

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

**Mayor** Tina Sartoretto  
**Councillors** Gary Bigelow  
Mike Harrison  
Sue Nielsen  
George Othmer  
Rochelle Schwartz  
Perry Wuest

**Staff:** Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

**Presentations:** Sue Cote – Timiskaming Health Unit  
Helene Culhane – Membership and Events Co-ordinator, TSACC

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mayor Sartoretto congratulated Councillor Perry Wuest and Aaron Williams on the birth of their sons.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - NIL**

**3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution # 17-195**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as amended.

**CARRIED**

The following item was added to the Agenda:

1. 12.11 – Review of Governance and Accountability – DTSSAB

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Approval of Council Meeting minutes**

**Resolution # 17-196**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Timiskaming Health Unit Presentation – Sue Cote**

Sue Cote presented some to the initiatives of the Timiskaming Health Unit:

- There have been several changes to the committee structure of the Health Unit.
- They are currently negotiating with a candidate for the position of Director for the THU.
- Ms. Cote has been very active on the Board over the past three years.
- There has been no financial impact to the Municipality in the past few years.
- Union negotiations were completed with a 2% wage increase.
- Ms. Cote is interested in participating on the Finance Committee next year.
- Rebecca Hanemaayer assisted with the Cobalt Community Garden.

Councillor Sue Nielsen asked what the reserve fund balance was. Ms. Cote is to report back to Council. Councillor Nielsen also asked what the Health Unit was doing to address chronic disease in our area.

**8.2 TSACC- Membership and Events Co-ordinator – Helene Culhane**

Ms. Culhane presented information on what the Tourism Booth does for the Town of Cobalt and requested that the Town reconsider its' contribution towards the operation of the organization.

Helene Culhane pointed out the benefits that the Town of Cobalt receives:

- The centre promotes Cobalt through the distribution of the relocation guide, passports, business guide and visitors guide.
- They have a calendar of events on their website on which they promote the Classic Theatre and Bunker events.
- The Information Centre is open year-round.
- Temiskaming Shores and Cobalt contribute to the Information Centre.
- They promoted Cobalt Shines last year.

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Direction was given to staff to bring this item back to the next council meeting with a report showing the funds that we spend on advertising and promotion.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1 - 10.8** These items were received for information.

## **11. BY-LAWS**

### **11.1 By-law 2017-030 – Adoption of Capping Tools**

#### **Resolution #17-197**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-030, being a by-law to provide for optional tools for administering capping limits for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 By-law 2017-031 – To proceed with the incorporation of the Temiskaming Municipal Services Corporation**

#### **Resolution #17-198**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Perry Wuest

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2017-031, being a by-law to proceed with the incorporation of the Temiskaming Municipal Services Corporation, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedule**

#### **Resolution #17-199**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the accounts as per Schedule No. 17-16 in the amount of \$145,577.28 be approved as paid in the month of July 2017 and Schedule No. 17-17 in the amount of \$56,279.44 be paid after receiving Council approval.

**CARRIED**

### **12.2 Signage – Community Garden**

**Resolution #17-200**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Cobalt Community Garden sign;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council direct staff to assist with the installation of the sign.

**CARRIED**

**12.3 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 2017**

**Resolution #17-201**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**WHEREAS** prostate cancer is the most common cancer to affect Canadian men;

**AND WHEREAS** 1 in 7 Canadian men will be diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime;

**AND WHEREAS** an estimated 23,100 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year;

**AND WHEREAS** the survival rate for prostate cancer can be over 90% if detected early;

**AND WHEREAS** those with a family history of the disease, or those of African or Caribbean descent, are at greater risk of developing prostate cancer;

**AND WHEREAS** Prostate Cancer Canada recommends that men get a PSA test in their 40's to establish their baseline;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** Council do hereby proclaim September 2017 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Cobalt.

**CARRIED**

## **12.4 Cochrane Timiskaming Waste Management Board – Financial Statements and final distribution**

### **Resolution #17-202**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Sue Nielsen

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the following for the Cochrane Temiskaming Waste Management Board:

1. The audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015.
2. The audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.
3. The Notice to Reader and Interim Financial Statements to June 30, 2017.
4. To waive clause 2(a)(vi) of the agreement to have the financial statements audited for the final year and instead have a notice to reader attached to the final years Financial Statements.

**CARRIED**

## **12.5 Invitation to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

### **Resolution #17-203**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Sue Nielsen

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council invite the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting to provide a presentation to Council regarding the roles and responsibilities of council.

**CARRIED**

## **12.6 Draft Budget Procedure**

CAO, Michelle Larose, presented the draft budget procedure policy to Council. There were no amendments. The policy will be presented to Council for approval at the next regular council meeting.

## **12.7 Letter from the Cobalt Northern Ontario Fire Fighters Museum re: Mini Putt**

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that she spoke to Lorri Urban regarding her request. Ms. Urban was satisfied that someone was opening the mini putt for use. She was concerned that it wasn't being used.

## **12.8 AMO submission on Bill 148**

Council received this as information.

## **12.9 FONOM Resolutions passed at the annual Conference – May 2017**

Council directed staff to invite Al Spacek to present the initiatives that FONOM has been working on.

**12.10 Staff Report to Council – Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017**

CAO, Michelle Larose presented a report to Council regarding upcoming legislation that will affect the Municipality regarding, closed sessions, the Conflict of Interest Act, Municipal Act, etc.

**12.11 Review of Governance and Accountability – DSSAB**

**Resolution #17-204**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Sue Nielsen

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoint the following representatives to participate in a municipal district session regarding a review of the governance and accountability framework for District Social Services Administration Boards:

Councillor Sue Nielsen

Councillor Mike Harrison

Alternate: Councillor George Othmer

**CARRIED**

**13. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - NIL**

**14. MAYOR'S REPORT - NIL**

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL**

**16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

A discussion took place with reference to grass being cut on private property. Properties identified were the lots adjacent to the Miner's Tavern, the old high school and the railway right of way between the tracks and Cobalt Lake. Direction was given to the CAO to follow up and report back to Council.

Councillor Nielsen reported that there will be a Cobalt high school reunion next year.

Councillor Wuest asked about complaints and that Council used to be able to review the complaints put forward. CAO, Michelle Larose indicated that the binder is still available should members of Council wish to review it.

**17. QUESTION AND ANSWER – NIL**

**18. CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution # 17-205**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Sue Nielsen

**BE RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Cobalt convene in Closed session for the purposes of Section 239 (2) (b), Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding a municipal employee and lease negotiations.

**CARRIED**

**19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:58 p.m.  
The July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 closed session minutes were approved.  
Council provided direction to staff regarding a lease agreement.

**20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**Resolution # 17-206**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Sue Nielsen

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2017-032, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 # 17-207**


**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Sue Nielsen

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk