



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

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

Administration: CAO Dan Gagné

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:

5.13 Main Street rehabilitation project

RESOLUTION NO: 49-2019

Moved by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

Seconded by: Jordan Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

2.2 Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION NO: 50-2019**Moved by: Glen Robinson****Seconded by: Joel Pankewich**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26th, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations - none

4. Hearings - none

Committee Reports

5. Works & Operations

5.1 Resolutions

5.1.1 Street closure request

RESOLUTION NO: 51-2019**Moved by: Glen Robinson****Seconded by: Harv Schroeder**

WHEREAS the Town of Altona has received a request for road closures to accommodate a Downtown Summer Kick-Off event coordinated by the Altona & District Chamber of Commerce featuring Wonder Shows;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Altona hereby authorize the following road closures from June 19th at 8:00 a.m. to June 23rd at 8:00 p.m.:

- 2nd Street NE between 3rd Avenue NE to the four way stop at 4th Avenue NE; and
- 4th Avenue NE between Main Street and 2nd Street NE;

as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

5.1.2 Street lighting contract amendment

RESOLUTION NO: 52-2019**Moved by: Glen Robison****Seconded by: Curt Letkeman**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Altona Council hereby authorizes Manitoba Hydro to change the street lighting system in Altona to include the Altogether Altona signs at the south and west entrances to the Town;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution will constitute an amendment to the street lighting contract now in force between Manitoba Hydro and the Town of Altona as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

5.1.3 Main Street rehabilitation project

RESOLUTION NO: 53-2019**Moved by: Glen Robison****Seconded by: Joel Pankewich**

WHEREAS the Town deems it necessary to rehabilitate the road surface on Main Street between Centre Avenue (PR 201) and 6th Avenue NE;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned section of Main Street is designated an Access Road by Manitoba Infrastructure within the Town of Altona;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure has indicated it will consider a cost sharing proposal from the Town of Altona;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Altona cost share of rehabilitation works equates to fifty percent of the parking lane and curbing improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona formally submit a cost sharing proposal to Manitoba Infrastructure for rehabilitation works on the aforementioned section of Main Street;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cost sharing proposal call for the Town of Altona to pay for the full cost of rehabilitation works in 2019 with Manitoba Infrastructure paying for its share of the project over a two-year

period starting in 2020 and ending in 2021.

CARRIED.

5.2 Shared Services – no report

5.3 Red River Basin Commission – no report

5.4 Pembina Valley Water Coop

Councillor Letkeman reported on the Annual General Meeting held in February. Concern was expressed about a notice received from the Office of Drinking Water about incoming water quality testing. The new pipeline project from Morris to St. Jean is underway. A new office manager was hired to replace Trudy Radford.

5.5 Altona Police Board

Councillor Schroeder responded to a question about criminal record checks for non-residents of Altona. The Altona Police Service cannot provide these due to legislation.

5.5.1 February 2019 Altona Police Service Report

5.6 Compost Service Task Force

Councillor Siemens reported on a meeting held on March 6th where the committee discussed several options to enhance the curbside collection program including curbside and household containers to encourage composting. A meeting is scheduled for April 3rd to sort through the options and make recommendations to Council on the direction to take. Sponsorship opportunities will be pursued once cost information is collected. The Altona Community Action Network will be depended on for promoting the program changes endorsed by Council.

6. Community & Social Development

6.1 Resolutions

6.1.1 Accessibility Committee Appointment

RESOLUTION NO: 54-2019

Moved by: Joel Pankewich

Seconded by: Glen Robinson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Recreation Services Manager be appointed to the Accessibility Committee.

CARRIED.

6.2 Manitoba Sunflower Festival

Councillor Pankewich reported the next meeting will be held on March 19th.

6.3 South Central Regional Library

Councillor Siemens reported that the next meeting will be held on March 28th. A proposed satellite branch in La Rivière was not deemed necessary due to its proximity to the Manitou Library (~10 kilometers).

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

6.5 Southern Health Altona & Area Stakeholders Group

Mayor Friesen reported that the next meeting is on March 14th and Councillor Schroeder will attend in his absence.

6.6 Immigration Coordinating Committee

Councillor Siemens reported that the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot application was submitted by the deadline and that the committee was optimistic about it. A newcomer pot luck dinner and curling event is being hosted by Regional Connections on March 23rd at the Altona Curling Club and Council is invited to attend the dinner between 5 pm and 6 pm. C.A.O. Dan Gagné to send out an event reminder.

6.7 Accessibility Committee

Councillor Pankewich reported that the first meeting will be held on March 19th.

7. Finance & Administration

7.1 Resolutions

7.1.1 Accounts Payable

RESOLUTION NO: 55-2019

Moved by: Curt Letkeman

Seconded by: Joel Pankewich

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona accounts payable cheques #5780 - #5857 in the amount of \$175,750.92 be approved as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.2 Payroll

RESOLUTION NO: 56-2019**Moved by: Curt Letkeman****Seconded by: Jordan Siemens**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve payroll from January 27 to February 9, 2019 in the amount of \$89,471.60 as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.3 December 2018 Financial Report

RESOLUTION NO: 57-2019**Moved by: Curt Letkeman****Seconded by: Harv Schroeder**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statement for December 2018 be approved as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

8. Planning – no report
9. Other Committee Reports
 - 9.1 Resolutions – none
 - 9.2 Altona Community Development Corporation

Mayor Friesen reported that the March meeting date has yet to be determined due to scheduling conflicts.
 - 9.3 Altona & District Chamber of Commerce – no report
 - 9.3.1 March 2019 Newsletter
 - 9.4 Central Manitoba Tourism

Mayor Friesen reported that he did not attend the Annual General Meeting due to other commitments.

 - 9.4.1 Report submitted
 - 9.5 Community Futures Triple R
 - 9.5.1 Report on March 4, 2019 Board meeting

9.6 RPGA Planning District

Deputy Mayor Robinson reported on the March 5th meeting. Low building permit activity in January. Councillor Schroeder reported that he will be attending the planning conference in Brandon between May 15th and 17th.

9.7 Supporting Entrepreneurs through Economic Development (SEED)

Councillor Donna Rosling-Wolters reported that the Board met with representatives of Manitoba Institute of Technology and Trade earlier in the day to look at a potential partnership in developing skilled training program for employers in the area. Councillor Pankewich asked what SEED was doing regarding the many vacant commercial buildings in Altona. SEED has developed a listing of available properties on its website and the Economic Development Officer refers to the properties when speaking with potential businesses who are looking for locations in Altona.

9.8 Pembina Valley Reeves And Mayors (PVRAM)

Mayor Friesen reported on a meeting with Caroline Ryan he attended on March 11th in Winnipeg along with the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of the Municipality of Rhineland. There does not appear to be a preference between regional and local housing ownership and management. The Province wants to reduce the overall number of housing units to simplify its management of the properties. There does also appear to be flexibility in the ownership structure and the rental rules governing rental properties to reflect local needs.

10. General Correspondence – none

10.1 Brenda Richer – World Skills Competition

For information only.

11. New business

12. Unfinished business

13. In-Camera – not required

14. Adjournment – 6:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO: 58-2019

Moved by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

Seconded by: Harv Schroeder

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

Mayor

C.A.O.