

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**TUESDAY, November 17, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, November 17, 2015 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

**PRESENT:**

<b>T. Sartoretto</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>S. Nielsen</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>P. Wuest</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>M. Harrison</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>G. Bigelow</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>R. Schwartz</b>	<b>Councillor</b>

**ABSENT: G. Othmer, Councillor**

**STAFF: Candice Bedard, Dale Taylor**

**MEDIA: Darlene Wroe (Print), Jim Patrick (Radio)**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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15-244

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated November 17, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST**

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None.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

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15-245

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on October 27, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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None.

**PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

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15-246

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the presentation by Monique Chartrand, Executive Director of Victim Services of Temiskaming & District.

CARRIED

## **REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **6.1 Mayor's Update**

Mayor Sartoretto offered congratulations to the Bunker and the Speaker for their joint book release and thanked the Housing and Social Services Committee for the holiday decorations.

Mayor Sartoretto reported on the TeMAG meeting at which topics for discussion included the Forestry Plan, MPAC, the Airport Hanger Sale, and the Highway 11 4-laning. She also announced the events scheduled for November 26, when Agnico will be in Cobalt to unveil a plaque on their original office building, a new sign launching the new name of the Public Library and to host an open house. Additionally, the Timiskaming Foundation will host an event at the Library in the evening.

### **6.2 Finance and Public Safety**

#### **6.3 Public Works and Safety**

Councillor Bigelow reported that the sand/salt mix is complete and sand hauling should be completed this week. A quote has been requested for a solution for the exterior wall at Fire Fighter's Museum building.

#### **6.4 Economic Development & Tourism**

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on November 24, 2015 at 5:30pm for the purpose of launching a strategic planning process.

#### **6.5 Housing & Social Services**

Councillor Schwartz hopes to have her committee appointments submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

#### **6.6 Recreation**

15-247

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the expenditures of the recreation survey, not to exceed \$750, be funded by the Recreation Budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Nielsen reported that the recreation survey has been launched. It is available online and at certain locations throughout Town, as well as being distributed in person. Distribution to each household has been very time consuming and labour intensive. Amanda Mongeon of the Health Unit was thanked for her assistance.

She also reported that the ONTC Christmas Train is returning to Cobalt again this year, on December 3, 2015 from 6-700pm. The train will stop south of the station. Santa will be in the boxcar and treat bags will be handed out. Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the food bank. An anonymous donation of \$100 has been received for the event.

Councillor Nielsen suggested that during the user fee review, that a senior's discount ought to be considered at the Hoist Room.

Councillor Nielsen announced that she has joined a YMCA Feasibility Study Committee for South Temiskaming.

The Recreation Committee will explore options for an outdoor rink.

### **Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions**

#### **a) Solar**

Mayor Sartoretto provided an update to Council. Work continues this week. Work on a trench for electrical connections is to be performed by Miller. Hydro connection is anticipated by the spring of 2016. If revenue is not received until 2017, the revenue is not lost, it is only deferred.

## **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

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15-248

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-24 in the amount of \$167,274.71 be approved as paid in the month of October, 2015.

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-25 in the amount of \$85,714.03 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT**

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15-249

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED Whereas Highway his part of the Trans-Canada Highway connecting Ontario to Manitoba and Western Canada; AND WHEREAS almost all goods and services transported by truck to destinations west of Ontario, utilize Highway 11 from North Bay, through the Districts of Timiskaming and Cochrane; AND WHEREAS the amount of transport and tourist traffic has been steadily increasing over the last few years, raising safety issues for those using this two lane section of Highway 11; AND WHEREAS when major accident investigations occur the road is closed down for periods of 8 to 10 hours with no detours being available in many areas, resulting in isolation of our residents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt hereby firmly endorses and petitions the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to begin the process of four-laning Highway 11 from North Bay to Cochrane; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA), and all municipalities in the Nipissing, Temiskaming and Cochrane Districts for their support; AND FURTHER THAT all resolutions of support be returned to the City of Temiskaming Shores for submission to the Members of Parliament of Nipissing-Timiskaming and Cochrane-James Bay; the Members of Provincial Parliament for Nipissing, Timiskaming-Cochrane and Timmins-James Bay; the Premier of Ontario; and the Minister of Transportation.

CARRIED

15-250

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt authorizes the use of the charitable rental rate of the Community Hall on April 28-30, 2016 for the Sears Drama Festival.

CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION**

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15-251

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

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

Oct 14/15	Cobalt Mining Museum	Financial Statements 2015	15-177
Oct 27/15	Ministry of Economic Development and Infrastructure	Nominations for David C Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility	15-179
Nov 3/15	MPAC	Important changes to the Tenant Information Program	15-180
Nov 3/15	Cobalt Mining Museum/H.C.C. Board	Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 28, 2015	15-181
Oct 9/15	Township of Hudson	Fire Department Communications Systems	15-182
Nov 9/15	Timiskaming Health Unit	Minutes of the Regular Meeting Oct 7/15 & Report to the Board of Health	15-183

**BY-LAWS**

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None.

**ON-GOING BUSINESS**

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None.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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15-252

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve January 12, 2016 as the date of the next council meeting.

CARRIED

15-253

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the office holiday schedule such that the office be closed at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 24, 2015 and reopened on Monday, January 4, 2016 .

CARRIED

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

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15-254

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-029, 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 17th day of November 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

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15-255

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 7:47pm

CARRIED

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Mayor

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