

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017
MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

PRESENT:

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

Absent:

Councillor Mike Harrison (with reason)

Staff:

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-001

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated Tuesday, January 10, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

Item 11.1 Summer Student Funding - add to the agenda.

Item 11.2 Selling of bus passes at the Town Hall – add to the agenda.

Item 11.3 Hiring of staff – Fire Department – add to the agenda.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor George Othmer declared a pecuniary interest under Item 8.1 Approval of Schedule of Payments 16-31 as his remuneration as a firefighter is in the schedule.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution # 17-002

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 20th, 2016, as amended.

CARRIED

Item 6.2 – “Officer” changed to “Office”.

Item 7.1 – “indicated that she was” was deleted.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS - NIL

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 The CAO presented the monthly report.

6.2 Goals and Priorities Session – Scheduled for January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

6.3 Council passed the following resolution with reference to a rent payment agreement.

Resolution # 17-003

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept monthly payments of \$1,000 from Judy Snider in payment of current rent and arrears until such time as the past due rent is paid;

AND FURTHER THAT should the monthly payments of \$1,000 discontinue, the Clerk will be authorized to proceed to the Landlord and Tenant Board for eviction.

CARRIED

6.4 Draft Procedure By-law – Michelle Larose, CAO provided the draft procedure by-law to Council. Council was asked to review the by-law and send any questions, additions or deletions that they have with reference to the document. The CAO will collate the information for a discussion on the by-law at the next regular meeting of Council.

7. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL

7.1 Mayor's Update

- Mayor Sartoretto reported that there were many Christmas events that were well attended throughout the holidays.
- The Mayor attended the Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford Economic Development Initiative meeting.
- Mayor Sartoretto will be attending the Community Gathering today at the mining college in the City of Temiskaming Shores.

7.2 Administration, Finance and Public Safety - NIL

7.3 Public Works and Safety - NIL

7.4 Economic Development & Tourism - NIL

7.5 Housing and Social Services - NIL

7.6 Festivals and Recreation

Councillor Sue Nielsen advised that the Healthy Kids Community Challenge is promoting a Healthy Community project through healthy eating and food preparation.

7.7 Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

7.7.1 Temiskaming Transit – Passenger Counts and Monthly Passes -2016

Mayor Sartoretto commented that there were two transit buses that were inoperable over the holidays. A school bus was used in the interim. The regular buses are in operation at the present time.

7.7.2 Letter from the Library Board – December 21, 2016

The letter was provided for information purposes.

8. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

Councillor George Othmer declared an interest on this item and did not participate.

Resolution # 17-004

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. 16-31 in the amount of \$115,148.99 be approved as paid in the month of December 2016;
2. The accounts as per Schedule No. 17-01 in the amount of \$107,383.31 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

9.1 Resolution of Support - Town of Latchford – Northern and Eastern Ontario Rail Network

Resolution # 17-005

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

WHEREAS the Town of Latchford passed Resolution #16-169 to support the Northern and Eastern Ontario Rail Network (NEORN) in their quest to restore needed rail passenger service to our and other areas of the north;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt in its agreement to the resolution passed by the Town of Latchford;

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

CARRIED

9.2 Resolution of Support - Town of Latchford – Exemption from extra Hydro charges

Resolution # 17-006

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

WHEREAS the Town of Latchford passed Resolution #16-168 to petition the Provincial Government to exempt all Ontario municipalities from the five additional charges on the hydro billings;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt in is agreement to the resolution passed by the Town of Latchford;

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

CARRIED

9.3 Resolution of Support - Town of Latchford – Lowering Hydro Rates

Resolution # 17-007

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Garry Bigelow

WHEREAS the Town of Latchford passed Resolution #16-170 to petition the Provincial Government to lower hydro rates;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt is in agreement to the resolution passed by the Town of Latchford;

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

CARRIED

9.4 Tri Town Ski & Snowboard Village – Sponsorship Request

Council directed the CAO to send a letter to the Tri Town Ski and Snowboard Village to advise that we are unable to sponsor the transit system due to budget constraints.

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

Items 10.1 – 10.4 were received as information.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Summer Student Funding

CAO, Michelle Larose, asked for direction with reference to Federal Applications for summer students. Council directed the CAO to apply for 4 public works students and 1 recreation student.

11.2 Bus Tickets

Councillor Garry Bigelow asked if the Town would consider selling bus tickets to people who use the transit system. Council directed the CAO to report back on the possibility of selling tickets at the Town Hall.

11.3 Fire Department Hiring

Councillor Garry Bigelow asked if there was any recent hiring of personnel for the fire department. Councillor Bigelow was made aware that there were members hired but the hiring did not come to Council for approval.

Direction was given to the CAO to look into the matter and report back to Council.

12. BY-LAWS

12.1 Agreement between Temiskaming Shores and the Town of Cobalt for recycling services.

Resolution # 17-008

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Garry Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No.17-001, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City of Temiskaming Shores and the acceptance of recyclable material at the Spoke Transfer Station on Barr Drive, be taken as read a first, second and third time and

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 provided the following update to Council:

- One tenant has vacated their apartment on the second floor as of December 17, 2016. One door requires replacement, the apartment requires painting and cleaning. The apartment will be available for tenancy by February 1, 2017.
- A second tenant on the third floor has advised that the apartment will be vacated on January 15th, 2017. Once vacated, an inspection will be done to determine if there is anything required before showing the apartment for rent.
- The elevator needed servicing on January 10th as the sensor for the door was not working properly. The elevator technician is to return on the 11th to finish the work.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL

15. CLOSED SESSION – NIL

16. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-009

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 17-002, 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 10th day of January, 2017;

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 # 17-010

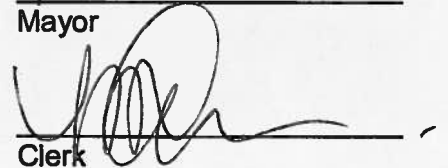
MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Garry Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk