

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
MINUTES**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016  
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

**Councillor** Perry Wuest

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

**Presenter:** Georgette Saxton, Liz Cooper, Cobalt Library Board

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

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution # 16-357**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor George Othmer

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated December 20, 2016 as amended.

**CARRIED**

Item 5.1 was deleted from the agenda.

Item 11.1 ROMA Conference was added to the agenda.

**2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST**

NIL

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Resolution # 16-358**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor George Othmer

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 7, 2016, as amended.

**CARRIED**

There was an error in the presenter information "OWCA" should have been "OCWA"  
Item 7.5 – the number "1,000" should be removed.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL**

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Georgette Saxton and Liz Cooper presented the Library Board budget to Council. Council will review the transfer payment request during budget deliberations for 2017.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**6.1** The CAO presented the meeting dates for 2017.

**6.2** Michelle Larose, CAO, advised of the Office Closure dates during the Holiday Season.

**7. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL**

**7.1 Mayor's Update**

- Mayor Sartoretto stated that she would update Council in January on the Solar Project.
- A meeting was held to discuss extending the water agreement with Coleman Township up to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the latest and a new agreement will be negotiated during that period of time.
- The Mayor attended the TDSSAB meeting.
- Mayor Sartoretto attended a Community Gathering Meeting. The meetings are to organize a conference workshop on community hubs, working collaboratively, etc.

**7.2 Administration, Finance and Public Safety**

**7.2.1 By-law – winter control/ animal control**

**Resolution # 16-359**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Sue Nielsen

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Cobalt authorize the Clerk to hire Garrett Hunting for the purposes of winter control by-law enforcement for the period of December 21, 2016 to April 30, 2017;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a formal agreement be entered into in January 2017.

**CARRIED**

**7.2.2 By-law – winter control/ animal control**

**Resolution # 16-360**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**WHEREAS** all financial transactions and banking instruments require two signatures by the Corporation;

**NOW THEREFOR IT BE RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Michelle Larose to become the primary signing authority for all banking instruments and transactions with the Deputy Clerk, Dale Taylor as the alternate signing authority;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council confirm that Mayor, Tina Satoretto remains the primary signing authority and the Deputy Mayor, George Othmer remains the alternate on behalf of Council.

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Public Works and Safety**

#### **7.3.1 OCWA Contract Extension of Temporary Services**

##### **Resolution # 16-361**

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

**WHEREAS** Council entered into a temporary services agreement with OCWA for the provision of Overall Responsible Operator services;

**AND WHEREAS** the agreement states that it may be renewed for successive one month terms (each a "Renewal Term") only upon written agreement by both Parties in writing;

**AND WHEREAS** OCWA is in agreement to extend the Temporary Agreement to the end of January 2017;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby approves a renewal of the Temporary Agreement until January 31, 2017.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.3.2 Water Agreement with Coleman Township**

##### **Resolution # 16-362**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt has entered into an agreement with the Township of Coleman for the provision of water services to certain households within their community;

**AND WHEREAS** the agreement is due to expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016;

**AND WHEREAS** representatives (Mayor and CAO) of the Township of Coleman and The Town of Cobalt met to discuss the agreement renewal;

**AND WHEREAS** the representatives would like to recommend an extension to the

agreement for a period of up to one year;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt authorize staff to meet with staff of the Township of Coleman to draft amendments to the current agreement and present the amending by-law to our respective Councils for approval.

**NOTE:** Councillor Bigelow requested a recorded vote:

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|---------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Councillor Bigelow  | A | Councillor Harrison | F |
| Councillor Nielsen  | F | Councillor Othmer   | F |
| Councillor Schwartz | F | Mayor Sartoretto    | F |

**5 – FOR, 1 AGAINST**

**CARRIED**

### **7.3.3 Overtime Report – Call outs**

The overtime and call out report was presented to Council. It was noted that we are received a significant amount of call outs to various buildings that are being used by other parties. A follow up will be done to ensure that Town employees are not the first one to be called out to those alarms.

Direction was given to present this report on a more frequent basis.

### **7.4 Economic Development & Tourism - NIL**

### **7.5 Housing and Social Services - NIL**

### **7.6 Festivals and Recreation**

#### **7.6.1 Hoist Room Statistics**

Michelle Larose, CAO, presented the Hoist Room Statistics up to December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Councillor Sue Nielsen spoke to representatives of Agnico Eagle and advised that they are interested in participating in the Duck Box project.

### **7.7 Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions**

#### **7.7.1 THU Media Release Budget – MOH (De. 12.16)**

Council received the Media Release as information.

#### **7.7.2 Temiskaming Transit Committee – purchase of buses**

##### **Resolution # 16-363**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Garry Bigelow

**WHEREAS** Council has provided prior approval for the purchase of transit buses based on a recommendation from the Temiskaming Transit Committee;

**AND WHEREAS** the Temiskaming Transit Committee have completed the tender process for the purchase of two new buses;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby approves the purchase of two, 30 foot, transit buses from Girardin Ontario Inc., as per the recommendation of the Temiskaming Transit Committee, as a cost of \$854,625 plus applicable taxes.

**CARRIED**

## **8. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

### **Resolution # 16-364**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor George Othmer

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the following:

1. The accounts as per Schedule No. 16-30 in the amount of \$84,841.30 be paid after receiving Council approval.

**CARRIED**

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT**

### **9.1 Town of Lakeshore – Support of Resolution – Accommodation Review Process**

#### **Resolution # 16-365**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor George Othmer

**WHEREAS** the Township of Lakeshore is requesting that the Minister of Education initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities are studied, completed and the results and recommendations are considered;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Cobalt in is agreement to the request made by the Township of Lakeshore;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** Council support the resolution passed by the Township of Lakeshore and that a letter of support be sent to the Township.

**CARRIED**

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION - NIL**

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11.1 ROMA Conference**

#### **Resolution # 16-366**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Garry Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to attend the ROMA Conference in January 2017.

**CARRIED**

## **12. BY-LAWS**

### **12.1 OCIF Agreement**

#### **Resolution # 16-367**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Garry Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 16-049, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a funding agreement for the Formula Based Component of OCIF with Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario, as presented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016;

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

**CARRIED**

### **12.2 NorthernTel Agreement**

#### **Resolution # 16-368**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 16-050, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with NorthernTel for the provision of Broadband Network IP Services, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016;

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

**CARRIED**

## **13. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

### **13.1 Fraser Update**

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that one tenant has voluntarily vacated their apartment after receiving a notice of eviction. Ms. Larose indicated that a form notice to the Landlord and Tenant Board has now been sent to the Board.

## **14. NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL**

## **15. CLOSED SESSION – NIL**

**16. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**Resolution # 16-369**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 16-051, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016;

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

**CARRIED**

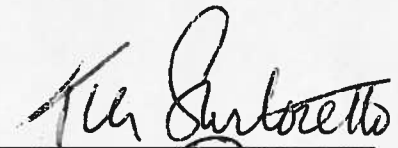
**17. ADJOURNMENT**

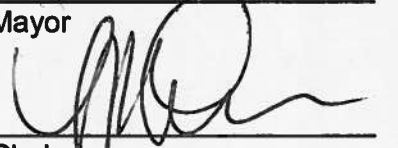
**Resolution # 16-370**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk