



**TOWN OF ALTONA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, February 27th, 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, February 27th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Youth Representative Jayden Friesen-Kehler

Administration: Dan Gagné and Delores Loewen.

Gallery: Dan Klassen, Scott Friesen and Lloyd Giesbrecht.

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
 - 5.6 Delegation – Dan Klassen – Altona/Rhineland Fire Fighters

RESOLUTION NO: 33-2018

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

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

CARRIED.

- 2.2 Previous Minutes – February 27th, 2018

RESOLUTION NO: 34-2018

Moved by: Glen Robinson

Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of February 27th, 2018 be approved with the above noted changes.

CARRIED.

2.2 Previous Minutes – 2018 Planning Session Minutes

RESOLUTION NO: 35-2018

Moved by: Terry Wlebe

Seconded by: Ann Kroeker

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT the minutes of the Town of Altona 2018 Planning Session be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

2.3 Mayor/Council meeting absence – not required.

3. Delegations – see agenda item 5.6 below.
4. Hearings – Variation application no. 02-2018VA at 6:00 p.m. – see later in the minutes.

Committee Reports

5. Works & Operations

5.1 Resolutions – none.

5.2 Shared Services – no report.

5.3 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission

Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Red River Basin Commission South Chapter minutes are attached to the agenda. The Basin hosted their annual meeting in Howden, Manitoba. The new Director announced that their focus will continue to be on flooding, drought and nutrient removal. Elections were held and Reeve Don Wiebe was elected as Chair, Gavin van der Linde as Vice Chair and Merle Dueck as Secretary/Treasurer. A tour of Netley Marsh was very interesting and provided information on how the Marsh removes nutrients from water originating from Winnipeg, Brandon, etc. At the annual conference, drought planning was a big part of the discussions. North Dakota is looking at a \$1 billion dollar project to lay pipe from the Missouri River to the Red River to ensure continued water flow for North Dakota residents along the Red River during a drought. The Municipality of Rhineland has completed the LIDAR scanning of the municipality. New regulations for tile drainage are coming into effect and a by-law template will be made available.

5.3.1 Red River Basin Commission South Chapter agenda and minutes

5.4 Pembina Valley Water Coop

Councillor Tim Fast reported that the Pembina Valley Water Coop held its annual general meeting in Winkler. Review of the financials and future projects were discussed.

5.5 Altona Police Board – no report.

5.6 Delegation – Dan Klassen – Fire Fighters Resignations

Mayor Melvin Klassen welcomed Dan Klassen to the meeting. Mr. Klassen addressed Town Council regarding the resignation of a number of fire fighters from the Altona / Rhineland Fire Department. Mr. Klassen noted that as a rate payer in the Town of Altona and the Municipality of Rhineland he has some real concerns that a number of fire fighters felt they had no other alternative than to resign. Council has not taken the initiative to hear from the fire fighters that have resigned. Safety concerns are being cited as some of the reasons the fire fighters resigned. Mr. Klassen believes that the community feels that Council is not hearing or listening to the real concerns out there.

Mayor Klassen noted that Council has full confidence in the Fire Department and respects their request to work out these matters within the Fire Department. Training continues and will remain at the same high standard the Town of Altona has always maintained.

Mayor Klassen thanked Mr. Klassen for bringing forth his concerns.

6. Community & Social Development

6.1 Resolutions – none.

6.2 Rhineland CARE – no report.

6.3 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – no report.

6.4 Council Youth Representative – no report.

6.5 South Central Regional Library

6.5.1 Library minutes – February 15th, 2018

Councillor Al Friesen noted the February 15th, 2018 minutes are attached to the agenda. The Altona Library has received a quote on the cost of the desk of \$5,000. Tenders regarding the flooring will be out shortly. The Chair of the Library Board has met with one rural municipality regarding the different levy rates. More information on this matter will follow.

6.6 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc. – no report.

6.7 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – no report.

6.8 Altona Curling Club

Councillor Al Friesen reported that Parkside School held a bonspiel there this week. There has been a Legacy Fund established to help fund coaches for future curlers.

6.9 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee – no report.

6.10 Altona in Bloom – no report.

6.11 Immigration Coordinating Committee

Councillor Ann Kroeker reported that Vassan Aruljothi LIP has resigned, no further details available.

4. Hearings – Variation application no. 02-2018VA at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time.

C.A.O. Dan Gagné reviewed the variation application 02-2018VA. The intent of the hearing and application is to request that the front yard setback requirement be reduced. The applicant is requesting to vary the required minimum front yard setback from the required 25 feet to 8 feet. The property owner wishes to replace the current concrete steps with a landing.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Klassen closed the hearing at 6:05 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO: 36-2018

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Glen Robinson

WHEREAS Lloyd Giesbrecht, owner of property legally described as Lot 3 and 4 Block 7 Plan 752, NLY 90 Feet of Lot 4 EX PL 384 EXPL 410 and the NLY 90 ft of 3 ½ of Lot 3 Ex Plan 410 in the SE 08-02-01 WPM, located at 193 2nd Street NE, Roll number 45600, in the Town of Altona applied to the Council of the Town of Altona to vary the application of the Town of Altona Zoning By-law No. 1709/2013 to reduce the minimum front yard setback from the required 25 feet to 8 feet;

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed the application and any representations made for or against the variation sought by the applicant in a meeting duly assembled this 27th day of February 2018;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation 02-2018VA be hereby approved without conditions.

CARRIED.

- 7. Finance & Administration
 - 7.1 Resolutions
 - 7.1.1 A/P Cheques & Payroll

RESOLUTION NO: 37-2018

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Al Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve accounts payable cheques #3976 - #4058 and Payroll and Indemnities from January 14th – January 27th, 2018 as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.2 Regional Economic Development

RESOLUTION NO: 38-2018

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Glen Robinson

WHEREAS the Town of Altona and the Municipality of Rhineland formed a joint steering committee to report on the best way to collaborate on regional economic development;

AND WHEREAS the steering committee recommended that both Councils authorize the creation of a new economic development organization;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona endorse the recommendation of the steering committee and authorize Administration to work with the municipal solicitor to create the new economic development organization.

CARRIED.

8. Planning – none.
 - 8.1 Variation application no. 06-2018VA – Set Hearing date

RESOLUTION NO: 39-2018

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

WHEREAS Section 96 of the Planning Act states that Council must give notice and hold a public hearing, in respect to a variance application;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona has received an application for a variance (file no. 06-2018VA);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona hereby agrees to hold a public hearing to receive representations from any person on the above application on March 13th, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

9. Other Committee Reports
 - 9.1 Altona Community Development Corporation

Councillor Terry Wiebe reported that the Altona Community Development Corporation (ACDC) continues to hold discussions on Child Care options. The Child Care Steering Committee will be meeting on March 1st, 2018 to review additional proposals. ACDC will be replacing all of the highway signs in 2018.

With the development of the new regional economic development corporation, the Altona Community Development Corporation will continue to operate as the community development entity.
 - 9.2 Altona & District Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Al Friesen reported that the Altona & District Chamber of Commerce hosted a Lunch & Learn. Approximately 40 people attended the event.
 - 9.3 Central Manitoba Tourism

Councillor Al Friesen reported that Central Manitoba Tourism will be attending the RV show in Winnipeg next week. This year Central Tourism will be promoting the 30 campgrounds within the region.

9.4 Community Futures Triple R

9.4.1 Triple R Board Training

Councillor Tim Fast reported that he will be unable to attend the Triple R Board training session on April 13th & April 14th. Councillor Ann Kroeker would like to see the agenda prior to making a commitment of her attendance.

9.5 RPGA Planning District – no report.

10. General Correspondence

Mayor Klassen reminded Council members that Border Land School will be holding their 2018/2019 budget informational meeting tomorrow and encouraged Council members to attend. Mayor Klassen noted that he is working on the Mayor's report and asked Council if they had any items they would like to see addressed on the report.

10.1 Tri-Lakes Development Group

For information only.

10.2 Municipal Officials Seminar

Mayor Klassen asked Council members to contact Delores as soon as possible if they are planning on attending the MOS conference in Brandon.

10.3 News Release AMM – Carbon Tax

For information only.

11. Unfinished business – none.

12. New business – none.

13. In-Camera – not required.

14. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO: 40-2018

Moved by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town of Altona Council Chambers.

CARRIED.

Mayor

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