

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 16TH, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MAY 16TH, 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 # 17-132

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated May 16th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

Item 11.8 – Insurance Renewal was added to the Agenda

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 17-133

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Budget meeting of April 25th, 2017, the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 2, 2017 and the Budget meeting minutes of May 10th, 2017, as amended.

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

9.1-9.2 These items were received as information.

9.3 Latchford 100th Anniversary – Request for donation from Organizing Committee

Direction was given to issue a letter indicating that the Town is unable to donate any funds.

9.4 Request to use the Town Tent – Connie Boyd, Silver Moccasin

Direction was given to donate the tent for the Silver Moccasin's 10th anniversary on June 10th, 2017.

9.5 Request for street parking on May 19th, 2017 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.- Classic Theatre

Council approved the request and direction was given to allow for the parking on May 29th, 2017.

9.6 Request for Sponsorship of silver medallion – St. Patrick School Graduation

Resolution # 17-134

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt provide a Silver Medallion to St. Patrick School for a student from the 2017 graduating class.

CARRIED

9.7 Request for Support – Town of Kirkland Lake – DTSSAB reserves

Resolution # 17-135

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt support the resolution by the Town of Kirkland Lake to have the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board return a significant portion of the unspecified reserves to the 23 member municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution is sent to the Town of Kirkland Lake.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS – NIL

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Resolution # 17-136

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

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

1. Schedule No. 17-10 in the amount of \$111,408.02 be approved as paid in the month of April, 2017; and
2. Schedule No. 17-11 in the amount of \$162,681.68 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

11.2 Canada Day Update

Councillors Sue Nielsen and Perry Wuest provided an update to Council regarding the Canada Day Activities.

- They attended the Ad Hoc Canada Day Committee meeting on May 11th, 2017
- A Tri-Council community breakfast will be held at the Cobalt Community Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- The parade will take place between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- Shuttle buses will be provided to transport people to Bass Lake in the Township of Coleman for a BBQ and activities until 4:00 p.m.
- The Golden Age Club will be hosting a spaghetti supper that evening.
- The Town of Latchford will be hosting the fireworks on Canada Day.
- A budget and schedule will be prepared in the near future.

Councillor George Othmer will coordinate the Fire Department for the parade and Mayor Sartoretto will contact other parade participants.

Councillor Sue Nielsen and Councillor Perry Wuest will coordinate volunteers for the community breakfast.

CAO, Michelle Larose, will order Canada 150 flags.

Resolution # 17-137

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt participates in the 2017 Canada Day Community Breakfast.

CARRIED

11.3 Town of Cobalt Community Spirit Award

Resolution #17-138

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt approve the Community Spirit Award Policy.

CARRIED

Resolution #17-139

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt appoint the following members of Council to the Ad Hoc Community Spirit Award Committee for 2017:

Councillor Sue Nielsen, Councillor Perry Wuest and Mayor Tina Sartoretto.

CARRIED

11.4-11.5 Timiskaming Health Unit and FONOM Financial Statements

CAO, Michelle Larose, advised Council that the statements were received and are available in the Clerk's office.

11.6 Amnesty Week – May 16-20, 2017

The CAO advised that Amnesty Week is from May 16th to May 20th, 2017 at the landfill site and that it was advertised on Facebook.

11.7 Update – Fraser Building

CAO, Michelle Larose reported that the construction is ongoing for the pharmacy and doctor's offices.

11.8 Insurance Renewal

Resolution #17-140

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobalt authorize the CAO to bind the insurance coverage for the period of May 27th, 2017 to May 26th, 2018.

CARRIED

Direction was also given to invite Tim Hutchison from M.I.S. to present the policy and explain the coverages.

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

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Sartoretto reported the following:

1. Mayor Sartoretto participated in a conference call with Minister Mauro, MMAH regarding land use planning. The Province may make changes to have local appeal boards vs. the Ontario Municipal Board dealing with all appeals.
2. The Mayor contacted Corrina Moore of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission regarding the property owned by them where the headframe is located. ONR owns the surface rights and mineral rights. The Historical Society has an interest in the building.
3. The Classic Theatre was recognized at the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. Mayor Sartoretto will send a note on behalf of Council of congratulations.

14. Notices of Motion – NIL

15. Councillor Updates

Councillor Sue Nielsen reported the following:

1. The St. Patrick School students and volunteers installed 6 bird boxes at the park.
2. The Fitness Centre in Temiskaming Shores is willing to donate free weights and equipment to the Hoist Room. Public Works staff will be asked to coordinate the transfer of the equipment.
3. Councillor Nielsen asked that the Cobalt Water Act be posted on our website and to remind Coleman Township that any activity near the protected area must be communicated to the Town of Cobalt.

Councillor George Othmer attended the Lake Timiskaming Passport Launch. The route goes through several municipalities in Ontario and Quebec. The passport box is located in front of the Mining Museum.

Councillor Perry Wuest reported that the CCL Committee is in the process of having a map done for the three communities of Cobalt, Coleman and Latchford. The map is scheduled to be complete in early June.

16. Question and Answer – NIL

17. Closed Session

Resolution # 17-141

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

BE RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Susan Weiss as the Deputy-Clerk for the purposes of recording the minutes of the closed session under Item #2 as per Subsection 239 (2)(d) of the Municipal Act, labour relations or employee negotiations, regarding a municipal employee.

CARRIED

Resolution # 17-142

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

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 a municipal employee.

CARRIED

18. Business Arising from Closed Session

Council reconvened the meeting at 8:32 p.m. with the following report:

1. Council approved closed session minutes.
2. Direction was given to staff regarding a lease agreement.

19. Confirmation By-Law

Resolution # 17-143

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-17, 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 16th 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


20. Adjournment


Resolution # 17-144

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor


Clerk