

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 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

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 # 17-090

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated April 18th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

Item 10.1 - was deferred until after closed session.

Item 10.3 - was added to the agenda – Extension Agreement

Item 17.1 - an additional item was added for closed session that pertained to the acquisition or disposition of land.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 17-091

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 4th, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING - NIL**
7. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL**
8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL**
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 **Resolution # 17-092**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt provide a \$100 bursary for the 2017 Graduation at Ecole secondaire catholique Sainte-Marie

AND FURTHER THAT the bursary be awarded to a student that is a resident of Cobalt.

CARRIED

9.2 **Resolution # 17-092 (A)**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the motion to remove the word “waived” and replace it with “\$100 charitable rate be charged”.

CARRIED

Resolution # 17-093

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve the use of the Community Hall by the Bunker Military Museum to receive guests from the Algonquin Regiment on May 6, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT the hall rental fee be charged at the \$100 charitable rate for the event.

CARRIED

9.3 Resolution # 17-094

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve the use of the Community Hall by Felicity Buckell for the "Mining Our Creativity" program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-5:30 p.m. for the period of May 2nd to June 8th, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT the hall rental fee be waived for the program.

DEFEATED

Resolution # 17-095

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve the use of the Community Hall by Felicity Buckell for the "Mining Our Creativity" program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-5:30 p.m. for the period of May 2nd to June 8th, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT the hall rental fee be \$300 for the program.

DEFEATED

Resolution # 17-096

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve the use of the Community Hall by Felicity Buckell for the "Mining Our Creativity" program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-5:30 p.m. for the period of May 2nd to June 8th, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT the hall rental fee be \$600 for the program.

CARRIED

9.4 Resolution # 17-097

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve a donation of \$500 towards the material costs for the "Mining Our Creativity Program".

DEFEATED

9.5 Resolution # 17-098

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt support the resolution of the Temiskaming Mayors Action Group in their petition to have the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re-evaluate the requirement under the Municipal Elections Act to have 25 voter signatures supporting the nomination of a municipal council candidate;

AND THAT Council support the request to have it be a Municipal decision as opposed to being legislated;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Temiskaming Mayor's Action Group our local MPP, John Vanthof and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

9.6 Letter from Mayor Antoniazzi – Town of Kirkland Lake re: DTSSAB reserves

Council received the letter as information.

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 This item was deferred following the closed session.

10.2 By-law 2017-14

Resolution # 17-099

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-14, being a by-law to appoint the Chief Building Official for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2017;

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

CARRIED

10.3 By-Law 2017-16

Resolution # 17-100

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement pursuant to Section 378 of the Municipal Act, RSO 2001, c. 25, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2017;

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

CARRIED

11 General Business

11.1 Resolution # 17-101

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following accounts payable schedules:

1. Schedule No. 17-08 in the amount of \$121,506.53 be approved as paid in the month of March, 2017; and
2. Schedule No. 17-09 in the amount of \$105,393.86 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

11.2 Resolution # 17-102

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of Wade Bigras to the Town of Cobalt Fire Department.

CARRIED

11.3 Resolution #17-103

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt provide a \$100 bursary and Cobalt Silver Medallion for the 2017 Graduation at the Timiskaming District Secondary School;

AND FURTHER THAT the bursary be awarded to a student that is a resident of Cobalt.

CARRIED

11.4 Resolution # 17-104

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a rent increase of 1.5% as per the Landlord and Tenant Board 2017 Rent Increase Guideline for the Fraser apartment building tenants.

CARRIED

11.5 Resolution # 17-105

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Councillor Sue Nielsen and Councillor Perry Wuest to the 2017 Ad Hoc Canada Day Committee.

CARRIED

11.6 Resolution # 17-106

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the installation of a "skin" over the sidewalk at the Fraser Building prior to the installation of the accessible ramp to the Pharmacy.

CARRIED

11.7 Email from AMO – Re: Federal Gas Tax Legacy Fund Payment

Council received the email as information. Direction was given to prepare a motion regarding gas prices for the next meeting.

11.8 Update – Fraser Building

CAO, Michelle Larose provided a Fraser Building update to Council:

1. Apartment #209 has been rented. The tenant will be moving in on May 1, 2017.
2. The two vacant apartments are being shown to prospective tenants.
3. Mr. Mike Harrison has resigned his position with Davis Property Management. Mr. Harrison has provided other building services in the past through Davis Property Management. In the transition, Ms. Larose has been taking care of any building issues. There is a requirement to have someone responsible for ongoing issues and repairs that are required.

Council provided direction to the CAO to provide a report on what we are paying Davis Property Management for their services.

12. Motion for which prior notice has been given – NIL

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Sartoretto reported the following:

1. Laurentian University and Northern College conducted successful strategic planning sessions. Laurentian University is looking to expand its activities in the region.
2. The Legacy Fund presented funding donations to various groups in Cobalt. Recipients were as follows:
 - a. Paul Penna Library - \$24,000
 - b. Mining Museum - \$9,600
 - c. Classic Theatre - \$4,800
 - d. Bunker Military Museum - \$4,800
 - e. Historical Society - \$4,800

14. Notices of Motion – NIL

15. Councillor Updates

Councillor Sue Nielsen commented on the sudden passing of Vivian Hylands. The Community has suffered a tremendous loss. Ms. Hylands will be dearly missed.

16. Question and Answer – NIL

17. Closed Session

Resolution # 17-107

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

BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt convene in closed session to approve minutes; and, as per Subsection 239 2(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; regarding the arena, and, Subsection 239 2(d) of the Municipal Act, labour relations or employee negotiations, regarding municipal employees.

CARRIED

18. Business Arising from Closed Session

Council reconvened to open session at 9:03 p.m.

Resolution # 17-108

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow
SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE RESOLVED THAT the Public Works part-time staff be laid off as of April 19, 2017.

CARRIED

19. Confirmation By-Law

Resolution # 17-109

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-15, 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 18th day of April, 2017;

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

CARRIED

20. Adjournment

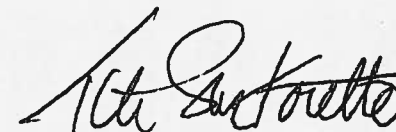
Resolution # 17-110

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

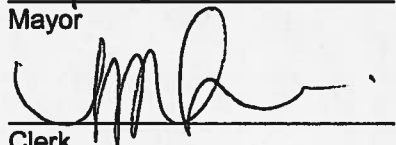
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk