

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21TH, 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

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 # 17-272

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated November 21st, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

The following items were added to the Agenda:

1. 15.2 Notice of Motion -Rochelle Schwartz.
2. 18. The closed session was removed from the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Council Meeting minutes

Resolution # 17-273

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 7th, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Resolution # 17-274

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Ad Hoc Policing Committee minutes of August 8th, September 5th and October 18th, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

6. ACTION LIST

Council reviewed the Action List.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 – 10.2 These items were received for information.

11. BY-LAWS

Resolution # 17-275

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-044, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Stock Transportation Ltd. and the Town of Temiskaming Shores for a public transit system;

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 Schedule

Resolution #17-276

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Accounts Payable Schedules:

1. Schedule 17-23 in the amount of \$98,793.43 be approved as paid in the month of October 2017;
2. Schedule 17-24 in the amount of \$69,817.60 be approved as paid.

CARRIED

12.2 Transit Fee and Schedule Changes

Resolution #17-277

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Temiskaming Transit Committee to reduce transit service on Sundays from every hour to every two hours effective January 1, 2018;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Temiskaming Transit Committee to increase the Transit Fares by \$0.25 and the monthly passes by \$5.00 effective January 1, 2018 as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Adult Fare | \$ 3.25 |
| Senior/Student Fare | \$ 3.00 |
| Book of 10 Adult Tickets | \$ 32.50 |
| Book of 10 Senior/Student tickets | \$ 30.00 |
| Adult Monthly Pass | \$ 90.00 |
| Senior/Student Monthly Pass | \$ 70.00 |

CARRIED

12.3 Write-off – Accounts Receivable for the Coleman-Cobalt Figure Skating Club

Resolution # 17-278

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the write-off of the accounts receivable balance of \$ 5,374.93 for the Cobalt Coleman Figure Skating Club.

CARRIED

12.4 Emergency Management Table Top Exercise – Latchford – December 6, 2017

CAO, Michelle Larose, advised Council of the Table Top Exercise for emergency management compliance that will take place on December 6th, 2017 and requested that council members attend.

12.5 Committee of the Whole – Meeting Date – December 5th, 2017

Resolution # 17-279

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reschedule the Committee of the Whole meeting date from December 5th, 2017 to December 4th, 2017.

CARRIED

12.6 Resolution to approve hydro cost sharing at the Fraser Building

Resolution # 17-280

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole has recommended to Council the hydro costs be shared with the Pharmacy on a 60/40 split, that being the Pharmacy would pay 60% and the Town 40%, until a load test can be done;

AND WHEREAS Council is agreeable to the recommendation put forth by the Committee of the Whole;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT hydro costs for the main floor of the Fraser building be shared on a 60/40 percent basis (60% Pharmacy, 40% Town of Cobalt), until a load test can be done.

CARRIED

12.7 Resolution to approve the boiler estimate from Comfort Heating for the Fraser Building

Resolution # 17-281

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole on November 7th, 2017 has given direction to staff to proceed with the repairs to the heating system at the Fraser Building in the amount of \$5,211.56 by Comfort Heating;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council reconfirm the direction given and approve the estimate for the heating system repairs.

CARRIED

Note: Councillor Mike Harrison requested a recorded vote.

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

5 FOR, 2 AGAINST – THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

12.8 Resolution to approve the railing estimate by B & G Industrial

Resolution # 17-282

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole on November 7th, 2017 has given direction to staff to

proceed with the repairs to hand railings in the Town of Cobalt in the amount of \$3,333.50 by B & G Industrial Services Ltd.;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council reconfirm the direction given and approve the estimate for the railing repairs.

CARRIED

12.9 Fraser Update

CAO, Michelle Larose provided Council with the following:

1. The boilers have been running for a period of time now without going out. Things have improved with the heating system.
2. We still have some tenants on the second floor that do not have heat. Ms. Larose indicated that valves were ordered to be received that day. Once received, the valves will be changed as soon as possible.

Mayor Sartoretto added that there was an individual that requested to rent an apartment for three (3) month period.

Resolution # 17-283

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE RESOLVED THAT Council allow a pilot project whereby an apartment will be leased on a three (3) month term.

CARRIED

13. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - NIL

14. MAYOR'S REPORT - NIL

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Perry Wuest

Resolution # 17-284

Moved by: Councillor Perry Wuest

WHEREAS an open dialog between the Town and its policing partners is critical to a healthy relationship between them.

AND WHEREAS the police service is very encouraging of ongoing, formally scheduled meetings to discuss policing matters in Cobalt for the benefit of the community

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the group which is currently involved in these policing meeting be permitted to continue this important work with no set termination date.

15.2 Notice of Motion – Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

Resolution # 17-285

Moved by: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

WHEREAS the Mayor is the leader of Council;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor is charged with leading Council through administrative procedures, including the CAO evaluation;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor has failed to conclude the CAO evaluation, a CAO who is now over a year into her employment with the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS during this process, the Mayor released closed session minutes addressing the CAO's performance directly into a meeting chaired by the CAO, creating further barriers to Council-CAO relations;

NOW THEREFOR IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council enact the maximum penalty available by reducing the Mayor's stipend by ninety days or three months.

16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Sue Nielsen

Councillor Sue Nielsen reminded Council and the audience that the Christmas Train will occur on December 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Nielsen indicated that the Hoist Room was well maintained and clean. She requested that a sign be posted at the gym to advise people who they should contact to report issues with the equipment.

Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

Councillor Rochelle Schwartz brought a tax payer issue to Council regarding a demand letter for payment of taxes due to the Municipality from Kemp. CAO, Michelle Larose, advised that the Municipality does not get a law firm to send letters for overdue taxes. The notices are sent by staff. Not knowing the details of the letter, Ms. Larose suggested that the taxpayer may have received a letter from the Town's audit firm requesting confirmation of the outstanding tax balance on their account. The CAO further explained that this is part of the audit for both receivables and payables for the Municipality.

Mayor Satoretto indicated that the taxpayer should first communicate with the office.

Councillor Mike Harrison

Councillor Harrison asked when the tree lighting would be done. Councillor Nielsen advised that it is usually done by December 1st.

Councillors George Othmer and Sue Nielsen

Councillors George Othmer and Sue Nielsen provided an update regarding the Canada Day activities for July 1, 2018. The following will occur:

1. There will be a community breakfast in Cobalt.
2. The parade will take place in Cobalt as well.
3. The afternoon activities will take place at Bass Lake in Coleman Township. The Lions' Club will

- be running the games etc. for the children.
4. Fireworks will take place in Latchford.

Councillor Nielsen indicated that there was nothing for seniors in the afternoon. The Committee will discuss this at a subsequent meeting.

17. QUESTION AND ANSWER – NIL

18. CLOSED SESSION - NIL

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-286

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-045, 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 21st day of November 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 # 17-287

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow


SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk