

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT BUSINESS CENTRE
TUESDAY, JUNE 6th, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mayor Tina Sartoretto
Councillors Gary Bigelow
Mike Harrison
Sue Nielsen
George Othmer
Rochelle Schwartz - arrived at 8:35 p.m.
Perry Wuest

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Presentations: Tim Hutchison, M.I.S. Insurance Services

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

3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-147

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated June 6th, 2017.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 17-148

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of May 16th, 2017 and the Budget Meeting minutes of May 16th, 2017.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL

6. ACTION LIST

Council reviewed the Action List.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Presentation

Mr. Hutchison presented the municipal insurance policy and the coverages.

- Some of the enhancements included best practices for the fire department and advice on building code issues.
- Our current liability limit is \$25 million. It was suggested that Council consider \$50 million.
- The groups that are currently listed on our policy should have their own liability insurance. The coverage on our policy is for claims over and above their coverage amounts.

8.2 Presentation – 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets

Michelle Larose, CAO, presented the 2017 Budget to Council and members of the public.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10-1 – 10.5 These items were received for information.

10.6 Letter from Wanda Paoletti – Request to bill utilities on tax bills

This item was referred to staff for report back to Council.

10.7 Letter from DTSSAB – Financial Assistance to repair homes to make them safer

Direction was given to post the guidelines and application on the municipal website and make the application available at the Town Hall.

10.8 AMO Communication to Municipal Councillors

This item was received for information.

10.9 Letter from Tammy Flood – Request to use the Community Hall for free

Resolution # 17-149 (A)

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion be amended to read; "AND FURTHER THAT the rental fee be set at the charitable rate of \$175.00 per day."

CARRIED

Resolution # 17-149 (original motion)

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt provide the use of the Community Hall to the Healthy Community Kids Challenge Program from July 10th – July 14th, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT the rental fee be set at the charitable rate of \$175.00 per day.

CARRIED

10.10 Letter from Brent McGillivray – Request charitable rate for Community Hall

Resolution # 17-150

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt provide the use of the Community Hall to the Timiskaming District Secondary School on April 5th – 7th, 2018 and April 19th – 21st, 2018 for the Sears Ontario Drama Festival;

AND FURTHER THAT the rental fee be set at the charitable rate of \$175.00 per day.

CARRIED

10.11 Resolution to approve special charges for 2017 tax billing year

Resolution # 17-151

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve the following special charges for the 2017 taxation year:

1. Waste Management - \$ 229.80
2. Policing Charge - \$ 570.00

CARRIED

11. BY-LAWS

11.1 Larose Bridge Funding Agreement

Resolution #17-152

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-018, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Canada under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program Contribution Agreement for the Larose Bridge repairs, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of June 2017;

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

CARRIED

11.2 Lease Agreement between the Town of Cobalt and Riversedge Developments

Resolution #17-153

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-019, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Riversedge Developments for the lease of the Father Les Costello Memorial Arena be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of June 2017;

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

CARRIED

11.3 By-law to establish 2017 tax ratios

Resolution #17-154

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-020, being a by-law to establish tax ratios for year 2017 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of June 2017;

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

CARRIED

11.4 By-law to adopt the 2017 Tax Rates for Municipal and School Board Purposes

Resolution #17-155

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-021, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the 2017 Tax Rates for Municipal and School Board Purposes and to further provide penalty and interest for payments in default be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of June 2017;

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

CARRIED

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Administration Monthly Report – June 2017

The Administration Monthly report was received by Council.

12.2 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedule

Resolution #17-156

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the accounts as per Schedule No. 17-12 in the amount of \$177,051.46 as paid in the month of May 2017.

CARRIED

12.3 Canada Day Update

Councillors Sue Nielsen and Perry Wuest provided an update regarding the Canada Day activities. The draft schedule is as follows:

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Pancake and sausage breakfast

11:00 a.m. - Parade start time (at the snow dump)

12:00 p.m. - Awarding of the Community Spirit Award at Legion Park

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Bass Lake – Kiddies Day and BBQ (Shuttle buses will be transporting people from Cobalt and Latchford to Bass Lake)

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Golden Age Club will be hosting a spaghetti supper followed by music and jam session

9:30 – 10:00 p.m. - Fireworks in Latchford

12.4 Larose Bridge – Sharing Agreement with Coleman Township

This item was discussed under 11.1. The funding for the Larose bridge repairs was approved. Councillor Perry Wuest would like to discuss the future of the bridge.

12.5 Coleman Water Supply – Create a new rate formula

Councillor Wuest discussed the implementation of a new rate per cubic meter for water usage to the Township of Coleman water users.

Direction was given to staff to bring back information to Council for discussion.

12.6 Policing

Resolution #17-157

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Councillors Perry Wuest, George Othmer and Rochelle Schwartz to the Ad Hoc Policing Committee to explore options for policing in Cobalt;

AND FURTHER THAT Michelle Larose, CAO, act as the resource person to the Committee.

CARRIED

12.7 Water filling station at the Library

Councillor Rochelle Schwartz indicated that the water filling station at the Library is too high.

Direction was given to staff to provide an estimate of the cost to lower it as well as install a new outlet for the machine.

12.8 Community Garden Project

Councillors Sue Nielsen and Rochelle Schwartz provided an update on the Community Garden Project. The committee will be receiving funds (\$1,000) to assist in the preparation of the garden. Planting has been set for June 24th, 2017.

12.9 Update on the solar project

Mayor Tina Sartoretto provided an update on the solar project. The legal issues are being cleared up and the solar parks should be connected to the grid within the next month or so. Revenues from the project will not be realized until next year.

12.10 Update – Fraser Building

Michelle Larose, CAO, advised Council that two new tenants have moved in and that everything seems to be running well.

13. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – NIL

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tina Sartoretto reported that TDSSAB is looking to build a new seniors' complex in the district. She asked if the Board would consider a unit in Cobalt. Council provided support for the Mayor to pursue having a building constructed in Cobalt.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION – NIL

16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Sue Nielsen thanked the Timiskaming District Social Services Administration Board for the decision to refund part of the unspecified reserves back to the participating municipalities.

17. QUESTION AND ANSWER - NIL

18. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 17-158

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt convene in closed session as per Subsection 239 (2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; regarding 93 Jamieson Street and 239(2)(e), litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, regarding legal matters.

CARRIED

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened the meeting from closed session at 9:36 p.m. Council provided direction to staff to follow up on certain matters.

20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-159

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-22, 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 6th day of June 2017;

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

CARRIED

21. ADJOURNMENT

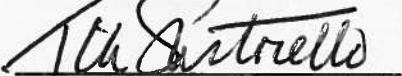
Resolution # 17-160


MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor


Clerk