

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH, 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

Presentations: Tammy Borgen – Healthy Kids Community Challenge
Theresa Tasse – Golden Age Club

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 # 17-053

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated Tuesday, March 7th, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 17-054

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21st, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Presentation – Tammy Borgen-Flood – Healthy Kids Community Challenge

Water Filling Station

Tammy Borgen-Flood of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge will be installing water filling stations in the area communities. Ms. Borgen-Flood requested that Cobalt host a water filling station. The cost would be covered by the Healthy Kids program. The deadline to respond is by the end of March.

Choose to boost veggies and fruit

Ms. Borgen-Flood presented the “Choose to Boost Veggies and Fruit Project”. The concept of the program is to teach kids on how to make healthy snacks which will be a 5 week program. A dietician will also be involved in the program.

Community Garden Project

The group has been looking for partnerships to create community gardens. The costs would be covered by the program.

6.2 Presentation – Theresa Tasse – Golden Age Club

Theresa Tasse, President of the Golden Age Club presented information about the Club and their activities over the past 45 years. Ms. Tasse also expressed the need for Council’s support of the Club, financially and in-kind as the municipal budget will permit.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Councillor Rochelle Schwartz will be presenting the idea to the Library Board to have the water filling station installed at the library.
2. Councillor’s Sue Nielsen and Rochelle Schwartz will be appointed to the Community Garden Project committee at the next regular council meeting.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1-8.3 Admin Monthly Report/ 2017 ROMA Report/ Fire Department Minutes

Items 8.1-8.3 were received for information.

Councillor Rochelle Schwartz requested that the budget meeting of March 8, 2017 be postponed until the complete budget was done and the deficit was known.

A motion was introduced.

Resolution #2017-055

Moved by: Councillor Gary Bigelow

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the scheduled budget meeting for March 8th, 2017 remain as planned.

CARRIED

8.4 Cobalt Drinking Water System Report – 2016 Annual/Summary Report

Direction was given to invite OCWA representatives to present the report.

8.5-8.7 FONOM/ AMO/ AMCTO Conference

1. Mayor Sartoretto will be attending the FONOM Conference in North Bay from May 10-12, 2017.
2. No one will be attending the AMO Conference
3. Michelle Larose, CAO requested to attend the AMCTO Conference in June 2017. Direction was given to bring back the request to the March 21, 2017 meeting.

8.8 Letter of Support – Library Applying for Accessible Funds

Resolution # 17-056

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Cobalt supports the Cobalt Public Library;

AND WHEREAS the Town recognizes the valuable services that the library brings to the Town and surrounding areas;

AND WHEREAS the Cobalt Public Library would like to make their services more accessible to persons with disabilities;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt supports the application from the Library to the Barrier Buster Grant Program for accessible entrance doors and sends a letter of support to accompany the application.

CARRIED

8.9 Request the use of the Classic Theatre for movie nights

Councillor Sue Nielsen discussed the idea of having movie nights at the Classic Theatre. Council requested that Councillor Nielsen provide a plan for the movie nights for approval prior to requesting the Theatre for movie nights.

8.10 Minutes of the DTSSAB – January 18, 2017

Council received the minutes as information.

8.11 Employee Evaluation – Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

Councillor Rochelle Schwartz requested to know when and how the evaluation would be performed for the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer. It was suggested that a 360 evaluation be done. Mayor Tina Sartoretto will bring the evaluation form to Council for review and Council will schedule the performance appraisal.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Letter from Ron Huard regarding an incident

Council reviewed the correspondence and directed staff to send a letter to Mr. Huard indicating that the Municipality will not pay for the damage.

9.2 Letter from John and Connie Boyd regarding by-law enforcement for animals

Council reviewed the letter and directed staff to send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd explaining that the item will be discussed during budget deliberations.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – NIL

11. CLOSED SESSION

Prior to the motion being read, Councillor Sue Nielsen expressed concern that the letter from a municipal staff member was in closed session and not an open session item. Council discussed the matter and the item was left in the closed session portion of the meeting. Councillor Sue Nielsen requested that her concern be documented in the minutes.

Resolution # 17-057

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

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

1. To approve closed session minutes;
2. As per Section 239 (2) (b), personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding a reference check, a letter from the Fire Chief and matters pertaining to staff and Council.
3. As per Section 239 (2) (f), advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, regarding Sharpe Lake; and
4. As per Section 239 (2) (c), a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, regarding an offer to sell property to the municipality.

CARRIED

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m. with the following report:

1. Closed session minutes were approved.
2. Council approved a reference check for a tenant application at the Fraser building.
3. Council directed staff to invite the Fire Chief and the senior officers of the Fire Department to meet with Council.
4. Council provided direction to the CAO to communicate with legal counsel regarding Sharpe Lake.
5. Council directed the CAO to advise the property owner that the Municipality is not interested in the purchase of property.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 17-058

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