



Town of Altona

**STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, March 12th, 2019 at 3:30 P.M.
In the Town of Altona Council Chambers**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the Altona Civic Centre Council Chambers.

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

Administration: CAO Dan Gagné, Fire Chief Greg Zimmerman, Finance Manager Terry Fehr and Public Works Manager Clint Derksen.

Absent: Recreation Services Manager Ron Epp.

Gallery: Dean Penner, Mark Krahn.

1. Call to Order – Head of Council
Mayor Al Friesen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.

2. Review of Agenda

Additions:

10.6 2019 Grants Budget

12.1 Preliminary matters

MOTION: Donna Rosling-Wolters moved and Harv Schroeder seconded THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

3. Review of Previous Minutes
3.1 Minutes of February 26th, 2019

MOTION: Donna Rosling-Wolters moved and Harv Schroeder seconded THAT the minutes of February 26th, 2019 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Delegations

5.1 Liz Hildebrand @ 3:45 PM

Mayor Friesen welcomed Ms. Hildebrand to the meeting. Ms. Hildebrand thanked Committee members for the opportunity to meet with her and indicated it was her intention to work hard for the entire riding which consists of many unique communities that often share common issues and concerns. Ms. Hildebrand indicated she got started working with Cameron Friesen during the nomination process and then in his constituency office. In her role, she has become familiar with the constituency's issues and concerns. She has appreciated getting more familiar with how some of the constituents have approached certain issues such as the employment challenges at Friesens and the use of the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program.

Of the many issues, she intends to focus on the school tax on property. While the current provincial review may not address this issue, she hopes the review will incorporate what parents and employers believe what's best for students. She believes funding for education through school tax on property should be reviewed but likely will not be party of this review.

Mayor Friesen thanked Ms. Hildebrand for her presentation.

6. C.A.O.

6.1 C.A.O. Report

C.A.O. Dan Gagné reviewed the report.

6.2 Follow-up Action List

C.A.O. Dan Gagné reviewed the report and provided updates on the Valley Fiber project and the ACDC mandate review.

6.3 Governance Review Priority List

For information only.

7. Works & Operations

7.1 Public Works

7.1.1 Monthly report

Public Works Manager Clint Derksen reviewed the report and provided a report on the Flood Preparedness Seminar he attended with Mayor Friesen and Councillor Schroeder.

7.2 Altona/Rhineland Fire Department

7.2.1 Monthly report

Fire Chief Greg Zimmerman reported on the fire at Elmer's Manufacturing on March 11th/12th. Approximately 20 members attended the scene at midnight and stayed until 6 AM. A smaller team stayed until noon to ensure the fire was fully extinguished. The Winkler and Plum Coulee Fire Departments were called in to assist.

The ladder truck was put on demonstration this past Saturday at the Fire Hall following the annual Chief's breakfast.

7.2.2 2018 summary report

7.3 Emergency Management – no report

7.4 Animal Control Report – no report

8. Community & Social Development

8.1 Recreation Services – no report

8.2 Council Youth Representative

Council Youth Representative Jossie Yan reported on the following school events:

- The March 1st movie night raised approximately \$300 for Youth In Philanthropy. There were about 60 people in attendance and the snacks were sold out.
- W.C. Miller Curling teams performed well with Team Bergman placing 2nd at the Canada Games and Team Zacharias placing 2nd at the U-18 Championships.
- The W.C. Miller Gym is finally ready.
- A soup and pie fundraiser is scheduled for April 11th.
- Members of Council recently attended a W.C. Miller in support of its breakfast program. The students appreciate the community support.

9. Finance & Administration

9.1 Planning – no report

9.2 Finance & Administration

9.2.1 Accounts Payables Cheques

RECOMMENDATION: Curt Letkeman moved and Harv Schroeder seconded to recommend approval of the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona accounts payable cheques #5858 - #5896 in the amount of \$152,902.05 be approved as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

9.2.2 Payroll & Indemnities

RECOMMENDATION: Curt Letkeman moved and Joel Pankewich seconded to recommend approval of the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve payroll from February 10 to February 23, 2019 in the amount of \$92,756.96 as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

9.2.3 December 2018 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION: Curt Letkeman moved and Glen Robinson seconded to recommend approval of the following resolution:

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

CARRIED.

10. New Business

10.1 Association of Manitoba Municipalities – 2019 June District Resolutions
C.A.O. Dan Gagné advised Committee members of the submission deadline for AMM resolutions.

10.2 Altona & District Chamber of Commerce – Grant Request
C.A.O. Dan Gagné reviewed the request. Youth Council Representative Jossie Yan encouraged support of the program to promote youth interest in science and engineering.

RECOMMENDATION: Curt Letkeman moved and Harv Schroeder seconded to recommend approval of the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Altona & District Chamber of Commerce be granted \$500 to cover the costs of rental fees associated with the WISE Kid-Netic Energy Camp as reviewed and recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

10.3 Sunflower Selfie Plot

Mayor Al Friesen announced that a Sunflower “Selfie” Plot would be established for this year’s Manitoba Sunflower Festival. Manitoba Sunflower Festival Committee members and volunteers will undertake the project with the generous support of Green Valley Equipment.

10.4 Inter-Municipal Shared Services meeting agenda topics

Mayor Friesen discussed the purpose of the March 21st meeting and some of the topics being considered for discussion.

10.5 Summer Meeting Schedule

Mayor Friesen discussed the need to establish the summer meeting schedule.

RECOMMENDATION: Joel Pankewich moved and Glen Robinson seconded to recommend approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Council meeting schedule changes to one meeting per month for both the Committee of the Whole and Council meetings in July and August;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole and Council meetings in July and August be held on Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 and Tuesday, August 13th as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

10.6 2019 Grants Budget

C.A.O. Dan Gagné reviewed the grants budget proposed in the draft 2019 Financial Plan. Discussions were held regarding support for Katie Cares.

RECOMMENDATION: Curt Letkeman moved and Harv Schroeder seconded to recommend approval of the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Katie Cares be granted \$750 in support of Katie's Cottage as reviewed and recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Manitoba Sustainable Development, Office of Drinking Water
For information only.

11.2 Manitoba Infrastructure – Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act (TTMA)
For information only.

11.3 Manitoba Growth Enterprise and Trade – First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI)
For information only.

11.4 Association of Manitoba Municipalities – District Elections
For information only.

11.5 Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce – P.W. Enns Business Awards Gala invitation
For information only.

12. In-Camera

12.1 Preliminary matters

MOTION: Donna Rosling-Wolters moved and Jordan Siemens seconded THAT this meeting recess to In-Camera to discuss preliminary discussions on matters that if discussed in public could affect the Town's ability to carry it out;

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

CARRIED.

MOTION: Harv Schroeder moved and Donna Rosling-Wolters seconded THAT this meeting reconvenes from In-Camera.

13. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: Joel Pankewich moved and Jordan Siemens seconded THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of the Committee

of the Whole be held on Tuesday, March 26th at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED.