

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, July 21, 2015
MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, July 21, 2015 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

T. Sartoretto	Mayor
S. Nielsen	Councillor
P. Wuest	Councillor
G. Othmer	Councillor
M. Harrison	Councillor
G. Bigelow	Councillor
R. Schwartz	Councillor

STAFF: Candice Bedard, Dale Taylor, Victor Legault

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor T. Sartoretto

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

15-154

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated July 21, 2015 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

15-155

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on June 30, 2015 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

15-156

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the presentation by the Environmental Technician on the 2014 GIS/GPS Mapping Update Project.
CARRIED

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

6.1 Mayor's Update

The Mayor will meet with the new regional OPP Inspector next week, and will be discussing with him the regional hub initiative. The Mayor also attended the DTSSAB board meeting.

6.2 Finance and Public Safety

None.

6.3 Public Works and Safety

Councillor Bigelow reported that the Lang Street Project has reached substantial completion, and additional paving was done by Miller on a the corner of Presley Street and Bunker Lane.

6.4 Culture, Tourism & Heritage

Councillor Harrison reported that the Mining Museum Board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and the Bunker has held it's 2015 AGM.

Councillor Harrison read to Council a letter with which he served notice that he was resigning his position of Chair of Culture, Heritage & Tourism. Letter is attached to these minutes.

Councillor Bigelow requested that Council consider the structural integrity of the Silver Street headframe (Site #5, Silver Trail) as well as requested clarification on the insurance coverage for the Silver Trail.

6.5 Economic Development & Property Management

a) Property Standards Review

Councillor Wuest announced that he is convening a committee to review options for alternative uses for the arena. Councillors Othmer and Nielsen volunteered to be members of the committee.

6.6 Housing & Social Services

Councillor Schwartz reported that the Housing and Social Services Committee hosted the Mini-Putt to raise funds for their initiatives. The mural at the Fraser is now complete thanks to Laura Landers. Weeding is ongoing for the Community Gardens project.

6.7 Recreation

a) Canada Day Report

Councillor Nielsen provided the following report:

Canada Day in Cobalt was another huge success. It is by far the biggest community building exercise the town offers. Thankfully, the weather has never spoiled our event as hundreds of people lined the streets as a light drizzle fell. On behalf of the Cobalt Recreation Committee I'd like to thank the public works crew, the office staff for all their help and the main sponsors, Maria Story of Story Environmental Services, SMC Canada and Dan Cleroux and Wayne Gray at Wayne's Corner Gas, the parade participants and organizers Ruth Ann McDonald and George Othmer. I'd especially like to thank the Cobalt Fire Department for allowing us to host the event at their headquarters each year. We had more than enough food, perhaps next year we will order more hotdogs but we had leftover burgers and enough of everything else. The Kiddies games in the Legion Park were well received and the Legion bands playing inside the fire station was a treat. First Place for the parade floats went to the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Second Place The Bunker Military Museum and Third Palce went to Ashley Moore Charette and her daughter for their decorated quad. The face painter was very good and the children enjoyed her talents. We will be having a recreation meeting to discuss the pros and cons to make the event even that much better next year.

b) Recreation Committee

Councillor Nielsen announced the next Recreation Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 6:00pm.

c) Movies in the Park

A first edition of Movies in the Park was successfully held on July 18, 2015 with the next scheduled for July 31, 2015. Equipment worked well, while the mosquitos were a nuisance.

d) Mining Competition

Councillor Schwartz informed the Council that the annual Mining Competition will be held on August 1, 2015. Councillor Schwartz requested that Council consider reclaiming the Mining Competition as a Town event.

Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

a) Library

Councillor Schwartz reported that the library board is finalizing a contract with a new librarian. The Board also expressed appreciation for the Public Works Departments assistance in some minor repairs.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

15-157

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

- 1) That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-15 in the amount of \$43,390.71 be approved as paid in the month of June, 2015.
- 2) That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-16 in the amount of \$99,273.60 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

15-158

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: WHEREAS: the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy and vital to the living standard and well-being of all Ontarians; AND WHEREAS: it is essential that Ontarians maintain public control and public decision-making with respect to the electricity; AND WHEREAS: experience in other jurisdictions shows that privatization typically means consumers pay more for electricity; AND WHEREAS: a privatized Hydro One will no longer be subject to scrutiny by the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Financial Accountability Officer, or the Integrity Commissioner, and will no long be required to provide information or services to citizens under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, or the French Language Services Act; AND WHEREAS: our public electricity system currently generates hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the provincial government every year to help pay for public services we all depend on; AND WHEREAS: the sale of shares in Hydro One will provide a short-term financial gain for the province in exchange for a much larger long-term financial loss; AND WHEREAS: the provincial government has no mandate from voters to sell any part of Hydro One; AND WHEREAS: opinion polls show Ontarians oppose the privatization of Hydro One by a significant margin in every part of the province; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cobalt call on the provincial government to

- Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a public asset for the benefits of all Ontarians;
- Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading our electricity transmission infrastructure;
- Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town of Cobalt will communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, the area MPP's, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

DEFERRED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

15-159

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

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

CARRIED

June 25/15	Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Municipal Service Board	Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 18, 2015	15-118
June 25/15	Ministry of Energy	Update on the local energy planning	15-119
June 25/15	Cobalt Mining Museum	Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 24, 2015	15-120
June 29/15	St. Patrick School	Thank for the sponsorship of the Town of Cobalt Award	15-122
June 29/15	Cochrane Timiskaming Waste Management Board	First Distribution Spreadsheet	15-123
June 29/15	Ecole Secondaire Catholique Sainte-Marie	Thank you letter for the contribution to the 2015 Academic Awards Ceremony	15-124
July 2/15	Polymet Labs	Bunker Lane patch paving	15-125
July 6/15	Ontario Energy Board	Notice to customers of Union Gas	15-127
July 8/15	Cobalt Coleman Catholic Cemetery Board	Thank you letter for Cemetery Donation	15-128
July 8/15	Norma Myott	Water Bill Increase	15-129
July 13/15	Cobalt Mining Museum	Financial Statement 2015	15-130
July 14/15	Local Authority Services	Municipal Risk Management	15-131

BY-LAWS

a) Sewage Policy

15-160

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-015, being a by-law to adopt a Sewage Policy for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a second and third time and finally passed on this 21st day of July 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

b) Solid Waste Management Policy

15-161

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-016, being a by-law to adopt a Solid Waste Management Policy for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a second and third time and finally passed on this 21st day of July 2015; 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

15-162

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting proceed in Camera at 8:06p.m. under section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to subsection:

(2)(b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(2)(d) Labour relations

(2)(e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality;

CARRIED

15-163

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular meeting of Council resume at 9:14pm.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

a) CAO Performance Appraisal

15-164

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The CAO Appraisal Report be approved as reviewed in closed session.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

15-165

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-022, 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 21st day of July 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

15-166

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 9:17 pm

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO