10. In Camera

241-2010 – Terry Wiebe – Ann Kroeker - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

242-2010 – Tim Fast – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

243-2010 – Ann Kroeker – Glen Robinson - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer