

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: NIL

Staff: David King, Acting Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – NIL

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION # 18-207

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting dated August 14, 2018 as presented.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION # 18-208

MOVED BY: Councillor Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Special Council Meeting minutes of July 31, 2018.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL

6. CAO/ STAFF ACTION LIST – The list updated Aug. 9, 2018 was presented for Council's review. Incoming Interim CAO indicated that his primary focus over the next 5 months will be to prepare for and run the 2018 Municipal Election; the ongoing oversight of the Cobalt Water Project; conducting interviews for the Public Works Director Position and to recruit for a new CAO.

Councillor Othmer inquired about the list of municipally owned properties; Councillor Wuest inquired about the advertisement for an office cleaner and Council expressed their desire to review the contract for the public works director once prepared.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – NIL

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – NIL

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – NIL

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Council received the letter from the Cobalt/Coleman Lions Club with the hope that the Club could host a “Good old days event” in 2019.
- 10.2 Council received the letter from the Temiskaming Shores and Area Recruitment and Retention Committee. Council supports the good work of this committee but is unable to make a financial contribution in 2018.

11. BY-LAWS

- 11.1 By-law 2018-54 to appoint a registered Coder Agency, Chief Building Official and Building Inspectors for the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992.

RESOLUTION # 18-209

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison
SECONDED BY: Councillor Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2018-54 to appoint a registered Coder Agency, Chief Building Official and Building Inspectors for the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of August 2018.

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 18-210

MOVED BY: Councillor Othmer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-55, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Town of Cobalt and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 127, be taken as read a first, second and third reading and finally passed this 14th day of August 2018;

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

CARRIED

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 12.1 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedules 18-15 and 18-16

RESOLUTION # 18-211

MOVED BY: Councillor Nielsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following Accounts Payable:

1. Schedule 18-15 in the amount of \$111,730.79 be approved as paid in the month of July 2018; and
2. Schedule 18-16 in the amount of \$22,501.75 be approved as paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

12.2 Hoist Room Equipment- Council discussed the dispossession of the fitness equipment in the Hoist Room as the facility will be closed after August 31, 2018.

RESOLUTION # 18-212

MOVED BY: Councillor Nielsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whereas Council values the Hoist room equipment and does not want to dispose of the fitness equipment at this time, that Council directs the public works staff remove the equipment to a suitable municipally owned location for storage following the closure of the Hoist Room.

CARRIED

Councillor Gary Bigelow	AGAINST	Councillor Mike Harrison	AGAINST
Councillor Sue Nielsen	FOR	Councillor George Othmer	FOR
Councillor Rochelle Schwartz	FOR	Councillor Perry Wuest	FOR
Mayor Tina Sartoretto	AGAINST		

13. MOTION FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – NIL

14. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Sartoretto advised Council about a recent Provincial announcement that will give municipalities a say regarding cannabis dispensaries. More on this in the coming months. Mayor Sartoretto also responded to concerns of public works staff over comments she made at a local coffee shop. Mayor Sartoretto advised that her comments had been misinterpreted; that she had spoken to the public works staff and apologised and she apologises to Council. The Mayor also gave a brief update on the Green Mining Conference.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Nielsen thanked Council for the use of the Community Hall and the support provided for the Cobalt High School reunion. She also thanked Susan White for co organizing the event. All felt it was a huge success. Councillor Nielson also provided staff with a number of recommendations on improvements to the Hall reservation system and improvement to the Hall

Concern was expressed regarding mining related activity and possible trespass near the Town of Cobalt drinking water source. Mayor Sartoretto agreed to invite Martin Ethier (Brixton Mining) and the Water Committee to a future meeting to discuss Council’s concerns.

The speed of Five Ton trucks running through the community was also raised. Mayor Sartoretto

indicated she would contact the OPP and the local trucking company.

17. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD – NIL

18. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION # 18-213

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a closed session to approve previous closed meeting minutes and as per Section 239(2) (b) of the Municipal Act personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding the interim CAO Agreement.

CARRIED

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

19.1 By-law 2018-56 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Municipal Advisory Services for the provision of Interim CAO Services to the Town of Cobalt.

RESOLUTION # 18-214

MOVED BY: Councillor Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve By-law 2018 -56, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Municipal Advisory Services for the provision of interim CAO services to the Town of Cobalt;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 18-214

MOVED BY: Councillor Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-57, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 14th day of August 2018;

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 # 18-215

MOVED BY: Councillor Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting hereby adjourns at 7:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Acting Clerk