

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, June 9, 2015
MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, June 9, 2015 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: S. Nielsen, Councillor
STAFF: Candice Bedard, CAO
MEDIA: Jim Patrick (CJTT), Darlene Wroe (Speaker)

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

15-123

MOVED BY: M. Harrison
SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated June 9, 2015 be adopted as amended
CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

15-124

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz
SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on May 19, 2015 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Presentation by Danielle Girard, Municipal Auditor, Kemp, Elliott & Blair LLP
15-125

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz
SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the 2014 Financial Statements as presented by the Municipal Auditing Firm, Kemp Elliott & Blair LLP.

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

6.1 Mayor's Update

The Mayor reported on the success of the Agnico Luncheon held on June 4, 2015 at which Agnico announced a \$1M donation to the Historic Cobalt Legacy Fund and that Agnico has agreed to make the donation in two instalments rather than the originally set out plan of 10 instalments. The Mayor reported on having attended the Chamber of Commerce Dinner at which local entrepreneur, Connie Boyd, Owner of the Silver Moccasin received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

6.2 Finance and Public Safety

Councillor Othmer reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed the user fee by-law and recommended some increases, most notably to the water and sewer rates pursuant to deficits in 2014.

6.3 Public Works and Safety

Councillor Bigelow reported on the following activity for the Public Works Department.:

- Recruitment is underway for the Town's summer students. The posting will close on Friday, June 12, 2015.
- Street sweeping is underway as time permits
- Staff have been responding to a number of emergency sewer line repairs.
- The Public Works Committee has reviewed and submitted a new Waste Management by-law that reflects the new program and the need for tools for enforcement.
- The GIS mapping update project will begin soon. The GPS Unit has been delivered and training provided.
- The Public Works Committee has recommended that the garbage truck and depot recycling bins be declared surplus and the garbage truck be offered to Coleman Township.

Councillor Bigelow expressed concern for the challenge to meet service level standards with current staffing levels. As the summer and fall progresses, the department has a number of project objectives in addition to regular duties. He advised Council to be aware that service levels could be affected as resources are prioritized.

15-126

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to declare surplus the garbage truck and the depot recycling bins; AND FURTHER THAT: Council declares these items surplus and authorizes staff to proceed with disposal as recommended.

CARRIED

15-127

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to not allow any elective work that will disrupt a newly resurfaced roadway for a period of at least 5 years following the resurfacing. This only applies to elective work and by no means will this apply to emergency repairs to core underground infrastructure.

CARRIED

6.4 Culture, Tourism & Heritage

Councillor Harrison reported that the Bunker is currently researching insurance options and in order to ease the transition, the Bunker is requesting an advance on their operating grant.

6.5 Economic Development & Property Management

Councillor Wuest reported that a review is currently underway of the Property Standards and Clean Yards By-laws. He also announced his intention to increase the level of outreach to property owners and developers.

6.6 Housing & Social Services

Councillor Schwartz reminded Council of the Clothing Swap and BBQ event being held at the Miner's Tavern on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 12-5pm. The event will raise funds for the Community Garden Initiative.

6.7 Recreation

Councillor Wuest provided an report on the Hoist Room Open House which was a success. MPP Vanthof was in attendance in recognition of the provincial funding received for the recent improvements.

Councillor Othmer reported that he has met with the Canada Day Parade organizer, Ruth-Ann MacDonald, to discuss parade logistics and the role of the Fire Department.

Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

a) Library Update

Councillor Schwartz provided an update from the Library Board. Activities are currently underway to recruit a new librarian. The Board is also working on a plan to update the by-laws and policies.

b) Solar

15-128

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the 2014 Solaire Cobalt Solar Inc. Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED

c) Transit Committee

15-129

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the Transit Financial Summary (Jan –Apr 2015).

CARRIED

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

15-130

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-12 in the amount of \$200,149.84 be approved as paid in the month of May, 2015.
2. That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-13 in the amount of \$118,041.82 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

15-131

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council acknowledges receipt of the letter from the Mining Museum Chairman of June 2, 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: Council accepts decision of the Board to sell only the larger of the two silver bars and retain the smaller silver bar as part of the Museum's collection.

CARRIED

15-132

MOVED BY: R. Schwarz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council agrees to grant the request by Winnie Kammermayer to reclaim the original train station benches from the arena.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

15-133

MOVED BY: R. Schwarz

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.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

a) By-Law 2015-015: Sewage Policy

15-134

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

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 first time on this 9th day of June 2015.

CARRIED

b) By-Law 2015-016: Waste Management Policy

15-135

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-016, being a by-law to adopt a Waste Management Policy for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first time on this 9th day of June 2015.

CARRIED

c) By-Law 2015-017: Tax Ratios

15-136

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-017, being a by-law to establish tax ratios for the Town of Cobalt for 2015 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 9th day of June 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

d) By-Law 2015-018: Levy

15-137

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-018, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of current estimates and tax rates for the 2015 year, and further to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2015 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 9th day of June 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

e) By-Law 2015-019: User Fees

15-138

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law 2015-019 being a by-law to enable the municipality to collect user fees be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 9th day of June 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

a) Energy East Pipeline

15-082

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

WHEREAS TransCanada Pipelines Limited has put forward an application to develop the Energy East Pipeline which would convert an existing natural gas pipeline into oil and construction of new pipeline; AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy has mandated the Ontario Energy Board to examine and report on TransCanada Pipelines Limited's project through a consultation process; AND WHEREAS this pipeline would have significant impacts across Northern Ontario; AND WHEREAS research has demonstrated that fewer accidents occur while transporting oil by pipeline as opposed to alternate modes of transportation such as road or rail;

AND WHEREAS TransCanada has demonstrated their commitment to pipeline safety for communities, residents and employees through safety and preventative maintenance programs; AND WHEREAS the Energy East project would generate significant economic benefits to Northeastern Ontario and the City of Temiskaming Shores by providing direct and indirect jobs during the six year development and construction phase and during the forty year operations phase; AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the development of the Energy East Pipeline; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the presentation by the Energy East Pipeline; AND FURTHER THAT: that the Council for the Town of Cobalt hereby supports the development of the Energy East Pipeline; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Minister of Energy, Minister of Northern Development and Mines and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

CLOSED SESSION

15-139

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting proceed in Camera at 8:12p.m. under section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to subsection:

(2)(c) A proposed disposition of land by the municipality – Fraser

(2)(d) Labour Relations

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

– Fraser Tenant Complaint

– Sharpe Lake Property
15-140

CARRIED

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow
SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular meeting of Council resume at 9:35pm.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Emergency Management Training
15-141

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow
SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council authorizes the CAO to attend the Emergency Management Training for EMO 240 in Sudbury on June 24, 2015.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

15-142

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow
SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-020, 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 9th day of June 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

15-143

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow
SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 9:37 pm

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO