Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on June 10th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Absent: Youth Representative: Sydney Hildebrandt. Administration Staff: Irv Braun.


1. Call to order – Chair
   Mayor Melvin Klassen chaired the meeting and called it to order at the appointed time.

2. Review of agenda & previous minutes
   2.1 Approval of Agenda

   Resolution No. 139-2014
   Moved by: Tim Fast
   Seconded by: Terry Wiebe
   THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.
   CARRIED.

   2.2 Minutes – May 27th, 2014
   Resolution No. 140-2014
   Moved by: Lyle Dunsmore
   Seconded by: Ann Kroeker
   THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the May 27th, 2014 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.
   CARRIED.

3. Delegations
4. Hearing – 6:15 p.m. – Dangerous Animal – See later in the minutes.

5. Committee Reports:

5.1 Works & Operations
Committee Report (resolutions required)

5.1.1.1 Bylaw 1729/2014 – Traffic Bylaw Amendment – Parking – Second Reading

Resolution No. 141-2014
Moved by: Terry Wiebe
Seconded by: Ted Klassen
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1729/2014/Schedule “A” “Parking” amending the Traffic Control bylaw 1562/2000 be hereby given second reading.
CARRIED

5.1.1.2 Bylaw 1729/2014 – Traffic Bylaw Amendment – Third Reading

Resolution No. 142-2014
Moved by: Terry Wiebe
Seconded by: Ted Klassen
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1729/2014/Schedule “A” “Parking” amending the Traffic Control bylaw 1562/2000 be hereby given third reading.

   Melvin Klassen   Yes
   Glen Robinson   Yes
   Terry Wiebe     Yes
   Ann Kroeker     Yes
   Ted Klassen     Yes
   Tim Fast        Yes
   Lyle Dunsmore   Yes

CARRIED Unanimously.

5.1.1.3 Bylaw 1721/2014 – Traffic Bylaw Amendment – School Speed Zone

Resolution No. 143-2014
Moved by: Terry Wiebe
Seconded by: Ted Klassen
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1721/2014/School Speed Zone amending the Traffic Control bylaw 1562/2000 be hereby given second reading.

CARRIED.

5.1.1.4 Bylaw 1721/2014 – Traffic Bylaw Amendment – Third Reading

Resolution No. 144-2014

Moved by: Terry Wiebe
Seconded by: Lyle Dunsmore

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1721/2014/School Speed Zone amending the Traffic Control bylaw 1562/2000 be hereby given third reading.

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CARRIED.

5.1.1.5 Letter of resignation from Irv Braun, Building Inspector

Resolution No. 145-2014

Moved by: Terry Wiebe
Seconded by: Glen Robinson

WHEREAS the Chief Administrative Officer received a letter of resignation on June 2, 2014 from Irv Braun as the Building Inspector;

AND WHEREAS Irv Braun has agreed to remain as Fire Chief for the Altona / Rhineland Emergency Services Department;

AND WHEREAS as per the terms negotiated with the Chief Administrative Officer and documented in a letter dated May 29, 2014, the resignation from the Building Inspector duties is effective June 30, 2014

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of
Altona hereby approves the negotiated terms and hereby accepts the resignation.

CARRIED.

5.1.2 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – no report
5.1.3 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – no report
5.1.4 Pembina Valley Water Coop – no report
5.1.5 Shared Services – no report

5.1.6 Altona Police Board
The Altona Police Board recently sent out a survey to gather the public view on the quality of services being provided by the Altona Police. Survey results are being tabulated and the Board will review the results and incorporate findings into their Strategic Plan.

5.2 Community & Social Development
5.2.1 Committee Report (resolution required)
5.2.1.1 Safe Grad Request
Resolution No. 146-2014
Moved by: Glen Robinson
Seconded by: Ted Klassen
WHEREAS the Town of Altona Council sets policy for the Rhineland Pioneer Centre and Millennium Exhibition Centre;
AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission advocates that Safe-Grad events be allowed to serve liquor until 2:00 a.m. so as to encourage students to stay at the facility in a controlled environment;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the W.C. Miller Safe-Grad event be allowed to serve liquor on the night of June 26, 2014 until 2:00 a.m. on June 27, 2014 as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
CARRIED.

5.2.2 CARE
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the C.A.R.E. held their Annual General meeting the annual report is available for Council to review. Things are going well CARE is asking the Seniors Clubs and Gardens on 10th to see if they would be willing to serve as CARE Board members.
5.2.3 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – no report.
5.2.4 Council Youth Representative – no report.
5.2.5 South Central Regional Library – no report.
5.2.6 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc. – no report.
5.2.7 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – no report.
5.2.8 Altona Curling Club – no report.
5.2.9 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee
   Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that the Gallery held their grand opening on June 6th, and unveiled “our heritage” by Ray Dirks on the main floor and Darlene Derksen is showcasing her work on the 2nd floor.
5.30 Access Field of Dreams Committee – no report

Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Dangerous Animal Hearing for the dog at 121 Martin Crescent.

In the Gallery: Charles Klippenstein, Jennifer Klippenstein, Richard Penner, Deb Penner, Bradley Wiebe, Dwight Froese, Jeff Klippenstein, and Sean Gebler.

Mayor Melvin Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time. C.A.O. Dale Lyle clarified the procedure, noting that Council has 5 days to issue a written decision after the hearing is closed.

Mr. Gebler asked to speak after hearing what the concern were from the neighbours.

Mrs. Deb Penner had written a letter to Council depicting some of the incidents that had occurred in the neighbourhood regarding the Geblers’ dog and noted that the dog was a very serious concern. She stated that on June 1st, at 6:30 p.m. the gate on the fence to the Gebler property was left open and the German Shepard dog was on the loose. She watched a girl walk by with a dog and this was very worrisome as the Geblers’ dog was not secured. The Geblers’ are not taking ownership of the dog. The Geblers’ dog has gone after three dogs in the neighbourhood. Although the Geblers’ have built a fence a 4’ fence this will not stop the dog from jumping out, especially in winter when snow drifts aid the dog. The neighbours have been unable to converse with the Geblers’ on this matter.

Constable Wiebe of the Altona Police Service reported on the several calls that the Altona Police Service have responded to. On June 7th, the Altona Police Service was called, they arrived at the residents, Mrs. Gebler was home and
opened the door, the German Shepard was being very aggressive and Mrs. Gebler had great difficulty handling the dog. Constable Brad Wiebe, reported that the dog jumped out of the door and came towards the Officers in an aggressive manner. Mrs. Gebler couldn’t maintain full control of the dog and the Officers were preparing to pepper spray the dog when Mrs. Gebler retained control and locked the dog into the house.

On June 8th, the Officers returned to the Geblers’ house and spoke directly with Mr. Gebler advising him that the dog is to be leashed and remain indoors.

Sean Gebler - Mr. Sean Gebler addressed Council, and thanked them for the opportunity to address these concerns. He noted that he has resided at 121 Martin Crescent for five years and for the past four years the neighbourhood dogs have been on his property as well. Recently there was a personal incident at his residence to which the Altona Police Service responded immediately which is commendable. But since that incident Mr. Gebler felt the need for a guard dog on his premises and acquired the German Shepard now in question. The dog has been trained and acts as a guard dog. This dog was previously used by a Counselor working with children. The Counselor trusted the dog with children, just as the Geblers trust it with their child. Mr. Gebler also noted that he had purchased an electric fence but was unaware that this could not be used in winter. Other neighbourhood dogs are not on leash when let out and yet they continue to harass him about his dog not being on leash. Recently Mr. Gebler was in contact with the Building Inspector and was told that he could not erect a fence higher than 4’ according to the Town of Altona bylaws. The dog has tried to scale the fence once, at which time it hurt itself and has not tried since. There has been some concern with the local paper no longer being delivered in the neighbourhood because of a rumor out there that the Geblers’ dog hurts small dogs. Mr. Gebler did admit that his dog did bite a neighbourhood dog but stated that no skin was broken on the other dog. Mr. Gebler stated that he has spent $10,000 to help ensure that the dog remains on his property.

Charles Klippenstein – As neighbours, prior to Mr. Gebler getting a dog, they had a great relationship, and they even shared the vacant property owned by Mr. Gebler, not only the use, they also shared the cost. Since Mr. Gebler has gotten a dog, there have been two incidents with the Geblers’ and the Klippensteins’ dog where the Klippenstein dog returns home limping.

Jeff Klippenstein noted that there are issues concerning the dogs in the neighbourhood and that its time the neighbourhood works together to work out these issues.
Dwight Froese stated that their daughter has stopped delivering the local paper in the area, because of the amount of times she has noticed the aggressive barking and actions of the Geblers’ dog.

Mayor Klassen thanked everyone for attending the hearing, noting that the hearing is to reconvene on Tuesday, June 24th at 5:30 p.m.

5.3 Finance & Administration
5.3.1 Committee Report (resolutions required)
5.3.1.1 Accounts Cheques - #46498 TO #46598 and Payroll and Indemnities – April 28th – May 10th, 2014
Resolution No. 147-2014
Moved by: Tim Fast
Seconded by: Glen Robinson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payable cheque numbers 46498 to 46568 and that the payroll and indemnities from April 28th – May 10th, 2014 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
CARRIED.

5.3.1.2 By-Law No. 1731/2014 – Amendment to the Tax Levy
By-law No. 1724/2014 – First Reading
Resolution No. 148-2014
Moved by: Tim Fast
Seconded by: Terry Wiebe
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 1731/2014 amending the Tax Levy by-law 1724/2014 be hereby given first reading.
CARRIED.

5.3.2 Planning
Dan Gagné reported that there are a number of planning activities that will be forth coming to Council for their review shortly.

5.3.3 Altona Community Development Corporation – no report.

5.3.4 Chamber of Commerce –
Councillor Lyle Dunsmore reported that Brittany Reimer has been hired for the summer position at the Chamber.
Chamber is busy organizing events for the 50th MSF. Chamber golf tournament will be held on June 19th, 2014.

5.3.5 Central Plains Pembina Valley Tourism Committee
The Central Plains Pembina Valley is changing their logo to read Pembina Valley Central Plains as the Pembina Valley is much more active than Central Plains. The Committee is planning a mini race to be held on Saturday, September 13th; this is an Ag based event. The Amazing Race will take place on August 29th & 30th and is being hosted by the Town of Morris.

5.3.6 Community Futures Triple R
Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that Community Futures Triple R had three new loan requests.

5.3.7 RPGA Planning District
Councillor Ted Klassen reported that at a recent meeting one of the items for discussions was the make-up of the RPGA, due to regional amalgamations. Chris Leach from Community Planning is encouraging the RPGA to consider having a 25% threshold policy in place for all fringe development areas within the RPGA region. This would require a concept plan for these areas and should include any service road access.

6. General Correspondence - none

7. Unfinished business - none

8. New business - none

9. In Camera
Resolution No. 149-2014
Moved by: Tim Fast
Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to In-Camera to discuss personnel and legal issues;

x Personnel Matters;
□ Preliminary discussions on matters that if discussed in public could affect the municipality’s ability to carry it out;
□ unresolved legal matters;
an investigation being conducted under the authority of a bylaw;
issues that deal with security of documents or property;
a report of the Ombudsman, where the Ombudsman requires the report to be considered at a closed meeting;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 150-2014
Moved by: Ted Klassen
Seconded by: Ann Kroeker
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from In-Camera.
CARRIED.

Resolution No. 151-2014
Moved by: Tim Fast
Seconded by: Terry Wiebe
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the part time, 24 hours per week, position of Building Inspector be created as a non-Department Head position at 2014 salary range of $29,016 to $36,270.
CARRIED.

10. Adjournment
Resolution No. 152-2014
Moved by: Ted Klassen
Seconded by: Ann Kroeker
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, June 24th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
CARRIED.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.