

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mayor Tina Sartoretto
Councillors Gary Bigelow (via telephone)
Mike Harrison
George Othmer
Sue Nielsen
Perry Wuest

ABSENT:

Councillors Rochelle Schwartz – with reason

Staff:

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Tina Sartoretto.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

RESOLUTION # 18-05

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Budget Meeting for January 17, 2018, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest – NIL

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 18-06

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Budget Meeting minutes of November 14th, 2017 and the Special Meeting minutes of December 13, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Staff Reports

4.1 Review Goals and Priorities List

Council reviewed the goals and priorities list.

- Items were added from the last budget meeting.

- The CAO advised that she would be attending the Municipality of Temagami to discuss their meeting management system and audio equipment that they use to record meetings.
- Staff were directed to have the public works department create a schematic of what they feel is needed for a new Public Works garage. A request for proposal for the project will be issued.
- There was a discussion about the water plant as to whether the current situation is working because staff are experiencing a large number of call outs because the alarm point for the chlorine contact time is set at 1.2 due to MOE orders. A meeting will be set up with the MOE to discuss the situation.
- The idea of having a working foreman who could be the ORO was also expressed.
- The Intern will be hired when we get formal approval of funding.
- Councillor Othmer mentioned that there is a new truck blade in the public works shop. It was suggested that when the next truck is purchased that it be big enough (diesel) to handle the blade and have a sand box on the back.
- CAO, Michelle Larose, advised that the advertisement for summer students would occur in February 2018 for a start date of June 1, 2018.
- CAO, Michelle Larose mentioned that the flow meter repair had yet to be done as there has been significant expenses incurred with the meter due to failure. Council directed the CAO to gather the invoices for review. It was felt that the Town should not be paying for the repairs every time.

Direction was given to staff to find an independent firm that would be qualified to assess the plant in its current condition.

The memberships were reviewed and Council was in agreement with the current memberships presented.

4.2 Sharp Lake Park Update

CAO, Michelle Larose presented the list of revenues received by Miller over the past nine years of the contract at Sharp Lake Park. The contract expires in September of 2018.

4.3 Long Term Loan Status

The long-term loan status was presented to Council. The current debts outstanding will be complete by 2021.

4.4 Payments Received in 2017 what were not budgeted for

Council reviewed the list of payments received that were not budgeted for in 2017.

Cochrane Temiskaming Waste Management Board - \$17,960.74
 Operating Surplus from the Temiskaming Health Unit - \$12,223.01
 Save on Energy Grant – LED lighting project – 21,294.00

The CAO recommended that Council use the Save on Energy Grant and the proceeds from the sale of the arena at the end of January 2018 to pay for the demand loan on the LED lighting project at CIBC.

Council directed the CAO to draft a motion for the next regular meeting.

5. Confirmation By-law

RESOLUTION # 18-07

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2018-02 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as rea a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of January 2018;

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

CARRIED

5. Adjournment

RESOLUTION # 18-08

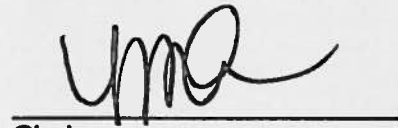
MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk