



Town of Altona

STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, February 27th, 2018 AT 3:30 P.M.

In the Town of Altona Council Chambers

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Altona Civic Centre Council Chambers.

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

Administration: CAO Dan Gagné, Assistant CAO Delores Loewen and Fire Chief Greg Zimmerman.

Absent: Recreation Services Manager Ron Epp, Public Works Manager Clint Derksen and Finance Manager Terry Fehr.

Gallery: Dean Penner.

1. Call to order – Head of Council
Mayor Melvin Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of the agenda
Addition to the Agenda:
7.1.2 Planning – 08-2018VA Landfill variation application
9.2.3 2017 Year-end Financial Statement

MOTION: Tim Fast moved and Ann Kroeker seconded to approve the agenda with the above noted additions.

CARRIED.

3. Review of Previous Minutes
3.1 Minutes of February 13th, 2018

MOTION: Al Friesen moved and Terry Wiebe seconded that the minutes of February 13th, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes – none.

5. Delegation – none.

6. C.A.O.

6.1 C.A.O. report

C.A.O. Dan Gagné reported on the meeting with Dr. Paul Deprez of Nordevco and the University of Manitoba about a proposal concerning the Bunge soapstock cells. It was recommended to Administration that another study be done with grant funding to offset approximately 80% of the total costs for performing the chemical analysis. The analysis would be required before a proposal could be made to the municipalities on how to finally dispose of the soapstock. After some discussion, the consensus was that another study at this point would not be productive. Without a firm commitment from Bunge to pay for outstanding costs for a previous study and an agreement to pay for additional research studies, it would not be prudent to take on additional costs.

The Downtown Drainage public open house was held on February 13th, 2018. Administration recommends sending correspondence to attendees thanking them for their participation and including an indication of how the Town intends to address the matter moving forward. Committee members agreed keeping residents informed would be beneficial and asked the C.A.O. to forward a letter outlining the Town's future plans regarding the downtown drainage issue.

A group of residents has come forward that has shown an interest in coordinating the community garden in 2018. Administration will review their proposal before bringing it to the Committee for approval.

On March 20th, 2018 the Altona Community Development Corporation has invited Don Reece from EKB Consulting to come and speak on the business case for establishing a municipally-owned fibre optic network. Administration would recommend that Council members also attend the meeting in order to obtain the information first hand from the consultant.

6.2 Emergency Preparedness Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Glen Robinson moved and Terry Wiebe seconded to recommend the approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 288(1) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter M225 of the Continuing Consolidation of the Statutes of Manitoba, the council may make by-laws in order to authorize and enable a municipality to carry out, further, or implement, any of the purposes, objects, or provisions of The Emergency Measures Act;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Section 8 of The Emergency Measures Act, being Chapter E80 of the Continuing Consolidation of the Status of Manitoba, the council shall prepare, approve and adopt emergency preparedness plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Emergency Plan be hereby approved as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7. Works & Operations

7.1 Public Works – no report.

7.1.1 Furever Friends

C.A.O. Dan Gagné reviewed the Furever Friends report. Analyzing the euthanasia numbers for the past 3 years has indicated a steady increase. This indicates that cat disease is spreading and that this will get worse before it gets better. There has been a lot of positive feedback on the progressive attitude that the Town has toward partnering in a humane solution to the overpopulation problem.

7.1.2 Variation application – Landfill application - 08-2018VA

C.A.O. Dan Gagné reviewed the Town of Altona variation application for the Altona/Rhineland Landfill. Under the Municipality of Rhineland zoning by-law, the Town is required to apply for a variation for the trees planted in 2017 as part of the expansion project. A concern was raised regarding a non-compliance with the zoning by-law. C.A.O. Dan Gagné will attend the hearing to address the concerns.

7.2 Altona/Rhineland Fire Department – no report.

Fire Chief Greg Zimmerman reported that the annual Chiefs breakfast was held on Saturday and was well attended.

8. Community & Social Development

8.1 Recreation Service – monthly report

Recreation Services Manager Ron Epp was unable to attend the meeting so Councillor Al Friesen reviewed the monthly report.

8.1.1 Facility User Exchange Agreement meeting

Councillor Al Friesen reviewed the Facility User Exchange agreement.

8.1.2 Manitoba Community Services Council correspondence

Councillor Al Friesen reviewed the correspondence received about the cut in funding support for Manitoba Community Services Council. The Department of Municipal Relations will continue to administer grants for non-profit and community organizations previously provided by MCSC and will also ensure emergency funding support remains available to these organizations.

9. Finance & Administration

9.1 Planning

9.1.1 Variation Application #06-2018 VA

RECOMMENDATION: Tim Fast moved and Donna Rosling-Wolters seconded to recommend the approval of the following resolution:

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

9.2 Finance & Administration

9.2.1 A/P Cheques #4072 - #4173 in the total amount of \$355,003.52

RECOMMENDATION: Terry Wiebe moved and Al Friesen seconded to recommend the approval of the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona accounts payable cheques #4072 - #4173 in the amount of \$355,003.52 be approved as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

9.2.2 Payroll & Indemnities – January 28th to February 10th, 2018 in the total amount of \$90,182.28

RECOMMENDATION: Glen Robinson moved and Donna Rosling-Wolters seconded to recommend the approval of the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payroll and indemnities from January 28th – February 10th, 2018 in the amount of \$90,182.28 be approved as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

9.2.3 December 2017 Year-end Financial Statements (unaudited)

RECOMMENDATION: Terry Wiebe moved and Al Friesen seconded to recommend the approval of the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statement for December 2017 be approved as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

10. New Business

10.1 Valley Fibre – Invitation

For information only.

11. Correspondence – none.

12. In-Camera

MOTION: Glen Robinson moved and Ann Kroeker seconded the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to In-Camera to discussions on preliminary matters that if discussed in public could affect the municipality's ability to carry it out.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Terry Wiebe moved and Tim Fast seconded the following motion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in-camera.

CARRIED.

13. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: Terry Wiebe moved and Glen Robinson seconded the following resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole be held on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED.