



**TOWN OF ALTONA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, January 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE ALTONA CIVIC CENTRE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Melvin Klassen, Deputy Mayor Al Friesen, Councillors: Terry Wiebe, Ann Kroeker, Tim Fast, Glen Robinson and Donna Rosling-Wolters

Absent: Youth Representative Jayden Friesen-Kehler

Administration: Dan Gagné

1. Call to order – Mayor
Mayor Melvin Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:
 - 2.1 Approval of Agenda
Addition:
 - 5.1.1 Waste Diversion Project Engineering Services Contract

RESOLUTION NO: 08-2018

Moved by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved with the above noted addition.

CARRIED.

- 2.2 Previous Minutes – January 9th, 2018

RESOLUTION NO: 09-2018

Moved by: Glen Robinson

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9th, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

2.3 Mayor/Council meeting absence – not required

3. Delegations – none.

4. Hearings – none.

Committee Reports

5. Works & Operations

5.1 Resolutions

5.1.1 Waste Diversion Project Engineering Services Contract

RESOLUTION NO: 10-2018

Moved by: Glen Robinson

Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

WHEREAS the Town of Altona and the Municipality of Rhineland were awarded a grant of \$100,000 through the Investing in Canada – Small Communities Fund (SCF) for the Waste Diversion project;

AND WHEREAS it is in both municipalities best interests to initiate the project as soon as possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposal for engineering services for the Waste Diversion Project from J.R. Cousin Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$30,045 plus taxes be accepted and approved as reviewed and recommended by the Shared Services Committee.

CARRIED.

5.2 Shared Services

Councillor Robinson reported that at the meeting on Monday, January 22nd, the Shared Services Committee received financial updates on the Fire Department, Landfill, Lagoon and Airport. The grand opening of the sewage treatment facility will be delayed until summer once the weather is nicer and the plant is in full operation. The 2018 landfill equipment purchase options were discussed and the land owner adjacent to the landfill has complained about the proximity of newly planted trees to the property line.

5.3 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission

Councillor Fast reported that earlier in the day he, Councillor Wiebe and Mayor Klassen were in attendance at the annual conference in Winnipeg. Interesting topics were discussed including tile drainage systems and the impact and sources of nutrients.

5.4 Pembina Valley Water Coop

Councillor Fast reported that the Annual General Meeting will be held on February 23rd.

5.5 Altona Police Board

Councillor Rosling-Wolters that the Police Chief evaluation was completed by the Board and that she and Vice Chair Radford will conduct the evaluation with the Police Chief.

5.5.1 Appointment by Lieutenant Governor in Council

Councillor Rosling-Wolters reported Chair Braun's term has expired and that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has appointed Carolyn Penner as her replacement. The new four-year term expires on January 17, 2022.

6. Community & Social Development

6.1 Resolutions – none

6.2 Rhineland CARE

Councillor Rosling-Wolters reported that the 2018 budget was reviewed at yesterday's meeting. Maria Nickel has agreed to complete her term until March 31, 2018 at which point she intends to retire. A potential new van was inspected this morning at the Fire Hall.

6.3 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

Councillor Kroeker reported that the pancake breakfast fundraiser occurs this Saturday morning at the Winter Carnival. A volunteer is required to help out with making pancakes.

6.3.1 Minutes of January 9th, 2018

For information only.

6.4 Council Youth Representative – no report

6.5 South Central Regional Library

Councillor Friesen reported that the 2018 budget includes the replacement of the client service desk at the Altona library and the project will be funded with the assistance of donations from ACCESS Credit Union and the Altona Community Foundation. The Town of Altona's Financial Plan includes an allocation to assist with the replacement of flooring.

6.6 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Councillor Robinson reported that the going-away celebration for Dr. Bueddefeld went very well. The donation to the Altona Panthers on behalf of Dr. Bueddefeld was well received.

6.7 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – no report

6.8 Altona Curling Club

Councillor Friesen reported that a junior bonspiel this weekend will see the Altona Curling Club host 16 teams from Altona and Winkler and that 5 teams were on the waiting list.

6.9 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee – no report

6.10 Altona in Bloom – no report

6.11 Immigration Coordinating Committee

Councillor Kroeker reported on the meeting held on January 17th. Friesens has reported that a second recruitment effort in the Philippines has yielded an additional 47 potential newcomers to arrive throughout 2018 and early 2019. Of the previous group, 5 newcomers have received residency status and 10 more are close to receiving it. Family members are expected to start arriving soon. Vassan Aruljothi of the Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) reported that he is planning a town hall meeting in communities across the Pembina Valley (including Altona) to hear from key stakeholders about the challenges of immigrating to the area.

7. Finance & Administration

7.1 Resolutions

7.1.1 A/P Cheques & Payroll

RESOLUTION NO: 11-2018

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Glen Robinson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve accounts payable cheques #3767 - #3887 and Payroll and Indemnities from December 3rd – December 30th as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.2 By-Law 1761/2017 – Borrowing By-Law 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION NO: 12-2018

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Council give 2nd reading to borrowing Bylaw 1761/2017 as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.3 By-Law 1761/2017 – Borrowing By-Law 3rd Reading (recorded vote)**RESOLUTION NO: 13-2018****Moved by: Tim Fast****Seconded by: Al Friesen**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Council give 3rd reading to borrowing Bylaw 1761/2017 as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

Melvin Klassen	Yes
Glen Robinson	Yes
Terry Wiebe	Yes
Ann Kroeker	Yes
Tim Fast	Yes
Al Friesen	Yes
Donna Rosling-Wolters	Yes

CARRIED.7.1.4 By-Law 1753/2016 3rd Reading (recorded vote)**RESOLUTION NO: 14-2018****Moved by: Tim Fast****Seconded by: Ann Kroeker**

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board has issued Order No. 5/18 approving the water and sewer rates requested by the Town of Altona on By-Law No. 1753/2016 effective January 1, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law no. 1753/2016 to establish water and sewer rates “as amended” be given third reading.

Melvin Klassen	Yes
Glen Robinson	Yes
Terry Wiebe	Yes
Ann Kroeker	Yes
Tim Fast	Yes
Al Friesen	Yes
Donna Rosling-Wolters	Yes

CARRIED.

7.1.6 Red River Festival of the Arts Grant

RESOLUTION NO: 15-2018**Moved by: Tim Fast****Seconded by: Ann Kroeker**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve a grant to the Red River Festival of the Arts in the amount of \$200.

CARRIED.

8. Planning – no report
9. Other Committee Reports
 - 9.1 Altona Community Development Corporation – no report
 - 9.2 Altona & District Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Friesen reported on the following upcoming events and encourage fellow Council members to attend:

 - Business networking event at the Altona Hotel on January 25th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
 - Annual General Meeting at the Altona Curling Club on February 8th starting at 5:30 pm.
 - Lunch & Learn event on recruitment from People First HR Services on February 22nd from noon to 1 pm.
 - Annual Awards Banquet at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre on April 12th.
 - 9.3 Central Manitoba Tourism

Councillor Friesen reported on the video that is now available on YouTube and that will be available soon on the Town's website to help promote the community. The video was played in Council Chambers.
 - 9.4 Community Futures Triple R

Councillor Fast reported that Triple R is closing in on its targets for loans provided. Twenty new clients were signed up in December with eight more loans for a total of \$400,000. The 2018 budget was approved at the last meeting.
 - 9.5 RPGA Planning District – no report
10. General Correspondence – none.
11. Unfinished business – none
12. New business – none
13. In-Camera – not required

14. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO: 16-2018

Moved by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

Seconded by: Glen Robinson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town of Altona Council Chambers.

CARRIED.

Mayor

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