

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

**Councillors** Garry Bigelow (with reason)  
Rochelle Schwartz (with reason)

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tina Sartoretto welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Councillor declared a pecuniary interest on item "9.5 Letter from Marg Harrison – Bunker Military Museum" as the Chair of the Board is his spouse.

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

**Resolution # 18-32**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting for February 6, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution # 18-33**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 23, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Mike Harris asked if we responded to Mr. Dupuis regarding his request to purchase Town owned property.

CAO, Michelle Larose advised the letter was sent to Mr. Dupuis and she is awaiting his response.

## **6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Kyle Audette presented a plan for recreational activities, both physical and mental, that he would like to start offering to the community this year. Mr. Audette indicated that the plan is at the infancy stage and will be further developed and requested that Council support his endeavours.

Mayor Sartoretto advised that Council would have to see a specific request with a plan/budget so the Town would know what is required.

Council wished Mr. Audette well and advised that he should set up a meeting with CAO, Michelle Larose to further the plan and work out details with regards to insurance, liability, training, list of volunteers, etc.

## **7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 Action List**

Council reviewed the Action List.

CAO, Michelle Larose, advised that she visited the Municipality of Temagami to see the Meeting Management system and discuss what the Municipality uses to record their meetings. The Clerk, Elaine Gunnell advised that staff think that the program reduces the amount of time to prepare and do minutes significantly and their Council members are pleased with it as well. They no longer use paper copies for agendas and documentation.

The Clerk also advised that they use a simple recording device and upload the audio to their website after the meeting. They have listened to the audio recording and the sound is very clear.

### **8.2 2018.ML.002.DR – CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Staff Report for January 2018**

Council reviewed the report. The CAO reported that she had contacted the MOE to inquire about the ability to have a delay in the alarm for the contact time for chlorine because it is causing a significant cost to the Town for call outs every time the system starts up. Staff are also getting tired of being called out in the middle of the night. The MOE indicated that they would look at the request and respond.

More information was requested regarding the meeting held with the Union on January 31, 2018. CAO, Michelle Larose advised that if the meeting was to be discussed it would have to be held in closed session. Councillor George Othmer advised that the meeting was to discuss communications and efficiencies amongst the staff and no further discussion was needed.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION**

### **9.1 Email from AMO – Re. \$26 Million Main Street Revitalization Fund Announcement**

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that the Town will receive \$36,999 for main street revitalization projects but he details of what the parameters for spending have not been released yet.

## **9.2 Email from AMO – 2018 Municipal Elections “So You Want to be a Councillor” course**

Michelle Larose advised that this course is being offered through AMO for anyone running for Council to know what is expected of them as a member of Council and as a refresher to those that have already been on Council. Ms. Larose advised that persons who participated have found it to be very informative. The course information will be advertised on the Town website and Facebook.

### **CORRESPONDENCE – FOR ACTION**

#### **9.3 Letter from the Royal Canadian Legion**

The CAO advised Council that the damage was caused by the furnace exhaust pipe that was installed for the Pharmacy. Ms. Larose contacted the owner of the Pharmacy and he has advised that he will contact Mr. Sylvester of the Legion to rectify the matter.

#### **9.4 Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – Request for Sponsorship**

Council directed staff to draft a letter indicating that we will not be sponsoring the Museum.

#### **9.5 Letter from Marg Harrison – Bunker Military Museum**

CAO, Michelle Larose recommended that Council pay monthly grant payments to each of the organizations based on the original grant amounts. Once the Legacy Fund grants are determined and the budget is passed, staff would issue one cheque for the difference between the budget allocation and what was already paid to the group.

## **10 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Fraser Building – Update**

Michelle Larose advised that things have been going well and our tenancy as of March 1, 2018 will be at capacity.

Staff were directed to install parking signs for patrons of the doctor office and pharmacy. Accessible signs will also be posting on the railing at the Fraser building to show accessible parking area.

### **10.2 Silver Inventory – Mining Museum**

The CAO followed up with the Mining Museum. All their information is archived under a program that they are unable to access at this time. Ms. Larose noted that the Brit Griffith provided an open invitation to Council to visit the Museum to view the changes that have been made.

### **10.3 Medical Office - Update**

Michelle Larose advised that Malcolm Alexander has been contacted and provided a rental rate based on the Town paying for the utilities. Mr. Alexander was asked to provide a new rate based on the utilities being paid by the occupant.

### **10.4 Email from Fire Chief Shawn Hearn**

Council discussed whether our fire personnel should be doing home fire inspections for residents. It was decided that the Town will not provide these services due to potential liability issues as well as the department being volunteer members.

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution # 18-34**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council convene in closed session as per Section 239 (2)(b), of the Municipal Act, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; regarding an application for tenancy at the Fraser building.

**CARRIED**

**12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Council approved the tenancy of Justin Anderson effective March 1, 2018.

**13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**Resolution # 18-35**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Othmer**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2018-07, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018;

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

**CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution # 18-36**

**MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**



Mayor



Clerk