

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH, 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
Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tina Sartoretto welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-128

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Budget Meeting dated May 10, 2017.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL

4. STAFF REPORTS

4.1 2017 Draft Budget worksheet – May 10, 2017

CAO, Michelle Larose presented the draft budget worksheet with updated figures from the previous budget meeting. The amount to be levied through taxation is \$533,783. Ms. Larose advised that the insurance premium cost has gone down by approximately \$4,500 for 2017 which has not been reflected in the draft. This information was only received on May 10th. The following changes were also reflected in the draft statement:

1. Additional wages to reflect the hiring of staff on an interim basis as well as wages for the hiring of a public works supervisory employee and an adjustment for a retroactive payment in wages for an employee.
2. The reduction of the funding to the Bunker, Classic Theatre, Mining Museum and Library by ½ of the legacy fund donations for 2017.

3. The reduction of the travel/conference account for Council and Administration to reflect that the Mayor will not be attending the FONOM conference and the CAO will not be attending the AMCTO conference.
4. The transfer of the street lighting special charge to the levy.
5. Adjustments to the municipal capital levy to reflect the deletion of some capital projects.

4.2 2017 Draft Capital Budget

The CAO presented the revised changes from the April 25th, 2017 budget meeting. Through these adjustments, Council was able to reduce the amount of levy for capital purposes by approximately \$59,000.

4.3 Discussion of Funding for Capital

It was noted that we aren't able to stack some projects with multiple funding streams. Ms. Larose explained those changes in the draft capital budget.

4.4 Summary of discussions regarding operating and capital budgets

The operating and capital budgets were recapped.

4.5 Levy Calculations and impact on various property assessments by class

Two scenarios were discussed. The first scenario showed the increases in the levy as well as the special charges if the levy was \$533,783 and the second scenario, if the levy was \$496,343 with the street lighting as a special charge.

Council discussed various options and provided the following direction with respect to the budget:

1. Review budget items for by-law and animal control.
2. Change Silverland Cemetery – Wages and Supplies to \$6,000 from \$7,000.
3. Change Public Relations from \$3,000 to \$1,200.
4. Review Grants for accuracy for the Library, Bunker Museum, Mining Museum and Classic Theatre.
5. Bring back the quote to replace the tires on the trackless machine.

Resolution #17-129

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council bill the OPP costs at full cost recovery through a special charge.

CARRIED

5. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-130

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-13, 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 May,2017;

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

CARRIED


6. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution # 17-131

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor


Clerk