

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on December 22nd, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Council: Mel Klassen, Ted Klassen, Terry Wiebe, Don Braun, Tim Fast, Ann Kroeker and Earl Dick. Administration: Russ Phillips, Ron Epp, Glen Robinson, Delores Loewen, Larry Driedger and Steven Wiebe was in attendance in Bill Loewen's absence.

Absent – Bill Loewen, Irv Braun, and Youth Representative Jordan Siemens.

Gallery – Lloyd Giesbrecht

1. Call to order – Chair
Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
2.111 December 1st, 2009 Council Minutes
213 – 2009 – Ted Klassen – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the December 1, 2009 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations – None.
4. Hearings
 - 4.1 5:45 P.M. – By-law No. 1677/2009 – To increase borrowing authority for the Lagoon Expansion project by \$220,000
See hearing later in minutes.
5. Administrative Reports
Russ Phillips referred to his CAO's report. Police Chief Robinson was thanked for his willingness to continue as interim Police Chief while issues regarding Perry Batchelor's health are dealt with.
Russ also reported that he and Larry Driedger have met with Mr. Martin Friesen about the proposed re-zoning where the hearing was held at the last meeting of Council. When more details about the development of this property are available the plan is to meet with those residents that were in attendance for the hearing.
6. Committee Reports:
 - 6.1 Finance & Administration
 - 6.111 Committee Minutes – December 15th, 2009 Meeting

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

214-2009 – Tim Fast – Ted Klassen - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque No.s 37977 to 38139 and the Payroll & Indemnities for November 5th to December 2nd, 2009 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

215-2009 – Tim Fast – Don Braun - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following outstanding utility accounts be transferred to their corresponding Tax Roll Accounts as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee:

Account #	Tax Roll #	Total O/S
00000040-0	53800	63.01
00000070-0	86400	164.42
00000190-0	5300	107.62
00000560-0	26300	103.19
00000590-0	45200	108.27
00000830-0	8800	197.17
00001030-0	96100	102.15
00001080-0	96200	75.86
00001330-0	16600	79.52
00001490-0	83800	117.23
00001590-0	51600	238.51
00001600-0	43000	262.58
00001720-0	17700	63.01
00001740-0	81400	105.60
00001790-0	126700	124.50
00001820-0	42900	123.98
00001910-0	121300	72.63
00001940-0	69600	52.88
00002590-0	103600	95.92
00002700-0	123100	147.00
00003030-0	122700	169.22
00003210-0	90000	107.62
00003530-0	120400	185.73
00004210-0	14000	103.57
00004240-0	47400	258.02
00004450-0	122300	91.08
00004860-0	56500	52.88

00005040-0	41200	274.70
00005170-0	19300	77.71
00005190-0	119500	52.88
00005420-0	95800	52.88
00005430-0	47000	107.25
00005520-0	57300	144.54
00005560-0	22200	63.01
00005780-0	90200	39.66
00005850-1	55200	85.17
00006370-0	17500	172.23
00006490-0	80300	148.83
00007330-0	58300	288.19
00007650-0	126500	235.00
00007700-0	93900	121.27
00007810-0	69400	100.45
00008011-0	57700	28.14
00008020-0	57800	34.36
00008020-1	57800	51.28
00008025-0	57800	122.47
00008180-0	21300	268.98
00008250-0	22500	139.20
00008490-0	107200	91.88
00008680-0	73400	90.71
00008694-0	58500	204.20
00008701-0	58600	86.04
00008702-0	58600	154.35
00008703-1	58600	13.93
00008705-0	58600	52.88
00008706-0	58600	95.27
00008760-0	104200	187.81
00009400-0	113500	82.30
00009990-0	137700	253.35
00010230-0	33500	91.08
00010330-0	55900	5.11
00010430-0	115800	13.88
00010860-0	66900	166.66
00011310-0	83650	70.95
00011330-0	97100	280.25
00012350-0	22975	128.42
00012570-0	132100	318.61
00012870-0	98000	141.41
00012920-0	18520	8.98

00012950-0	138500	94.33
00013090-0	18505	7.49
00013210-0	106700	13.88
00013270-1	141010	125.67
00013790-0	18505	20.46
00013850-0	96600	249.84
00014360-1	203660	179.24
00014760-0	203950	8.45
00014790-0	106900	53.55
00109302-0	41450	68.07
00109401-0	41450	101.83
00140000-0	29000	130.71
00204100-0	204100	80.98

		9,653.94

CARRIED.

216-2009 – Tim Fast – Ted Klassen - WHEREAS the Town of Altona supports the Altona Community Development Corporation with annual grants to assist the Board with incentive grants to encourage the expansion and development of businesses in the Town;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Grant an additional \$20,000, in the 2009 Financial Plan, to the Altona Community Development Corporation to assist in funding the incentive program.

CARRIED.

217-2009 – Tim Fast – Terry Wiebe - WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Commissioner requires 'Local Assistants' to be appointed;
AND WHEREAS the local Fire Chief has been appointed to this position in the past;
AND WHEREAS the Local Assistant ID card requires renewal;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Altona/Rhineland Fire Chief be appointed as the "Local Assistant to the Office of the Fire Commissioner".

CARRIED.

218-2009 – Tim Fast – Ted Klassen – THAT we grant Kidsport \$300.00 in the 2009 Fiscal Year.

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation
Councillor Terry Wiebe thanked Council for the additional grant to the ACDC.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Tim Fast reported on the last Chamber meeting. Minutes will be circulated once they become available.

5:45 P.M. Hearing By-law No. 1677/2009 – To increase borrowing authority for the Lagoon Expansion project by \$220,000

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time. There were no additional people in attendance for this hearing other than those listed in the meeting attendance section above.

Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Driedger gave an overview of the proposed by-law. In 2008 the Town received approval for lagoon borrowing in the amount of \$1,080,000. The project came in over budget and the amount required to be financed is now \$1,300,000. This is an increase of \$220,000.

Mayor Klassen asked if there was anyone in attendance to make any comments about the proposed by-law. No comments were made. The hearing was then closed.

219-2009 – Tim Fast – Earl Dick - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1677/2009, to increase authorized borrowing and issue debt for the Altona Lagoon project under By-law No. 1661/2008, be now given first reading and submitted to The Municipal Board for approval.

CARRIED.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group
It was reported that the Board has met twice since last Council meeting, once with all four member Councils and once as a Board.
It was also reported that the future of the Sunbelt Development Group is being looked into.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation Report
The grand opening of the new office has been held. The Board will be reviewing the financial information in January.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee
No report.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that three loans have been granted recently. One each in the communities of Niverville, Morris and Plum Coulee.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the group met on December 3rd in Gretna. There will be invitations going out to attend community stakeholder meetings to be held on January 28th and February 10th, 2010.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – December 15th, 2009 Meeting

Councillor Ann Kroeker reviewed the minutes of the last Committee meeting.

220-2009 – Ann Kroeker – Don Braun - WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee is in receipt of an Offer to Purchase the 'First Altona School' which is presently located towards the rear of the Millennium Exhibition Centre grounds;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community & Social Development Committee be authorized to enter into an agreement with Charles & Stella Thiessen that would see this 'school' being moved to Horndean to be used as part of a museum;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT once a final agreement has been reached, such agreement be brought back to Council for final approval.

DEFEATED.

There was some discussion about the two former school buildings on this site. It was agreed that a public notice should be advertised informing the public that these schools are available and that the Town will invite proposals for their potential re-development. Certain time limits should be set. Administration will develop some parameters and bring a proposed advertisement to the next Community & Social Development Committee meeting.

Mayor Mel Klassen reported that he is in receipt of a request from a group that would like to establish a "Wall of Remembrance" for Conscientious Objectors who served during the war years. They are seeking a location.

6.212 CARE

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the CARE group hosted Christmas lunches at various locations where they have meal programs. They also held a Staff & Volunteer luncheon – approximately 80 people attended.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that the MSF Committee will be labelling the sunflower seeds differently for 2010.

2010 is Manitoba Homecoming. What is Altona doing? A number of events from around the province were listed.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

No report.

6.215 South Central Regional Library Report

221-2009 – Ann Kroeker – Ted Klassen - WHEREAS the Altona Branch of the South Central Regional Library has requested Altona Town Council to pursue providing additional space to accommodate their growing needs; AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona owns additional space directly adjacent to the present library space;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Administration be asked to obtain designs & pricing to determine how best to incorporate all of this space so that it can be best utilized by the library and heritage research centre;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this information be brought back to Council for possible incorporation into the 2010 Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the Board is in the process of contacting a number of 2010 Medical School Grads. They are also looking at various potential other ways to recruit Medical Doctors.

6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board

Minutes of the last Board meeting were distributed prior to the meeting for review.

6.218 Curling Club

Lease agreement has been signed. The Curling Club is looking at attracting some major curling events. A number of upcoming curling events were highlighted.

6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee

No report.

6.220 Playground Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that Councillor Earl Dick has agreed to be the fund raising chair for the playground upgrade. She also reported that the Town has received a donation from Friesens Corporation.

- 6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee
Councillor Don Braun reported that the Town has received recent donations from Friesens and Red River Insurance.
- 6.3 Works & Operations
 - 6.311 Committee Minutes – December 1st, 2009 Meeting
The minutes were taken as information. They were reported on at the last meeting of Council.
There was some question and clarification on the Snow Removal By-law.
 - 6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission
The annual conference will be held in Grand Forks in January.
 - 6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network
No report.
 - 6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop
Financial reports were circulated earlier.
- 7. General Correspondence:
 - 7.111 Minister of Health – Buffalo Creek Sub-division Sewer System – Information
 - 7.112 Minister of Health – Altona, Industrial Development Gravity Sewer, Forcemain and Lift Station – Information
 - 7.113 Altona Community Foundation - Information
 - 7.114 City of Winkler – Olympic Flame Celebrations
Councillor Ann Kroeker will represent Altona at these celebrations.
 - 7.115 Thank you card from Library
 - 7.116 AMM Information regarding ambulance services
 - 7.117 Heritage Library Calendar
 - 7.118 Information on Mennonite Foundation donation to the Altona Cemetery Upgrades
- 8. Unfinished business – None.
- 9. New business – None.

10. In Camera

222-2009 – Earl Dick – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

223-2009 – Earl Dick – Tim Fast - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

224-2009 – Earl Dick – Tim Fast - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary-Treasurer