

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, January 12, 2016
MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, January 12, 2016 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

T. Sartoretto	Mayor
G. Othmer	Councillor
S. Nielsen	Councillor
G. Bigelow	Councillor
R. Schwartz	Councillor

ABSENT: Councillor Wuest and Councillor Harrison
STAFF: Candice Bedard, Dale Taylor, Michelle Anderson
MEDIA: Darlene Wroe (Print), Jim Patrick (Radio)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor T. Sartoretto

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

15-282

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated January 12, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

15-283

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 8, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

15-284

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: that Council receives the presentation by Wind Power Development and the Timiskaming First Nations on the Silver Centre Wind Project.

DEFERRED

STAFF REPORTS

Administrative Report 2016-01 1980 Paystar Plow

15-285

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: that Council receives administrative report 2016-01 on the 1980 Paystar Plow.
CARRIED

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

6.1 Mayor's Update

The Mayor explained that Council should not expect extra revenue this year and should anticipate increasing expenses. Council will have to discuss the arena.

The strategic planning session will take place on January 23, 2016, with the EDO Michelle Anderson preparing and facilitating the session. A survey will be sent in advance.

6.2 Finance and Public Safety

Councillor Othmer reported that the Finance Committee would soon begin preliminary budget preparation.

6.3 Public Works and Safety

Councillor Bigelow reported that the work on the Grandview sewer blockage is ongoing. The issue is the result of inappropriate items going into the line. It will be important to communicate with the public on this matter. Mayor Sartoretto will send a letter to the residents on the affected segment of the line.

6.4 Economic Development & Tourism

Councillor Nielsen would like the Town to partner with the Town of Temagami in the tourism campaign.

6.5 Housing & Social Services

Councillor Schwartz reported that the Housing and Social Services Committee will be meeting on January 14, 2016 and they will set a date to begin refurbishing the mini-putt buildings.

Councillor Nielsen announced that she would like to work with the Housing and Social Services Committee and apply for funding to green up the mini-putt.

6.6 Recreation

Councillor Nielsen reported that the Recreation Committee is still working on obtaining 300 responses to the 2015 Recreation Survey. Councillor Nielsen is also looking to partner with the Golden Age Club.

Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

a) Library

15-286

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: S. Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approves a free membership to the Hoist Room for the Librarian.

DEFEATED

B) Airport

Councillor Nielsen will attend the next airport meeting and report back to council.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

15-287

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-28 in the amount of \$68,321.91 be (December accounts) be paid after receiving Council approval.

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-29 in the amount of \$92,692.13 (December accounts) be paid after receiving Council approval.

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-30 in the amount of \$123,092.48 be approved as paid in the month of December, 2015.

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 16-01 in the amount of \$41,379.30 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

15-288

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The correspondence for Council Information Items be noted, filed and recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

AMENDED

Dec 4/15	Town of Cobalt Firefighters	Minutes of the Regular Meeting Nov 2/15	15-209
Dec 4/15	Ministry of Energy	Bill 135 Energy Statue Law Amendment Act	15-210
Dec 6/15	Barbara Greensides	Information request for Marriage Licenses	15-211
Dec 7/15	Town of Cobalt Firefighters	Minutes of the Regular Meeting Dec 7/15	15-212
Dec 8/15	Cobalt Mining Museum	Financial Statements 2015	15-213
Dec 8/15	Cobalt Mining Museum/Historic Cobalt Corporation	Annual Report	15-214
Dec 9/15	Township of Coleman	Retirement Notification & Appointment Announcement	15-215
Dec 9/15	Ministry of Energy	Regional Electricity Planning & Municipal Energy Plans	15-216
Dec 10/15	Conseil Scolaire Catholique des Grandes Rivieres	Appointment Announcement	15-217
Dec 10/15	Ministry of Energy	Annual Energy Consumption and GHG emissions report for 2015	15-218
Dec 16/15	TransCanada	Energy East Pipeline Project Update	15-219
Dec 17/15	Hilliard Township	Resolution for DTSSAB	15-220
Dec 17/15	Animal Control Officer	Reportable Occurrences Tracking	15-221
Dec 21/15	Timiskaming Health Unit	Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 4, 2015	15-222
Dec 7/15	Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment & Consent Authority (OACA)	Training Opportunity & Accreditation for Members and Staff	15-223
Dec 23/15	TMBA	2015 Building Permits	15-224

15-288b

MOVED BY: S. Nielsen

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

WHEREAS the DTSSAB is in the process of finalizing their 2016 budget; AND WHEREAS the DTSSAB expenses are a large portion of the municipal budget which puts a financial strain on small communities; BE RESOLVED THAT this municipality recommends that all non-union position wages be frozen for 2 years so that municipalities have an opportunity for some budget relief.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

15-289

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council agrees to engage the services of Garrett Hunting for the by-law enforcement on an interim basis for the duration of winter operations season at a rate of \$550 per month.

CARRIED

15-290

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby approves the inclusion of the City of Temiskaming Shores as a member of the Temiskaming Municipal Building Association.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

15-291

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-001, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement pursuant to Section 378 of the Municipal Act, 2001, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of January 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

15-292

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-002, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement pursuant to Section 378 of the Municipal Act, 2001, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of January 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

15-293

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-003, being a by-law to establish an Interim Tax Levy be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of January 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

15-293b

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law 2016-004, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet the current expenditures of the Council of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of January, 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ON-GOING BUSINESS

None.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

15-294

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-005, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of January 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

15-295

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 8:00pm

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO