

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2016
MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2016 COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

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

STAFF: Candice Bedard, Dale Taylor

MEDIA: Darlene Wroe (Print)

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

16-113

MOVED BY: S. Nielsen

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated June 1, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Othmer declared a conflict of interest for item 7b.(i).

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

16-114

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: S. Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 26, 2016 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

16-115

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: S. Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of May 16, 2016 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

16-115a)

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow
SECONDED BY: M. Harrison
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the casual worker be laid off immediately until the budget is finalized.
DEFEATED

16-115b)
MOVED BY: T. Sartoretto
SECONDED BY: S. Nielsen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the casual employee be limited to part-time hours.
CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

16-116
MOVED BY: P. Wuest
SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council authorizes the engagement letter with Kemp Elliot Blair LLP Chartered Accountants for the provision of auditing services to the Town of Cobalt.
CARRIED

16-117
MOVED BY: M. Harrison
SECONDED BY: G. Othmer
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the renewal notice for the provision of municipal insurance coverage by MIS Municipal Insurance Services Ltd.
CARRIED

16-118
MOVED BY: R. Schwartz
SECONDED BY: P. Wuest
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the Q1 Statement of Operations Report.
CARRIED

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

6.1 Mayor's Update

- The Senior of the Year Award will be presented at a luncheon for the Food Bank volunteers on Wednesday at the Coleman Township Office and all are most welcome to attend.
- The Mayor has sponsored the Prospect Hill Garden again this year.
- The Mayor reported news from Fonom which included an announcement that the provincial and federal governments will work together on a single stream infrastructure funding and application process. Other discussions included talks on technology, First Nations and the Ring of Fire.
- The TMA met to discuss a shared by-law enforcement similar to the TMBA.

6.2 Finance and Public Safety

16-119
MOVED BY: R. Schwartz
SECONDED BY: M. Harrison
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approves the recommendation of Malcom Alexander of Remax as the successful proposal for the provision of real estate services for a period of three (3) years.
CARRIED

16-120

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the draft 2016 municipal budget.

CARRIED

6.3 Public Works and Safety

Councillor Bigelow discussed amendments to the Winter Operations Policy.

Spring Amnesty Week: Tuesday, May 17 to Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Restrictions:

The Amnesty Program has the following restrictions/conditions:

- 1.Applicable to residents of Cobalt, and is not applicable for Industrial – Commercial or Institutional entities;
- 2.Limit of 2 cubic yards per property (equivalent to one ½ ton load)
- 3.Tipping Fees remain applicable for Category 4 Items – Contaminated Waste;
- 4.Surcharge fee of \$60 remains applicable for Metals/Bulky Waste containing Freon gas.

6.4 Economic Development & Tourism

16-121

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the lease arrangements as proposed by the municipal property ad hoc committee.

CARRIED

16-122

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives approves the arena decommissioning as proposed by the municipal property ad hoc committee.

CARRIED

16-123

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: WHEREAS the current model of council meetings at three week intervals stymies the democratic process by limiting council's representation of the voting public.

WHEREAS the current model limits council's ability to respond to developments affecting the Town.

WHEREAS the current model limits the amount of delegations able to present to council.

WHEREAS improving the frequency of council meeting will enable counselors to stay informed, to be involved and to react quickly to situations and opportunities as they arise.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the frequency of council meetings will be improved to every two weeks.

DEFEATED

6.5 Housing & Social Services

The Housing and Social Services Committee will be meeting to discuss building garden boxes. The Committee will also be completing some touch ups to the Fraser mural.

6.6 Recreation

16-124

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: that Council requests a review of the uses of the Teck Park by the Recreation Committee.

CARRIED

- Councillor Nielsen reported on a meeting with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge. They will be seeking support to install a water bottle filling station within the municipality with the objective of encouraging alternatives to energy drinks and soda.
- The Recreation Committee will be meeting on Friday, June 3 at 11am in the Council Chambers.
- Ducks Unlimited will be providing signage for the Cobalt Duckbox project. Councillor Nielsen will be meeting with the Principal of St-Pat's School to discuss the progress on the project.

Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

None.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

16-125

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

1) That the accounts as per Schedule No. 16-11 in the amount of \$265,692.69 be approved as paid in the month of April, 2016.

2) That the accounts as per Schedule No. 16-12 in the amount of \$90,498.86 be approved as paid in the month of May, 2016.

3) That the accounts as per Schedule No. 16-13 in the amount of \$48,104.10 be paid after Council approval.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

16-126

MOVED BY: S. Nielsen

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery; and WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbor and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour; and

WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims – 90 percent of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14; and

WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario; and

WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Cobalt supports Bill 158, Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016, supports MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities.

CARRIED

16-127

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

WHEREAS Highway 11 from North Bay to the District of Temiskaming is annually invaded by wildlife, in particular moose and bear;

AND WHEREAS many of these wildlife movements occur during darkness or low light periods making detection of their presence on or near the highway very difficult if not impossible;

AND WHEREAS the too numerous collisions between vehicles and these wildlife often result in death to drivers and passengers of vehicles as well as the various species of wildlife;

AND WHEREAS wildlife fencing has been installed on the other provincial highways and proven to reduce collisions between vehicles and wildlife;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt urge the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Transportation to install wildlife fencing adjacent to the Highway 11 corridor from the northern boundaries of the City of North Bay to the District of Temiskaming so as to safeguard both

motorists and wildlife in the critical area of provincial highway.

AND FURTHER THAT: this resolution be forwarded to municipalities within the District of Temiskaming, the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Temiskaming Mayors Action Group (TeMAG), and MPP John Vanthof for their support and to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for action.

CARRIED

16-128

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

WHEREAS a building permit application was received for the municipally owned trailer park;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt only owns surface rights on this property.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Cobalt does not authorize any construction of additions.

CARRIED

16-129

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt approves the sale of the surplus kitchen equipment, currently stored in the Fraser, to Andre Burnett for a sum of \$400.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

16-130

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: S. Nielsen

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

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

None.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

None.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

16-130a)

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Office will be open to the public at 8am.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

16-131

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-023, 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 1st day of June 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

16-132

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 9:15 pm

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO