

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 21TH, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST, 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 (without reason)

Staff:

Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Presentations:

Felicity Buckell – After School Art Workshops and Conference
Victor Legault – Ontario Clean water Agency

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 MEETING AGENDA

Resolution # 17-062

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

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

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution # 17-063

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 7th, 2017 and the Budget meeting of March 8th, 2017.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

6. Public Hearing - NIL

7. Delegations and Presentations

7.1 Felicity Buckell – Re. After School Art Workshops and Conference – Cobalt 2018

Felicity Buckell advised Council of the funding that she has received to hold after-school art workshops at the Mining Museum for kids from St. Patrick's Elementary School. The workshops will engage the young people of Cobalt in drawing, painting and filmmaking while learning about the history of their town.

Ms. Buckell also indicated that the Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC) will be holding their 2018 Symposium in Cobalt. Further details will be provided as the conference develops.

7.2 Victor Legault - Ontario Clean Water Agency – Cobalt Drinking Water System 2016 Annual/ Summary Report

Victor Legault presented the 2016 Annual/Summary Report for the Cobalt Drinking Water System to Council. The 2016/17 Inspection Report was also reviewed with a focus on compliance. Mr. Legault advised Council as to the status of the compliance issues.

Mr. Legault also answered questions as they related to the water tower and the variable frequency drives that are proposed as part of the CWWF program for capital projects.

Resolution # 17-064

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve the Cobalt Drinking Water System Annual/Summary Report for the year 2016.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 – 9.5 These items were received for information.

9.6 Support Resolutions for Thames Centre and Township of Zorra – Re: Defibrillator in elementary and secondary schools

Resolution # 17-065

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

WHEREAS the Councils of the Township of Zorra and Thames Centre have passed resolutions petitioning the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and other agencies to develop a policy that enables all schools and school boards in Ontario to have Automated External Defibrillators (AED) installed in their schools;

AND WHEREAS the Town recognizes the importance of AED's and the ability to increase the odds of survival for a person in cardiac arrest;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt hereby supports the respective resolutions passed by the Township of Zorra and the Municipality of Thames Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT a letter of support is sent to the respective municipalities.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS - NIL

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Motion to appoint Councillor Sue Nielsen and Councillor Rochelle Schwartz to the "Cobalt Healthy Kids Community Garden Project Committee"

Resolution # 17-066

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt appoint Councillor Sue Nielsen and Councillor Rochelle Schwartz to the "Cobalt Healthy Kids Community Garden Project Committee".

CARRIED

11.2 Motion to approve Mayor Tina Sartoretto to attend the FONOM Conference in North Bay From May 10-12th, 2017

Resolution # 17-067

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve Mayor Tina Sartoretto to attend the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) conference in North Bay, ON from May 10-12th, 2017.

CARRIED

11.3 Motion to approve Michelle Larose to attend the AMCTO Conference in Huntsville from June 12-14th, 2017

Resolution # 17-068

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve Michelle Larose, CAO to attend the Association of Managers, Clerks and Treasurers Association (AMCTO) conference in Huntsville from June 12 – 14, 2017.

CARRIED

11.4 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedules – 17-05, 17-06 and 17-07

Resolution # 17-069

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

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

1. Schedule No. 17-05 in the amount of \$11,334.57 be approved as paid in the month of February 2017;
2. Schedule No. 17-06 in the amount of \$137,970.68 be approved as paid in the month of February 2017; and,
3. Schedule No. 17-07 in the amount of \$137,719.26 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

11.5 Fraser Building Update – Elevator, Hydro Meter and Power Outage

Michelle Larose provided the following information to Council:

1. Elevator – The elevator doors have not been opening from time to time, causing people to be held in the elevator for short periods of time. When this happens the elevator has to be manually overridden to bring it to the mezzanine floor and the doors then open. Hal Brant (elevator maintenance) has been contacted to try to trouble shoot what the problem is. Ms. Larose also indicated that she has contacted Mike Chamandy of Co-Tem and advised of the quotation for the major elevator repairs and indicated that Co-Tem would be responsible for 50% of the cost.
2. Hydro Meter – There was question as to whether the hydro being connected for the pharmacy should be on a separate meter.

It was confirmed that a separate meter would not be installed for the pharmacy and the billing for hydro would proceed as per the agreement.

3. Power Outage – As a result of the Hydro One power outage on Friday, March 17th, 2017, the Fraser buildings FOB system did not work. Tenants were not able to access the building with their FOB's during that period of time. I met with Mr. Harrison to find a temporary solution to the matter. The entrance door was propped open to allow residents to enter the building. A follow up call was made to Security Today to discuss the matter. They will be on site by the end of the week and will provide recommendations to resolve the issue should another power outage occur.
4. Fire Alarm System – Recently the buildings fire alarm was activated and it is believed to have been from the construction in the building.

There were two issues identified:

1. Although it was a false alarm, very few residents evacuated the building. Ms. Larose reported that a meeting took place with Mr. Harrison and Fire Chief, Shawn Hearn to discuss the matter. The Fire Department will be assisting staff to prepare an education session with the residents of the building as well as implementing an emergency plan for the building.

2. It was realized that the fire alarm system is not connected to our security system to dispatch the fire department in the case of a fire. Someone would be responsible for making the 911 call. Security Today was contacted to see if the fire alarm system could be connected to the alert system so that in the future, a dispatch would automatically occur. Council directed the CAO to follow up on this matter and have the two systems connected.

12. MOTION FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - NIL

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tina Sartoretto advised that she attended the District of Temiskaming Social Services Administration Board meeting and that when the minutes of the meetings are formally approved, they will be distributed to Council.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

15. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Sue Nielsen reported that she attended the event for the formal presentation of the Duck Box Program. Councillor Nielsen expressed that it was well attended and very informative session.

16. QUESTION AND ANSWER - NIL

17. CLOSED SESSION - NIL

18. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - NIL

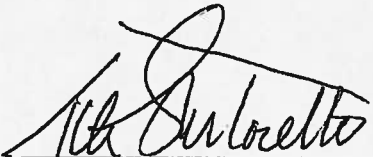
19. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution # 17-070

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

BE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor


Clerk