



**TOWN OF ALTONA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, January 12th, 2016 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, January 12th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Deputy Mayor Glen Robinson, Councillors – Tim Fast, Terry Wiebe, Ann Kroeker, Al Friesen and Donna Rosling-Wolters. Administration – Dan Gagné, Terry Fehr, Ron Epp and Delores Loewen.

Regrets: Mayor Melvin Klassen, Councillor Ann Kroeker. Administration – Steven Wiebe.

Delegation: Dorothy Braun, Krista Curry, and Nina Edbom-Kehler – Altona and Area Family Resource Centre

Gallery: Connie Hoepfner Mueller, Gavin Faurshou, Bob Toews, Tamara Franz, Pete Redekopp, Brenda Thiessen Wiebe, Joel Wiebe, Wilf Hiebert and Lori Penner.

1. Call to order – Deputy Mayor Glen Robinson called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Review of agenda & previous minutes
 - 2.1 Approval of Agenda

Additions / Deletions to the agenda:

Delegation under #3. – Altona & Area Family Resource Centre

Deletion: 10.1 Letter from the Municipality of Rhineland

RESOLUTION NO: 01-2016

Moved by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

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

CARRIED.

2.2 Previous Minutes – December 22nd, 2015

RESOLUTION NO: 02-2016

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Al Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of December 22nd, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

2.3 2016 Council Planning Session Minutes

RESOLUTION NO: 03-2016

Moved by: Al Friesen

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of 2016 Council Planning Session minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations – Altona & Area Family Resource Centre at 5:45 p.m.
See later in the minutes.
4. Hearings – Special Service Plan By-Law 1744/2016 hearing at 6:00 p.m.
See later in the minutes.

Committee Reports

5. Works & Operations
 - 5.1 Resolutions – none
 - 5.2 Shared Services – no report.
 - 5.3 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission
 - 5.3.1 Red River Basin Commission
Councillor Tim Fast reported that he and Councillor Terry Wiebe will be attending the Red River Basin Commission Conference in Grand Forks next week.

5.4 Pembina Valley Recycling Network

Councillor Al Friesen reported that there are some new concerns arising at Gateway Resources. Blue Sky is unable to deliver recycling to Gateway due to a back log of recycling at their facility. This issue is being addressed.

5.5 Pembina Valley Water Coop – no report.

5.6 Altona Police Board – no report.

6. Community & Social Development

6.1 Resolutions – none

6.2 Rhineland CARE – no report

6.3 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – no report.

6.4 Council Youth Representative

Council Youth Representative Madison Smith reported that Student Council is working with a designer regarding new benches for the Student lounge area.

6.5 South Central Regional Library

6.5.1 South Central Library minutes

Councillor Al Friesen reported that their recent meeting was held in the new library location in Miami.

6.6 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc.

Deputy Mayor Glen Robinson reported that at a recent board meeting the Board approved the purchase of a new workstation at the Clinic. Discussions were held on the preliminary 2016 budget. The OR was reopened but now Southern Health is looking for an Anesthesiologist. The doctor who formally provided the service is not interested in continuing. Nurse staff is back to full strength at the Altona Health Centre but additional aides are needed at Eastview. A new doctor will be starting a practice at the Altona Clinic in April on 2016.

6.7 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – no report.

6.8 Altona Curling Club

Councillor Al Friesen reported that congratulations need to go out to the Zacharias team for Altona. They won third place at the Provincial Juniors bonspiel. Graham Bergman from Altona also played in the Men's Junior Provincials. Congratulations to both.

Discussions continue regarding the replacement of the curling club ice plant. The Altona Curling Club executive along with Ron Epp will be meeting with three companies to determine the Town's best option.

6.9 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee – no report.

6.10 Access Field Committee – no report.

6.10.1 Minutes of December 8th, 2015

6.11 Immigration Coordinating Committee – no report.

3. Delegations – Altona & Area Family Resource Centre at 5:45 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Glen Robinson welcomed the delegation: Dorothy Braun, Krista Curry and Nina Edbom-Kehler from the Altona & Area Family Resource Centre (AAFFRC).

Board Chair Dorothy Braun introduced the delegation and reviewed highlights of events and learning tools provided by AAFFRC.

Program Coordinator Nina Edbom-Kehler reviewed the programs presently being provided by AAFFRC as well as the year-to-date financial statements.

Board member Krista Curry reviewed the connection between Border Land School Division and AAFFRC in assisting children in literacy and socializing prior to entering kindergarten.

The delegation thanked Council for their past support and asked that they continue their support in 2016.

Deputy Mayor Glen Robinson thanked the delegation for attending and noted that Council will take their request under consideration during the Town of Altona's 2016 budget process.

4. Hearings – Special Service Plan Bylaw 1744/2016 hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Glen Robinson opened the hearing at the appointed time.

CAO Dan Gagné reviewed the most significant changes to the special service plan and the special service plan process.

Connie Hoepfner Mueller noted that although an objection was sent on behalf of the citizen committee working on waste reduction, her letter was

intended to encourage Council to find better ways to reduce waste and increase recycling in the community.

Upon receiving no further representations from the gallery, Deputy Mayor Glen Robinson closed the hearing at 6:20 p.m.

- 7. Finance & Administration
 - 7.1 Resolutions
 - 7.1.1 A/P Cheques & Payroll

RESOLUTION NO: 04-2016

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Council approve accounts payables cheque #0256 - #0312 and Payroll and Council Indemnities from November 22nd - December 6th, 2015.

CARRIED.

- 7.1.2 Pass-through By-law 1746/2016 – First reading

RESOLUTION NO: 05-2016

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

WHEREAS the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. is increasing its water rates effective January 1, 2016 in accordance with the Public Utilities Board Order No. 103/15;

AND WHEREAS the impact to the Town of Altona water rates has been calculated as an increase of \$0.17 per 1,000 gallons from \$12.38 per 1,000 gallons to \$12.55 per 1,000 gallons;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to proceed with the approval of By-Law No. 1746/2016 to establish Water and Sewer Rates effective January 1, 2016 as reviewed and recommended by the Committee of the Whole;

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona Administration file Bylaw No. 1746/2016 after 3rd reading with the Public Utilities Board and provide notice of the change to the Utility's customers as required in the Public Utilities Board Order No. 103/15.

CARRIED.

7.1.3 W.C. Miller Grant

RESOLUTION NO: 06-2016

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve a \$200.00 grant to assist in sponsoring two students from W.C. Miller to attend the Forum for Young Canadians program held in Ottawa.

CARRIED.

7.1.4 Letter of support to Premier Selinger 96/4

RESOLUTION NO: 07-2016

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Al Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona forward a letter of support to Premier Selinger on behalf of the Pembina Valley Central Plains Tourism regarding project 96/4 as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

7.1.5 Pembina Valley Central Plains support

RESOLUTION NO: 08-2016

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Donna Rosling-Wolters

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Town of Altona remain supporters of Pembina Valley Central Plains Tourism as reviewed and recommended by Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

4.1 First reading of Special Service Plan By-law 1744/2016

RESOLUTION NO: 09-2016

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Terry Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Special Service Plan 2016-01 Bylaw No. 1744/2016 be hereby given first reading.

CARRIED.

8. Planning – no report.
9. Other Committee Reports
 - 9.1 Altona Community Development Corporation – no report.
 - 9.2 Altona & District Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Donna Rosling-Wolters reported that new Chamber Manager Elaine Hildebrand is settling in well.
 - 9.3 Central Plains Pembina Valley Tourism – no report.
 - 9.4 Community Futures Triple R – no report.
 - 9.5 RPGA Planning District – no report.
10. General Correspondence – none.
11. Unfinished business – none.
12. New business – none.
13. In-Camera – none required.
14. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO: 10-2016

Moved by: Tim Fast

Seconded by: Al Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town of Altona Council Chambers.

CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer