

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

PRESENT:

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

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 # 17-013

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated Tuesday, January 24, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

NIL

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution # 17-014

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

Item 9.2 and 9.3 – references to Township were changed to Town.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5.1 Martin Drainville – Classic Theatre Board

Martin Drainville presented some information and statistics to Council with reference to the activities and challenges that the Board faces in ensuring that the Classic Theatre remain a viable asset to the community of Cobalt and outlying areas. The contribution from the Town represents 10% of their overall budget with the other 90% derived from fundraising, events, grants and donations.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Setting of Budget Dates

Council agreed that the first budget meeting be held on February 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and that the meeting have a time limit of three (3) hours maximum.

6.2 Discussion – Draft Procedure By-law

Council provided direction to the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to include a section in the council meeting agenda to allow for a question and answer period at the end of each meeting.

6.3 Fire Department Minutes

Direction was given to the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to provide a motion to approve the hiring of the most recent fire fighters to the Cobalt Fire Department.

6.4 Advance of operating grants to Museums, Classic Theatre and Public Library

Resolution # 17-015

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the advance of monthly operating grants to the following organizations until such time as the budget is passed:

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| 1. Cobalt Public Library Board - | \$3,251.25 |
| 2. Cobalt Mining Museum | 833.34 |
| 3. Bunker Military Museum | 833.34 |
| 4. Classic Theatre | 833.34 |

CARRIED

6.5 Tree Funding Program

Resolution # 17-016

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the CAO to apply for funds under the TreeCanada program to plant trees in the Municipality.

CARRIED

6.6 Draft Agreement with OCWA for ORO Services

Resolution # 17-017

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enter into an agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for the provision of Overall Responsibility Operator (ORO) services for a three year term from February 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL

7.1 Mayor's Update

- Mayor Tina Sartoretto attended a Community Gathering and explained that they were looking at ways to collaborate on activities amongst communities.
- Mayor Sartoretto also advised that she would be attending the Rural Ontario Municipal Conference with CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Michelle Larose on January 29-31, 2017.

7.2 Administration, Finance and Public Safety - NIL

7.3 Public Works and Safety

Mayor Sartoretto commented that the snow banks are removed on a regular basis in front of the churches and thanked the Public Works department for their good work.

7.4 Economic Development & Tourism

7.4.1 Funding Programs List

Michelle Anderson provided an overview of various funding programs that may be of interest to the Municipality.

7.4.2 Relocation of Mining Artifacts

Councillor Wuest advised that the artifacts were currently being dismantled at the former train station to be relocated to the Mining Museum. Councillor Wuest requested assistance from the Public Works department to move the heavier items. Direction was given to the CAO to coordinate the move.

7.5 Housing and Social Services - NIL

7.6 Festivals and Recreation

Councillor Sue Nielsen advised that she will be meeting with the Healthy Kids Co-ordinator to discuss their program and how the Town of Cobalt may be able to participate

7.7 Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

Direction was given to obtain updated lists of Directors for the following boards: Bunker Museum, Mining Museum, Firefighters Museum, Classic Theatre and the Paul Penna Library.

8. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution # 17-018

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the accounts as per Schedule No. 17-02 in the amount of \$29,422.55 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

9.1 Pharmacy Lease – Payment of Utilities and other services

The CAO explained that the rent payment has been made but the billings for utilities have not been billed out to the Tenants of main floor. Direction was given to bill for the utilities and fees.

9.2 Letter from Anthony Rota – Connect to Innovate

The letter was received for information.

9.3 Resolution of Support – Municipalities to hold lotteries

Resolution # 17- 019

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

WHEREAS the Town of Bancroft has passed a resolution to petition the Province of Ontario to strongly consider allowing municipalities in Ontario to hold municipal lotteries for the purpose of generating funds for local infrastructure needs;

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

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

CARRIED

9.4 Resolution of Support – New assessment of railroad ROW properties

Resolution # 17- 020

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

WHEREAS the Town of Fort Francis passed a resolution to petition the Province of Ontario to establish a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on a per ton-mile concept with a regular review similar to the MPAC four-year assessment cycle;

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

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

CARRIED

9.5 OGRA Conference – February 26th – March 1, 2017

Resolution # 17- 021

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

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following persons to attend the Ontario Good Roads Conference from February 26th to March 1st, 2017:

DEFEATED

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

The letter from Union Gas regarding building over gas lines was received for information.

11. OTHER BUSINESS - NIL

12. BY-LAWS

12.1 Interim Tax Levy By-law

Resolution # 17-022

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No.17-004, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for the year 2017, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed on this 24th 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

12.2 Short Term Borrowing By-law

Resolution # 17-023

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No.17-005, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures for the year 2017, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed on this 24th 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

13. ON-GOING BUSINESS

13.1 Fraser Update

CAO, Michelle Larose provided the following update to Council:

- The cleaning and repairs are almost done in Apt. # 209 then staff will commence repairs, painting and cleaning in Apt. 312.
- There is a Landlord Tenant Tribunal scheduled for January 26th, 2017 to deal with the matter pertaining to Apt. 211

14. NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL

15. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 17-024

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council meet in closed session for the following purpose:

1. To approve closed session minutes; and

2. To discuss an item as it pertains to the sale of the arena as authorized under the MA Section 239(2) (c), pending acquisition or disposition of land of a municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Council reconvened the meeting at 8:51 p.m. with the following report:

1. Council approved the closed session meeting minutes of October 18th, 2016 as amended, November 28, 2016 and December 7, 2016.
2. Council provided direction to the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer regarding the potential sale of the arena.

16. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-025

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-06, 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 24th 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 # 17-026

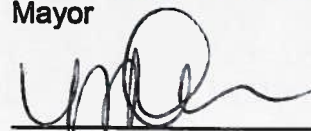
MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz
SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk