



TOWN OF ALTONA

Committee of the Whole

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Town of Altona held on Tuesday, April 17th, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Mel Klassen, Councillors Don Braun, Ted Klassen, Ann Kroeker, Glen Robinson, Terry Wiebe, Tim Fast, CAO Russ Phillips, Secretary Treasurer Larry Driedger, Police Chief Perry Batchelor, Public Works Supervisor Steven Wiebe, Community Development Officer Delores Loewen, Recreation Service Manager Ron Epp, and Recording Secretary Virginia Rempel.

Regrets – Fire Chief Irv Braun

1. Call to Order – Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda
Addition to the Agenda:
 - 3.1.2 Application for Conditional Use
 - 6.1 In-Camera

Tim Fast – Terry Wiebe moved to approve the revised agenda.

Carried.

3. Finance & Administration – Chaired by F & A Chair
 - 3.1 Planning Act Items
 - 3.1.1 Variation order – 60 Railway Street
A Notice of Hearing for an application to vary the southerly side yard requirement from 5.0 feet to 3 feet 5 inches. The Hearing to be held on April 24th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
 - 3.1.2 Application for Conditional Use
A Hearing will be held on Tuesday May 8th, 2012 at 6:00 pm to allow for the applicant to repair and store automotive vehicles in a MB Industrial Business District. For information.

3.2 Secretary-Treasurer Report

3.2.1 Accounts - Cheques # 42609 to #42715

The accounts were reviewed.

Terry Wiebe – Glen Robinson moved to recommend approval of cheques # 42609 to #42715 in the total amount of \$344,103.63.

Carried.

3.2.2 Payroll & Indemnities – pay periods from March 4, 2012 to March 31, 2012.

Tim Fast – Ted Klassen moved to recommend approval of the payroll & Indemnities for the pay periods from March 4, 2012 to March 31, 2012 for a total amount of \$90,338.55.

Carried.

3.3 Unfinished & New Business – None

3.4 Correspondence Relations to Finance & Administration

3.4.1 Altona Elks Lodge – Request for Grant

The Altona Elks Lodge will be hosting a Provincial Walk-a-thon in September. They are requesting that the rental fee for the Curling Club lounge be waived. The request to waive the rental fee was denied.

Terry Wiebe – Tim Fast moved to recommend the approval of a \$250.00 grant for the Altona Elks Lodge.

Carried.

4. Community & Social Development - Chaired by CSD Chair

4.1 Recreation Services Managers Report
For Information.

4.2 Unfinished & New Business

4.2.1 Field of Dreams Meeting April 7, 2012 – for information

4.2.2 Field of Dreams Meeting April 10, 2012 – for information

4.2.3 Proposed Skate/Bike Park Locations

The list of possible locations for a Skate/Bike Park were reviewed. The MEC location is the location of choice. Some concerns and comments were:

- That there is no long term vision for the land around the MEC
- That the kids will spill onto the street which might be avoided with a fence
- The land is zoned Parks & Recreation
- Reasonable green space should be left between the street and the skate park
- It is a good idea to bring the “fringe” type sport in with the main stream sports and keep our recreational activities together
- There is a concern that the area will not be kept clean
- There is access to washroom facilities
- Proximity to the paved MEC parking lot
- Would it be possible to have one entrance so as to keep the skate boarders/bike riders mostly in one area.

Administration will bring a location drawing to the next meeting of Council.

4.3 Correspondence Related to Community & Social Development

4.3.1 Altona Minor Baseball

The Altona Minor Baseball put forward a request for a grant-in-lieu for the costs associated with the rental of the Rhineland Pioneer Centre for the Field of Dreams fund raising banquet.

Ann Kroeker – Terry Wiebe moved to recommend that the request be denied.

Carried.

4.3.2 2012 Premier Volunteer Service Award For information

4.4 Items Referred from Council Meeting - none

5. Works & Operations – Chaired by W & O Chair

5.1 Police Chief Report

The report was reviewed. This has been a busy month for the Police Service. There have been numerous Break & Enters and the APS is educating the businesses so they do not to become victims.

5.2 Fire Chief Report

The report was reviewed.

5.3 Public Works Report

The report was reviewed.

- The snow blowers/blades have been put away for the season
- The summer students will be starting shortly

5.4 Unfinished & New Business – none

5.5 Correspondence Related to Works & Operations – none

5.6 Item Referred from Council Meeting - none

6. Report from C.A.O.

CAO Russ Phillips requested a report about administrative reorganization be discussed in-camera.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 15th, 2012

Adjournment – 1:20 P.M.