

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**TUESDAY, October 27, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, October 27, 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>G. Othmer</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>

**STAFF:** Candice Bedard, Dale Taylor, Michelle Anderson  
**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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15-219

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated October 27, 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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15-220

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on September 29, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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None.

**PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

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15-221

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the presentation by the OPP Detachment Coordinator, Inspector Brent Cecchini.

CARRIED

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

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## **6.1 Mayor's Update**

15-222

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

WHEREAS the member municipalities of the Temiskaming Municipal Association have long expressed our displeasure with the inaccuracy of the assessments as provided to them by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), AND WHEREAS this inaccuracy has been confirmed by the appeals launched by the Province of Ontario on their properties within the City of Toronto, including Queens Park, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cobalt supports the dissolution of MPAC and the restoration of local assessment bodies, AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all member municipalities of the TMA and to FONOM.

CARRIED

15-223

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Cobalt hereby objects to the Canada Post proposal to remove the bilingual designation of the Cobalt Post Office, AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to Canada Post and shared with ACFO.

CARRIED

## **6.2 Finance and Public Safety**

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

15-224

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt's Asset Management Plan does not include municipal buildings; AND FURTHER THAT an asset management plan for municipal buildings would identify an inventory of existing assets, the status of such assets and the necessary capital works to be completed over a timeline with costing projections; BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report 2015-011 on Municipal Properties and directs staff to prepare a report on the assessment options for municipal building and relevant funding opportunities.

CARRIED

15-225

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report 2015-014 on the recommendations of the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED

15-226

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council acknowledges the Public Works Committee's recommendation on staffing and directs the Finance Committee to include the recommendation in the 2016 Budget considerations.

CARRIED

15-227

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt accepts the Public Works Committee's recommendation to approve the Union Gas proposal for installation via Peter Street.

CARRIED

15-228

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt accepts the Public Works Committee's recommendation to approve the ONR proposal to install a fence atop jersey barriers on the existing retaining wall at the Townsite Headframe Site, as a temporary solution.

CARRIED

15-229

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt accepts the recommendation to approve the bid from Demora Construction Services Inc. for the asphalt repairs at a cost of \$11,923.68 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

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

15-230

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report 2015-012 on the Economic Development Priority Setting, and confirms the date and time of the session as November 14, 2015.

CARRIED

15-231

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report 2015-013 on the Bunker Proposal; AND FURTHER THAT Council accepts the recommendations of the Review Committee.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Schwartz provided the following report:

- Announced that the Housing and Social Services Committee met on September 10, 2015 and the next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2015.
- The second coat on the mural at the Fraser has been applied and the mural is now completed.
- Announced that she will be coordinating efforts to restore the mini-putt buildings.

#### **6.6 Recreation**

15-232

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt approves the final draft of the Town of Cobalt Recreation Survey.

CARRIED

15-233

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt approves the proposed methodology, including survey roll-out, data entry, analysis and reporting.

CARRIED

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

##### **a) Transit**

Councillor Schwartz reported that the first new bus is on the road and performing well. The second is undergoing repairs and should be on the road by the first week of December.

An issue has been considered at the stop on upper Prospect. Drivers have been directed to pull off the road for the stop at that location and an additional refuse receptacle will be installed at that stop.

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**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

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15-234

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-22 in the amount of \$509,912.04 be approved as paid in the month of September, 2015.

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-23 in the amount of \$67,487.60 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

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**CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT**

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15-235

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

WHEREAS Council directs staff to obtain a quote on for the repair of the exterior wall of 22 Lang Street.

CARRIED

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**CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION**

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15-236

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

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

CARRIED

Sept 25/15	The Cobalt Lode	Sept 2015 Volume 24 No 3	15-165
Sept 29/15	Ontario Energy Board	Notice to Customers of Union Gas Limited – increase of rates	15-168
Sept 30/15	Ontario Provincial Police	2016 Municipal Policing Billing Statement	15-169
Oct 2/15	Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade	Call for nominations for the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario	15-170
Oct 5/15	OPP	Section S.5.1 vs S.10 PSA	15-172
Oct 5/15	Town of Cobalt Firefighters	Minutes of the Regular Meeting Sept 8/15	15-173
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Oct 6/15	The Royal Canadian Legion	Vanier Cup 2015	15-175
Oct 22/15	MPAC	2014 Enumeration Process – Final Results	15-176

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**BY-LAWS**

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None.

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**ON-GOING BUSINESS**

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None.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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None.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

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15-237

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting proceed in Camera at 9:00 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: Water Commission Report.

CARRIED

15-238

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting resume at 9:10 pm.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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15-239

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approves the committee recommendation for the NOHFC Environmental Technician Internship.

CARRIED

15-240

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council deems the application for 40 Commission Street to be complete and directs staff to schedule a statutory Public Meeting as required under Section 34 of the Planning Act

CARRIED

15-241

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council hereby receives the application for a lot addition at 60 Miller Avenue and directs staff schedule a statutory Public Hearing as required under Section 53 of the Planning Act.

CARRIED

#### **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

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15-242

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-028, 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 27th day of October 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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15-243

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

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

CARRIED

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Mayor

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CAO