

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

**Mayor** Tina Sartoretto  
**Councillors** Sue Nielsen  
George Othmer  
Rochelle Schwartz  
Perry Wuest

**ABSENT:**

**Councillors** Garry Blgelow (with reason)  
Mike Harrison (with reason)

**Staff:** Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

**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**

Councillor Sue Nielsen disclosed a pecuniary interest for item 9.4 as she is related to Mr. Brydges.

**3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution # 18-78**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Perry Wuest  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor George Othmer

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting for April 10, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution # 18-79**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Sue Nielsen  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor George Othmer

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 20, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

CAO, Michelle Larose, advised that she had met with Kyle Audette after the previous meeting regarding Earth Day on April 22, 2018. The Town will assist by picking up the garbage on April 23, 2018.

**6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 Action List**

Council reviewed the Action List.

**8.2 2018.ML.004.DR – CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Staff Report for February 2018**

Council received the report for information.

**8.3 2018.ML.004.INF – RTA Training Report/ Property Standards Committee**

The CAO presented the report with a recommendation that a Property Standards Committee be established to hear appeals to orders as they relate to the property standards by-law. Michelle Larose will present the documentation for the Committee at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**8.4 Main Street Revitalization Initiative – CAO - Verbal**

CAO, Michelle Larose presented the Main Street Revitalization Initiative Guidelines to Council. The eligible projects were discussed. Council was asked to think about what Improvements that they would like to see in the downtown core.

**8.5 Interviews for the Municipal Internship – CAO - Verbal**

Mayor Sartoretto explained that applications were received for the internship. The hiring policy indicates that a member of Council would assist the CAO to conduct the interview for staff. It was decided that Councillor Rochelle Schwartz would participate in the interview process.

**8.6 Negotiations – CAO - Verbal**

Mayor Sartoretto stated that the Collective Agreement is due to expire in July of 2018. The CAO requested that Council choose who will be part of the negotiations committee. It was decided that Mayor Tina Sartoretto, Councillor George Othmer and CAO, Michelle Larose will form the committee and report back to Council.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION**

**9.1 Letter from the Department of Canadian Heritage – Canada Day Funding**

The Town of Cobalt will be receiving \$3,200 from the Canadian Heritage Department for Canada Day Activities.

**9.2 Communique from AMO – One-Third Tax Free Exemption for Municipal Officials**

The CAO, explained that the removal of the 1/3 tax free exemption is scheduled to be removed on January 1, 2019 for municipal elected officials.

## **CORRESPONDENCE – FOR ACTION**

### **9.3 Letter from Carman Kidd – Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport**

Council discussed the request for Cobalt to contribute to the cost of operating the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport. The decision was made not to participate at this time.

### **9.4 Letter of Request - Spring Pulse Poetry Festival – David Brydges**

Note: Councillor Sue Nielsen declared a conflict regarding this item and left the meeting during the discussion.

Direction was given to Staff to send a letter to Mr. Brydges indicating that the Town would supply the small tents for June 2, 2018 and the "Horse Fountain" would not be relocated to the Poetry Park. Mayor Sartoretto will be contacting the Historical Society to discuss where best to display the fountain.

### **9.5 Letter from Golden Age Club – Request for change in Bus Route**

Mayor Sartoretto advised that the letter was also sent to the Transit Committee. The route will be changed to include a stop at the Golden Age Club in Cobalt.

### **9.6 Letter from Ecole Secondaire Catholique Sainte-Marie – 2018 Graduation**

Direction was given to staff to provide a bursary for the graduation ceremony.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Fraser Building – Update**

Council was advised that the fire alarm system will be tied into the dispatch system during the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Once complete, all fire alarms will be automatically dispatched to the fire department.

### **10.2 2018.BYLAW.002.DR – By-Law/Animal/Property Standards Report**

Council reviewed the report. Concern was expressed regarding voice messages not being returned to citizens when they call the By-Law Officer regarding an issue. Direction was given for staff to follow up on the matter.

### **10.3 Municipal Property Tax Calculator – Councillor Perry Wuest**

Councillor Wuest advised that he had seen a feature on the City of Timmins' website that allowed someone to enter the assessment information and then receive the annual tax information for that property including a breakdown of where the taxes are distributed. Council agreed, that it provided great information. Further discussion will take place to look at a new website and incorporate this feature.

#### **10.4 Community Garden Update – Councillor Sue Nielsen**

Councillor Nielsen indicated that minor improvements will be made to the garden this year which include improved quality of the soil to enhance growing conditions. A Community Garden meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Business Centre. The meeting is open to the public to attend.

#### **10.5 FedNor Announcement – Mining Conference – Mayor Tina Sartoretto**

Mayor Sartoretto attended a funding announcement of \$27,500 by FedNor on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 towards the Mining Conference that is scheduled for September 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There will be an opening reception on September 12<sup>th</sup> with sponsorship from Hockley Brewing. On September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, the Community Hall and Classic Theatre will be used for the plenary speakers, presenters, panel discussions and meals. There will be a gala dinner in Latchford on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The program will be posted on the website within the next 2-3 weeks. Michelle Anderson is taking care of the logistics and website. Some of the participants thus far are the Ministry of Environment, Canadian Mining Innovation Centre, Gold Corp., Ian Horne from Greenstone Mining, Metal Earth, Agnico-Eagle. The theme of the conference is green power and preserving the environment.

### **11. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **Resolution # 18-80**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Perry Wuest

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council convene in closed session as per the Municipal Act, Section 239 (d) Labour relations or employee negotiations regarding the local union; and, Section 239 (e) Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, regarding Sharpe Lake.

**CARRIED**

### **12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council reconvened the meeting from closed session at 8:00 p.m. with the following report:

Council received information regarding a legal matter and discussed upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

### **13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

#### **Resolution # 18-81**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor George Othmer

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2018-23, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018;

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

book.

**CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**


**Resolution # 18-82**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk