

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, March 15, 2016
MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, March 15, 2016 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Rochelle Schwartz (*WITH NOTICE*)

STAFF: Candice Bedard, Dale Taylor, Michelle Anderson

MEDIA: Darlene Wroe (Print), Jim Patrick (radio)

GUEST: Tammy Flood, HKCC

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

16-047

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated March 15, 2016 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

16-048

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: S. Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 23, 2016 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

16-049

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: that Council receives the presentation by the Healthy Kids Community Challenge Coordinator.
CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

16-050

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the Planning Report on the Zoning By-law and Official Plan Designation Amendments for the property known as the Arena at 1 Hudson Bay Road; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to draft the necessary amendments for Council consideration; AND FINALLY THAT Staff be directed to provide due notice to the public.

CARRIED

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

6.1 Mayor's Update

Mayors' action group discussed the airport.

6.2 Finance and Public Safety

Still awaiting final figures.

6.3 Public Works and Safety

Councillor Bigelow provided an update. Casual worker doing well, 11B detour, discussion on replacement of snow plow and possibility of no replacement. CAO recommended that a staff report should be requested if the plow is not replaced in order to identify the impact on the Winter Operations service levels.

6.4 Economic Development & Tourism

Councillor Wuest briefed Council on the most recent Bunker Museum. He reported that they are retracting their request to convert the operating grant to the payment of utilities. They are instead requesting the same operating grant for 2016. Additionally, they are requesting that the Town host their CHN Virtual Museum.

6.5 Housing & Social Services

Mayor Sartoretto announced that the Housing and Social Services Committee is still working on the mini-putt buildings and also working toward community garden plans for the spring and summer.

6.6 Recreation

Councillor Nielsen, requested a facebook reminder for the Recreation Survey.

Has spoken to Tammy Flood of the HKCC to discuss partnership for Canada Day and other events.

Councillor Nielsen to contact the members of the Canada Day Committee to schedule a meeting.

Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

Airport

Councillor Othmer provided a summary of the recent airport meeting. Unlikely that we can continue to afford this airport.

Mayor Sartoretto expressed concern for a lack of long term financial planning or consideration for major capital replacement costs.

16-051

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

WHEREAS the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority Steering Committee made a presentation on March 5, 2016 regarding the future of our Regional Airport; and WHEREAS the Steering Committee has recommended the creation of an incorporated, not-for-profit airport authority to own and operate the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport; and WHEREAS the ETRA Authority Steering Committee has requested that each Council pass a motion to indicate if they agree with the creation of an Airport Authority for the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport and are willing to participate as a member. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the creation of an Airport Authority for the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport and agrees to participate as a member of the said Airport Authority.
CARRIED

16-052

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

WHEREAS the cost of membership continue to climb; and WHEREAS there is no business plan to ensure continuity and address long term capital planning; and WHEREAS the ongoing costs will continue to increase without any resolution to the challenge of the financial viability of this regional airport; and WHEREAS the Town is facing its own challenging financial circumstances; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby agrees to withdraw from the Municipal Services Boards effective immediately.

CARRIED

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

16-053

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

1) That the accounts as per Schedule No. 16-06 in the amount of \$144,220.37 be approved as paid in the month of February, 2016.

2) That the accounts as per Schedule No. 16-07 in the amount of \$118,763.35 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

16-054

MOVED BY: S. Nielsen

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

WHEREAS on February 23, 2016, Council approved a motion to set consistent conditions for the lease agreements in municipal facilities outlining, amongst other conditions, that tenants are responsible for their utilities; and WHEREAS the Finance Committee has reviewed the request and has made the recommendation to decline the request; BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council declines the Bunker Military Museum's request to replace the municipal operating grant with the payment of utilities.

CARRIED

16-055

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

WHEREAS a lease proposal is being considered for the arena;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council declines the use of the Arena Canteen for the 2016 Walkathon.

CARRIED

Councillor Nielsen to contact the Walkathon Committee to explore alternative options.

16-056

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee has reviewed the request by the MTO for input on the possible temporary closure of Highway 11B at Gillies Lake to facilitate a culvert replacement and that the Committee has

found no cause for objection; and WHEREAS the Fire Department has also reviewed the request and also has found no cause for objection; BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council agrees there are no objections to the MTO's proposed Option 1: the Temporary Full-Road Closure of Hwy 11B at Gillies Lake.
CARRIED

16-057

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

Council hereby grants the request for in-kind support for the Poetry Festival using the surplus chairs provided the committee picks them up and drops them off.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

16-058

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

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

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

16-059

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council hereby appoint Victor Legault, Public Work Director, as the Municipal Weed Inspector.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

16-060

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-008, being a by-law to amend by-law 2015-024 on the Fire Communications Agreement, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of March 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

16-061

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-009, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money by way of temporary advances to meet expenditures made in connection with the Street Lights Project, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of March 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

NOTICE OF MOTION

CLOSED SESSION

16-062

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting proceed in Camera at 8:00 p.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)(e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality;

CARRIED

16-063

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting resume at 8:21pm.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

16-064

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-010, 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 15th day of March 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

16-065

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 8:24 pm

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO