



**TOWN OF ALTONA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 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 12th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Al Friesen, Deputy Mayor Glen Robinson, Councillors: Curt Letkeman, Donna Rosling-Wolters, Harv Schroeder and Jordan Siemens.

Administration: CAO Dan Gagné

Delegation: Dorothy Braun, Carol Braun and Nina Edbom-Kehler of the Altona & Area Family Resource Centre

Absent: Councillor Joel Pankewich

1. Call to order
Mayor Al Friesen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes
 - 2.1 Agenda

Additions:

6.1.1 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

RESOLUTION NO: 21-2019

Moved by: Harv Schroeder

Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

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

CARRIED.

2.2 Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION NO: 22-2019**Moved by: Glen Robinson****Seconded by: Jordan Siemens**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22nd, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

2.3 Mayor/Council meeting resolution

RESOLUTION NO: 23-2019**Moved by: Harv Schroeder****Seconded by: Jordan Siemens**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council excuse the absence of Councillor Joel Pankewich from the regular meeting of Council and any public hearings being held on February 12th, 2019.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations

3.1 Altona & Area Family Resource Centre at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Al Friesen welcomed the delegation to the meeting. Carol Braun thanked Altona Council for the ongoing support and partnership in their mission to support and connect families to free programming and resources. The Altona & Area Family Resource Centre believes in the principle that investing in pre-school programming pays dividends in later school-age years. Their focus is on nutrition, numeracy, literacy and positive parenting. Nina Edbom-Kehler reviewed the most recent annual report, financial statements and the different types of programming offered. 2018 included 20th anniversary celebrations which included participating in the Manitoba Sunflower Festival parade and hosting an activity tent in Centennial Park. Dorothy and Carol Braun stated that partnerships are very important to the success of the Altona & Area Family Resource Centre and to guarantee continued access to free programming.

In addition to a request for continued financial support, a request was made for a Town representative on the Board or to act as a liaison with the Board of directors. The Altona & Area Family Resource Centre is grateful for the past support and partnership from the Town of Altona. Mayor Friesen

thanked them for the presentation and the support they provide to families in the community.

4. Hearings – none

Committee Reports

5. Works & Operations

5.1 Resolutions – none

5.2 Shared Services

The next meeting will be a special inter-municipal meeting on March 21st.

5.3 Red River Basin Commission – no report

5.3.1 South Chapter Annual General Meeting on February 26, 2019

For information only.

5.4 Pembina Valley Water Coop

Councillor Letkeman reported that the project to add a water line from Morris to St-Jean-Baptiste is underway.

5.5 Altona Police Board – no report

5.6 Compost Service Task Force

5.6.1 January 24, 2019 meeting notes

Councillor Siemens reviewed the meeting notes.

6. Community & Social Development

6.1 Resolutions – see later in the minutes

6.2 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

6.2.1 January 22, 2019 meeting minutes

Mayor Al Friesen reported that a group is interested in taking care of a plot of land that would feature an area where visitors could take a photo with sunflowers in the backdrop as part of the Manitoba Sunflower Festival.

6.3 South Central Regional Library – no report

6.3.1 January 17, 2019 meeting minutes

6.4 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Deputy Mayor Robinson reported that the new lease agreement with the Altona Clinic corporation was approved by the Board and is close to being signed.

6.5 Southern Health Altona & Area Stakeholders Group

6.5.1 Report submitted

Mayor Friesen reported that he will be unable to attend the next meeting and indicated that an alternate should attend in his place.

6.6 Immigration Coordinating Committee

Prior to resolution no. 24-2019 being presented, Councillor Siemens reported on the special meeting held earlier in the day. The committee gathered to discuss and decide on participating in the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot. More details about the pilot were provided to committee members and concerns about the project were shared by committee members. The committee agreed on applying on a regional basis (Altona/Rhineland) with SEED as the sponsoring economic development organization. The Immigration Coordinating Committee would coordinate efforts and resources if the application were accepted. The application needs support of local municipal officials so Councillor Siemens presented a resolution for approval.

6.1.1 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

RESOLUTION NO: 24-2019

Moved by: Jordan Siemens

Seconded by: Curt Letkeman

WHEREAS Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada have announced a special immigration initiative called the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot to help spread the benefits of economic immigration to smaller communities throughout Canada:

AND WHEREAS applications from interested communities must be submitted by an economic development organization along with support from municipal leaders and a local or regional immigrant-serving organization;

AND WHEREAS the Immigration Coordinating Committee has agreed to coordinate support for an application submitted by SEED on behalf of the Town of Altona and Municipality of Rhineland;

AND WHEREAS Regional Connections has agreed to write a letter of support of the application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Altona in meeting duly assembled supports SEED's application to participate in the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter from the Mayor of Altona be included in support of the application.

CARRIED.

6.7 Accessibility Committee

Mayor Friesen indicated that this new subcommittee will be added to the agenda and formal appointments will be presented at the next meeting of Council.

- 7. Finance & Administration
 - 7.1 Resolutions
 - 7.1.1 Accounts Payable

RESOLUTION NO: 25-2019

Moved by: Curt Letkeman

Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona accounts payable cheques #5610 - #5720 in the amount of \$468,556.42 be approved as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.2 Payroll

RESOLUTION NO: 26-2019**Moved by: Curt Letkeman****Seconded by: Glen Robinson**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve payroll from December 30th to January 12, 2019 in the amount of \$90,069.19 as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.3 By-law 1770/2019 Council remuneration – First reading

RESOLUTION NO: 27-2019**Moved by: Curt Letkeman****Seconded by: Jordan Siemens**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1770/2019 to establish a new Council Remuneration By-law be now given first reading.

CARRIED.

7.1.4 Red River Valley Festival of the Arts grant

RESOLUTION NO: 28-2019**Moved by: Curt Letkeman****Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Red River Valley Festival of the Arts be granted \$200 as reviewed and recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.5 By-law 1771/2019 Water and Sewer Rates – First reading

RESOLUTION NO: 29-2019**Moved by: Curt Letkeman****Seconded by: Glen Robinson**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That By-Law No. 1771/2019 to amend the Water and Sewer Rates By-law No. 1753/2016 be now given first reading.

CARRIED.

8. Planning – no report

9. Other Committee Reports

9.1 Resolutions – none

9.2 Altona Community Development Corporation

9.2.1 Report submitted

Mayor Friesen reported that mandate discussions are expected at the meeting next week and a recommendation will come forward to Council.

9.3 Altona & District Chamber of Commerce

9.3.1 Annual Awards Banquet on April 18, 2019

9.3.2 February 2019 Newsletter

Councillors agreed that the newsletter was informative and that they would like to continue seeing it. C.A.O. Dan Gagné confirmed that the Town should purchase a table (8 tickets) for this year's Annual Awards Banquet.

9.4 Central Manitoba Tourism

9.4.1 Report submitted

Mayor Friesen reviewed the report.

9.5 Community Futures Triple R

9.5.1 January 21, 2019 meeting report

9.6 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Schroeder reported that two permits for a total value of \$116,000 were issued in January. A building is being moved onto an industrial lot on 2nd Street NW that is intended for use as a truck and trailer repair business. The development plan amendment in Altbergthal was denied. The annual planning conference is in Brandon in April.

9.7 Supporting Entrepreneurs through Economic Development (SEED) – no report

9.8 Pembina Valley Reeves And Mayors (PVRAM)

9.8.1 Report submitted

10. General Correspondence

10.1 CARE – Thank you

For information only.

11. New business
 - 11.1 Border Land School Division – Meeting request
Council members discussed the request and agreed to invite representatives of the School Board to an upcoming meeting.
12. Unfinished business – none
13. In-Camera – not required
14. Adjournment – 6:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO: 30-2019

Moved by: Jordan Siemens

Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, February 26th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town of Altona Council Chambers.

Mayor

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