

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillors Sue Nielsen (with reason)

Staff:

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer
Dave Adshead – Public Works Staff

1. Call to Order

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

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof – NIL

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION # 18-123

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Budget Meeting for May 30th, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mike DelMonte and Kayla Kirkland of EXP Services provided drawings and information regarding a new public works garage.

The current building was built in 1971. The building must be engineered because it is a municipal building. EXP indicated that it would be too costly to retrofit the current building. It is recommended that the Town entertain a steel frame building vs. a timber frame.

A similar garage was built in Larder Lake that is 120 x 50 ft. The proposed garage would be 120 x 70.

Mr. DelMonte advised that from the concept to stamped drawings would take about 4 months to

compete.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

6. BUDGET

6.1 Review of Operating Budget

The waste management fees will be part of the general levy based on assessment and not as a special charge on the tax bill.

RESOLUTION # 18-124

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to include the waste management fees in the general levy and remove it as a special charge on the tax bills.

CARRIED

6.2 Review of Capital Budget

1. Geotubes to dry out solids at the wetlands – check with Phippens to get a price to remove the solids.
2. Loader – investigate financing and the possibility of purchasing a slightly used loader (1-2 years old)
3. Public Works Garage – investigate financing
4. Grandview Paving – look at using cold mix vs. asphalt
5. Retaining Wall at the Library – Council directed that the wall is not a priority this year.
6. The flooring in the meeting room and kitchen and the overhead door replacement at the Fire Hall has been removed for this year.
7. The wetland windmills will be removed from capital.
8. Paving at the bottom of Cobalt hill.
9. Fraser Building – Mike Harrison advised that part of the sidewalk is coming up and is causing a tripping hazard for patrons of the building.

7. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION # 18-125

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene in closed session as per the following:

1. As per Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations, regarding the collective agreement; and

2. As per section 239 (2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board regarding the Cobalt/Coleman water agreement.

CARRIED

Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 9:18 p.m. with the following report:

Council provided direction to staff with reference to the water agreement and employee salaries and accumulated vacation.

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 18-126

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2018-33 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 30th day of May 2018;

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

CARRIED


9. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 18-127


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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk