

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, September 1, 2015
MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, September 1, 2015 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

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

STAFF: Candice Bedard, Dale Taylor, Victor Legault, 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

15-180

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated September 1, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Harrison declared conflict of interest for matters pertaining to the Bunker.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

15-181

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on August 11, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

The Temiskaming District Cultural Coordinator, Courtney Tresidder, addressed Council to report on current program initiatives.

15-182

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the presentation by the Cultural Coordinator.

CARRIED

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

6.1 Mayor's Update

15-183

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

WHEREAS art and culture have and continue to be important to the quality of life of the people of Cobalt; and WHEREAS the art and cultural community are wanting to share this heritage with our neighbours and visitors; BE IT RESOLVED THAT: September 25, 26, 27th of 2015 will be officially known as Culture Days in the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

Mayor Sartoretto introduced the new Economic Development Officer, Michelle Anderson.

Mayor provided the following report:

- Participated in a consultation session with Fednor to review the effectiveness and provide feedback on their funding programs.
- Met the CCL Committee
- Continues to work on the Hub Initiative with Inspector Cecchini

6.2 Finance and Public Safety

15-184

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced funding under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund ("OCIF") for municipal infrastructure projects; AND WHEREAS the Finance Committee has considered project options that meet the requirements of the new funding program; AND WHEREAS the Finance Committee has recommended the project Water Distribution Upgrades; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Cobalt hereby directs the CAO to submit the Expression of Interest under the OCIF program to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for up to 90% funding of the Water Distribution Upgrades Project which will not exceed \$2,000,000 as per the funding limit;

CARRIED

15-185

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report 2015-09 on Budget Exclusions; AND FURTHER THAT Council approve that the amortization expense and post-employment benefit expenses of \$627,447 is excluded from the 2015 Operating Budget.

CARRIED

6.3 Public Works and Safety

Councillor Bigelow reported that the summer students have completed their work term. Sewer capital repairs are ongoing. A status report from the Public Works Director is anticipated at the next meeting.

6.4 Economic Development & Tourism

Councillor Wuest provided the following report:

- Attended the Classic Theatre Board Meeting during the week of the 24th of August.
- Will attend the Bunker Board Meeting on September 10, 2015

15-186

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council declares the property at 1 Hudson Bay Road, common known as the "arena", to be surplus.

DEFEATED

15-187

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report 2015-10 on the Arena Alternative Use; AND FURTHER THAT the report be forwarded to the Arena Alternative Use Committee for further comments.

CARRIED

6.5 Housing & Social Services

Councillor Schwartz announced that a meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee will take place on September 10, 2015.

The following was also reported:

- The Housing and Social Services Committee hosted the mini-putt again.
- The second coat on the mural at the Fraser is to be completed.

6.6 Recreation

Councillor Nielsen provided a report:

- She met with a private property owner to discuss a skating oval.
- A meeting with the Health Unit is scheduled for the week of September 7th to work on the Recreation Survey.
- She would like a request to be made to the ONR to install a level crossing to enable pedestrian traffic toward the park. Mayor Sartoretto agreed to send a letter.
- A Halloween dance and a zombie walk are being considered.
- The 2016 Family Day Event will be hosted in partnership with the St. James Church.
- The last movie night of the season was successful. 26 people in attendance.

Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

a) Transit

Councillor Schwartz reported that the new transit busses are decaled and still expected to be on the road by October 1, 2015 and the committee is in contract negotiations with Stock Transportation.

b) Solar

Mayor Sartoretto delivered a status report on the solar projects:

The 3 Cobalt projects are coming along well and they are hoping to begin construction on the Sharp Lake project and the 4th Cobalt project in the Fall. It is unclear when revenue will be generated.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

15-188

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-19 in the amount of \$60,804.77 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

15-189

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges receipt and approves the 2013 Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements of the Cochrane Timiskaming Waste Management Board dated December 31, 2013; AND FURTHER THAT: Council acknowledges receipt and approves the 2014 Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements of the Cochrane Timiskaming Waste Management Board dated December 31, 2014; AND FINALLY THAT: Council acknowledges receipt of the proposed sale of Assets of the CTWMB (Northern Node) and has no objection of the sale in the amount of \$200,000.

CARRIED

15-190

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council agrees to donate "The Legend of Cobalt" mugs in support of the 2015 Cobalt & Haileybury Legion Gold Tournament.

CARRIED

15-191

MOVED BY: P. Wuest

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

WHEREAS the Hoist Room is a valued municipal recreational asset; and WHEREAS the Hoist Room operates as a subsidized municipal facility; BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council hereby declines the request to increase the municipal subsidy for the duration of a resident-run weight loss challenge.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

15-192

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

Aug 6/15	The Cobalt Lode	Volume 24 No 2 July 2015	15-137
Aug 10/15	Ontario Energy Board Notice	Change of Rates for Union Gas	15-138
Aug 10/15	Cobalt Firefighters	Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 6, 2015	15-139
Aug 11/15	Association of Municipalities Ontario	Asset Management Plan: Tangible Capital Asset Policy	15-141
Aug 11/15	The Temiskaming Foundation	Annual Report, Report to the Community 2014	15-142
Aug 11/15	Ministry of Energy	2015 Renewable Energy Development in Ontario: a Guide for Municipalities	15-143
Aug 13/15	Suzanne Othmer, Royal LePage	Possible Building Location Request for Information	15-145
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July 22/15	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Crown Land Acquisition Opportunities to Support Cottage Lot Development in the North	15-132
July 23/15	Cobalt Mining Museum/H.C.C. Board	Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 22, 2015	15-133
Aug 5/15	EDF energies nouvelle	Friday Lake Wind Energy Centre project	15-134
Aug 5/15	Ministry of Finances	2015 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund 3rd quarterly payment	15-135
Aug 6/15	MPAC	MPAC Assessment Update	15-136

BY-LAWS

15-193

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-024, being a by-law to adopt a Fire Department Communications Agreement for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a second and third time and finally passed on this 1st day of September 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

15-194

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MOVED BY: M. Harrison
SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council for the Town of Cobalt accepts the recommendation of the joint Request for Proposal with the City of Temiskaming Shores, the Town of Cobalt, and the Town of Latchford, and accepts the bid from Miller Maintenance for the install of LED fixtures, at a base cost of \$18,322.00, plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

CLOSED SESSION

15-195

MOVED BY: P. Wuest
SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting proceed in Camera at 7:50 p.m. under section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to subsection: (2)(f) The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Sharp Lake Property.

CARRIED

15-196

MOVED BY: G. Othmer
SECONDED BY: M. Harrison
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting resume at 8:15 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

15-197

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz
SECONDED BY: G. Othmer
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: CAO be authorized to attend the Fall Zone 8 Conference and Training Session on September 16 & 17, 2015 in Iroquois Falls.

CARRIED

15-198

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz
SECONDED BY: G. Othmer
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the next regular meeting of Council be scheduled on September 29, 2015.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

15-199

MOVED BY: S. Nielsen
SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-025, 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 September 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

15-200

MOVED BY: S. Nielsen
SECONDED BY: G. Othmer
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 8:30 pm

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO