

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, September 29, 2015
MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, September 29, 2015 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

T. Sartoretto	Mayor
S. Nielsen	Councillor
P. Wuest	Councillor
G. Othmer	Councillor
M. Harrison	Councillor
G. Bigelow	Councillor
R. Schwartz	Councillor

STAFF:	Candice Bedard, Dale Taylor, Michelle Anderson
MEDIA:	Darlene Wroe (Print), Jim Patrick (Radio)
PUBLIC:	Kendra Lacarte

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor T. Sartoretto

Mayor Sartoretto asked Councillor Schwartz to introduce Kendra Lacarte, the recently hired Library CEO, to Council.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Sartoretto congratulated Councillor Wuest on his recent nuptials.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Sartoretto read a statement.

15-201

MOVED BY:	M. Harrison
SECONDED BY:	G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting Agenda dated September 29, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

15-202

MOVED BY:	G. Othmer
SECONDED BY:	M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on September 1, 2015 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Bunker Chair, Margaret Harrison (in person) and Algonquin Regiment Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Bryden (via phone) jointly presented a partnership proposal for the operation of the Bunker Military Museum.
15-203

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receives the presentation by the Bunker Military Museum and Algonquin Regiment; AND FURTHER THAT a committee be established to review the proposal along with a staff report and provide a recommendation for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

6.1 Mayor's Update

Mayor Sartoretto introduced the new Economic Development Officer, Michelle Anderson.

Mayor Sartoretto provided the following report:

- Completed the Union Contract Negotiations
- Met with the Property Standards Committee
- The Historic Society will proceed with repairs to the Willet Green Memorial Site Headframe.
- Attended a DTSSAB meeting, where DTSSAB Representative Kelly Black addressed the Board on the topic of the Fraser Negotiations. The meeting was attended by the media.
- Participated in Culture Days and congratulated all those involved.

6.2 Finance and Public Safety

15-204

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Cobalt hereby directs the CAO to submit the Expression of Interest under the Build Canada / Small Communities Fund (BFC/SCF) for the Public Works Garage.

CARRIED

6.3 Public Works and Safety

15-205

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges receipt of Public Works Report 2015-01 and further that the Public Works Committee review the report and provide recommendations to Council.

CARRIED

15-206

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Cobalt acknowledges the challenge of maintaining core infrastructure such roads; AND FURTHER requests that a committee comprised of Councillors Harrison, Wuest and Bigelow review the option of implementing load restrictions as a means of preserving the life of municipal roads and provide a recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

6.4 Economic Development & Tourism

Councillor Wuest provided the following report:

- Will be meeting with the CCL Committee and is looking forward to a discussion on priorities for the next three years.
- Attended the Bunker Board Meeting
- Announced that the Arena Storage Concept is on hold until next year
- Coldwell Banker will open an office in Cobalt and he will be the Branch Manager.

6.5 Housing & Social Services

Councillor Schwartz provided the following report:

- Announced that the Housing and Social Services Committee met on September 10, 2015 and the next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2015.
- The second coat on the mural at the Fraser has been applied and the mural is now completed.
- Announced that she will be coordinating efforts to restore the mini-putt buildings.

6.6 Recreation

Councillor Nielsen provided the following report:

- A meeting with the Health Unit is scheduled for the next week to work on the Recreation Survey.
- Recreation Committee meeting on October 15, 2015 to discuss the Halloween Dance to be held on Friday, October 30, 2015.
- Will be meeting with Winnie Kammermayer, owner of the Train Station, to discuss the Christmas Train event.
- Will attend a meeting of the TMA on Thursday, October 1, 2015.
- Will meet with Lori Hurtubise, Principal of St Patrick's School, to discuss a wetlands project.

Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

a) Transit

Councillor Schwartz attended a media event to promote the new buses on September 23, 2015. The Transit Committee will consider an increase to fares in 2017.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

15-207

MOVED BY: G. Othmer

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The accounts as per Schedule No. 15-20 in the amount of \$113,093.18 be approved as paid in the month of August, 2015.

That the accounts as per Schedule No. 15-21 in the amount of \$56,791.91 be paid after receiving Council approval
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

15-208

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

WHEREAS the Bunker is a tenant in the Fraser Building at an annual rate of \$1; AND WHEREAS the Bunker occupies approximately 25% of the space in Fraser Building; AND WHEREAS the Bunker has access to three (3) water taps; AND WHEREAS natural gas is used to provide both heat and hot water in the Fraser Building; AND WHEREAS the following formula was recently upheld by Council as a fair and equitable distribution of natural gas costs:

WATER TAPS	COUNT	%	SPACE	
Cobalt	24	33%	Cobalt	50%
Co-Tem	45	62%	Co-Tem	25%
Bunker	3	5%	Bunker	25%

FINAL CALCULATION:

Cobalt = (33% + 50%)/2 = 42.5%

Co-Tem = (62%+25%)/2 = 42.5%

Bunker = (5+25%)/2 = 15%

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council hereby declines the request to decrease the Bunker's contribution toward the natural gas costs.

CARRIED

15-209

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: CAO be authorized to attend the 2015 Treasurer's Forum.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

15-210

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The correspondence for Council Information items be noted, filed and recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

July 9/15	Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services	Strategy for a Safer Ontario Project	15-150
July 17/15	TransCanada	Thank you for council's resolution in support of the Energy East Pipeline	15-151
July 24/15	Cobalt Fire Department	Request for reports taken by OPP during emergencies that require the Cobalt Fire Department	15-152
Aug 28/15	Emily Margetson	Thank you letter for the Cobalt Silver Medallion Award	15-153
Aug 31/15	Union Gas	TransCanada Pipeline Energy East Project	15-154
Sept 4/15	Recycling Council of Ontario	Request to proclaim Oct 19-25, 2015 as Waste Reduction Week in Ontario	15-155
Sept 8/15	Cobalt Golden Age Club	Request for an evaluation of the siding	15-156
Sept 8/15	Cobalt Mining Museum	Colonial Adit Underground Tours by year	15-157
Sept 14/15	Cobalt Fire Department	Minutes of the Regular Meeting Aug 10, 2015	15-158
Sept 14/15	Friday Lake Wind Energy Centre Development Team	Update on Friday Lake Wind Project	15-159
Sept 14/15	Timiskaming Health Unit	Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 24, 2015	15-160
Sept 14/15	Timiskaming Health Unit	Report to the Board of Health	15-161
Sept 18/15	Cobalt Mining Museum	Financial Statement 2015	15-162
Sept 25/15	Cobalt Historical Society	Repair of the Headframe at the Willet Green Site	

BY-LAWS

15-211

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law 2015-026 being a by-law to authorize the execution the Northern Ontario Internship Program Agreement be taken as read a first, second, third time and finally passed on the 29th day of September, 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ON-GOING BUSINESS

None.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

CLOSED SESSION

15-212

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting proceed in Camera at 8:10 p.m. under section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to subsection: (2)(d) Labour relations – Union Contract

CARRIED

15-213

MOVED BY: G. Othmer
SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Regular Council Meeting resume at 9:00 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

15-214

MOVED BY: G. Othmer
SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council acknowledges receipt of the ONR Proposal for the Townsite Headframe Site; AND FURTHER THAT Council refers the matter to the Public Works Committee for review and a recommendation.

CARRIED

15-215

MOVED BY: G. Othmer
SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approves the Amendment No. 1 to the Town of Cobalt Asset Management Plan.

CARRIED

15-216

MOVED BY: G. Othmer
SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the next regular meeting of Council be scheduled on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

15-217

MOVED BY: P. Wuest
SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2015-027, 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 29th day of September 2015; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

15-218

MOVED BY: G. Othmer
SECONDED BY: P. Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 9:10pm

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO