

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mayor Tina Sartoretto
Councillors Gary Bigelow
Mike Harrison
Sue Nielsen
George Othmer
Rochelle Schwartz
Perry Wuest

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Presentations: Michelle Anderson – EDO – Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford Economic Development Initiative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tina Sartoretto welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - NIL

3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-250

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison
SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated October 17th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

The following items were added to the Agenda:

1. 8.1 – Presentation of draft Trillium Grant Application – Teck Park.
2. 12.7 – Ongoing Activities - Arena

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Council Meeting minutes

Resolution # 17-251

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 3, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

6. ACTION LIST

Council reviewed the Action List.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Draft Grant Application for Trillium Funding – Teck Park – Michelle Anderson, EDO

Michelle Anderson presented the draft application for Trillium funding to revitalize the Teck Park.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Resolution # 17-252

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the revitalization of the Teck Park to foster physical activity and recreation opportunities for the residents and visitors of the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 This item was received for information.

10.2 Temiskaming Health Unit – Minutes – September 6, 2017

Mayor Sartoretto mentioned that the Health Unit has been unsuccessful to date in hiring a director.

Councillor Sue Nielsen requested that the Town follow-up to request the amount of reserves that the Temiskaming Health Unit has as of December 31, 2016.

10.3 – 10.8 These items were received for information.

10.9 Take the Lake Way

Councillor Mike Harrison commented that the new Take the Lake Way signs were very well done.

10.10 This item was received for information.

10.11 Resolution of Support – Township of Montague re. Exemption of employees for on call provisions of Bill 168

Resolution # 17-253

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution passed by the Township of Montague regarding Bill 148 changes to the Employment Standards Act – On-call provisions that would affect the cost of providing fire services;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Montague.

CARRIED

10.12 DSSAB Review – Invitation to Provide a Written Response

Mayor Sartoretto summarized some of the topics discussed at the Board meeting:

1. The Board delivers the Ministry of Education program for Early Years.
2. It provides the social services for Ontario Works programs.
3. They deliver health services through the paramedics and land ambulance service.
4. The levy is based on weighted assessments.
5. The role of the Board – members are appointed to the Board as representatives of their respective municipalities but as a Board Member their responsibility is to the Board.
6. The Board may be a “lame duck” in an election year.
7. Membership of Board members from unorganized areas that don't contribute to the levy.

10.13 – 10.14 These items were received as information.

10.15 Letter to Mayor and Council re. Cracked glass at the Bunker Museum

CAO, Michelle Larose advised Council that the contractor has already been contacted to provide an estimate for replacement of the glass.

11. BY-LAWS - NIL

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedule

Resolution #17-254

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Accounts Payable Schedules:

1. Schedule 17-19 in the amount of \$129,390.73 be approved as paid in the month of August, 2017;
2. Schedule 17-20 in the amount of \$40,406.54 be approved as paid in the month of September 2017;
3. Schedule 17-21 in the amount of \$158,596.25 be approved as paid in the month of

- September, 2017; and,
4. Schedule 17-22 in the amount of \$87,221.04 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

12.2 Appointment of member to the Cobalt Water Commission – Diane Beatty

Resolution #17-255

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison
SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Cobalt Water Commission to appoint Diane Beatty to the Commission.

CARRIED

It was noted that the Temiskaming Health Unit and Bruce Trach from the MOE will be invited to a future Water Commission meeting.

12.3 Fraser Building – Update

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that the boilers have been started for the winter season. One boiler won't ignite. The contractor is trouble shooting the cause. Ms. Larose also reported that there was an issue with the keys to the Cobalt side of the building and requested that they be replaced with non-duplicate keys to ensure the tenants security.

Home Care and Nursing Services requested to use the lock box located in the entrance of the building for emergency services. Council indicated that tenants are responsible for their own appointments for these services and should make the necessary arrangements with the care givers to let them into the building.

Resolution # 17-256

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve changing the locks for the Cobalt residents at the Fraser Building to a non-duplicate key system to ensure their security.

CARRIED

12.4 Timmins Police Service – Fire Agreement Renewal

Resolution #17- 257

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Fire Dispatch Agreement renewal with the Timmins Police Services for an additional four (4) year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021.

CARRIED

12.5 Debrina – Group Benefit Renewal – November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018

Council discussed the renewal policy and directed staff to tender the policy in 2018.

12.6 Winter Sand Hauling – Councillor Bigelow

Councillor Bigelow questioned the authorization of the hauling of the winter sand to the Public Works department. CAO, Michelle Larose advised that she authorized the hauling of the sand and that it was usually discussed at the committee level but never came to Council for approval. In the absence of a committee system, Ms. Larose advised that she authorized to expenditure for the hauling.

The CAO indicated that the Town can put out a tender for services that they use and choose the lowest tender price for each activity to be used throughout the year.

12.7 Ongoing Activities at the Arena – Councillor Schwartz

Councillor Rochelle Schwartz indicated that the Makers and Growers Inc. have posted on Facebook that they were putting ice in the arena but it has not come to Council for approval. Councillor Schwartz pointed out that it was important to ensure that the operator of the ice resurfacers had the proper training and courses prior to using the machine. She questioned whether the liability insurance was appropriate given the change in use as well as the Town's inherent risk now that there will be ice installed. CAO, Michelle Larose advised that they have had initial enquiries as to what would be needed to put ice in but have not yet made a formal request to Council. Ms. Larose advised that she has reminded them that this must be done and will follow up again. Direction was given to staff to follow up on the training and liability insurance.

13. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Mayor Sartoretto removed herself from the chair and Deputy Mayor replaced her for this item of the agenda.

The notice of motion was presented at the September 19th, 2017 Council meeting by Mayor Sartoretto regarding size.

Resolution # 17-258

MOVED BY: Mayor Tina Sartoretto

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt population is considerably less than past years;

AND WHEREAS the advances in technology and social media have vastly improved communication with the citizenry;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt is only 2.9 square kilometers;

AND WHEREAS the Council has sought and achieved cost efficiencies in its budgeting;

AND WHEREAS we have modified our procedures to eliminate committees and now have Committee of the Whole;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council size be reduced to four Councillors and a Mayor.

DEFEATED

Mayor Sartoretto requested a recorded vote:

| Member | For | Against | Member | For | Against |
|---------------------|-----|---------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| Councillor Bigelow | | X | Councillor Harrison | | X |
| Councillor Nielsen | | X | Councillor Othmer | | X |
| Councillor Schwartz | | X | Councillor Wuest | | X |
| Mayor Sartoretto | X | | | | |

Total – 1 FOR and 6 AGAINST. The motion was defeated.

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tina Sartoretto reported the following:

1. She attended the Temiskaming Municipal Association meeting.
 - a. Liana Bacon from Municipal Affairs presented changes to Bill 168 and it was suggested that an integrity commissioner be shared.
2. Highway 11 – the 2 + 1 system was reviewed with long passing lanes. It was left that it would preferable to see this type of system.
3. She attended a short meeting regarding the sale of water to Coleman Township. It will be discussed by Council during budget.
4. The Transit Committee had two (2) public sessions. A proposal will come to Council at the November 7th, Committee of the Whole meeting.
5. She attended the wetlands with Maria Storey and it was very informative. A tour will be set up for the rest of Council on a Saturday.
6. The CCL Committee is looking at setting up a Green Mining Conference next year.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Mike Harrison asked about the status of the Solar Park. Mayor Sartoretto indicated that they are just waiting for Hydro One to make the hydro connection.

17. QUESTION AND ANSWER – NIL

18. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 17-259

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt convene in Closed session for the purposes of approving minutes; Section 239 (2) (b), Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding a municipal employee; and Section 239 (2) (e), Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, regarding a legal matter.

CARRIED

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:56 p.m.
The September 5, 2017 closed session minutes were approved.
Council provided direction to staff regarding a legal matter.

20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-260

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-042, 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 October 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

21. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 17-261

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk