THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

**PRESENT:**

**T. Sartoretto Mayor**

**G. Othmer Councillor**

**G. Bigelow Councillor**

**P. Wuest Councillor**

**M. Harrison Councillor**

**R. Schwartz Councillor**

**S. Nielsen Councillor**

**STAFF: D.Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**

**M. Anderson, EDO**

**AUDIENCE: Darlene Wroe (Speaker)**

**13 members of the Public**

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

16-309

## MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The regular council meeting agenda dated October 18, 2016 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

The agenda was amended to include a Closed Session and correspondence from the Fire Museum and Story Environmental Inc.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

16-310

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: G. Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The minutes of the following meetings be adopted as presented:

1. Special meeting of October 3, 2016

2. Regular meeting of October 4, 2016

CARRIED

The special meeting minutes of October 3, 2016 were amended to correct the time from pm to am.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF)

Michelle Anderson, EDO updated Council on the meeting she attended with OCWA with respect to submitting an application for funding and the anticipated Municipal contribution.

16-311

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: WHEREAS Council has received correspondence from the Ministry of Infrastructure relating to the notice that applications for eligible projects are now being received under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) at the Regular Council Meeting October 4, 2016, WHEREAS Council determined that we proceed with the project that would meet our compliance objective AND WHEREAS The Town of Cobalt is eligible to receive $222,125.00 which can represent up to 75% of eligible project costs; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt approve submitting an application under the Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF) for the following projects which would be completed by March 31, 2018:

- CT Simulation

- High Lifts and variable flow drives

- Valves

- Wetlands Assessment

- Chlorination System

- Chart recorder and SCADA Upgrade including computer workstation tower

AND FURTHER THAT the Town commits to the municipal contribution of 25% of the proposed projects which is estimated to be no more than $73,000.00

CARRIED

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

## Mayor’s Update

## 1) Mayor Sartoretto attended the TMA meeting and there will be changes coming to the election process including requiring 25 signatures prior to filing nomination papers. Municipalities considering changes to the composition of the number of Councillors will need to start the process in early 2018.

## 2) There are some tenancy issues at the Fraser Apartment Building that need to be addressed. Mayor Sartoretto will send a letter to those involved. Although the boilers have been serviced they are still causing issues. Mayor Sartoretto suggested a meeting should be held with CoTem and DTSSAB to discuss cost sharing. Councillor Schwartz would like the Fraser added as an item on every agenda under other business.

## Finance and Public Safety

During the closure of Hwy 11B the Cobalt Fire Department covered for the Coleman Fire Department.

## Public Works and Safety

1) Councillor Schwartz asked whether the Municipality was adequately covered with staff to meet their requirements outlined in the temporary OCWA contract. Mayor Sartoretto responded that the incoming CAO would look at the holiday schedule to ensure coverage and that she will contact OCWA to get clarification on who is doing the sampling and request a copy of the amended contract.

**Economic Development & Tourism**

1) Mayor Sartoretto reported that on the suggestion of the funder FedNor, the EDO will be relocating to the Headframe Office to focus on business development and tourism and to be equally accessible to Cobalt, Coleman and Latchford.

2) Councillor Schwartz reported the business community is working on a special event for the public and asked that the lights in the Town Park be turned on for the evening of November 4, 2016. She also inquired which department the advertising budget of $1,000.00 would be expensed to. Mayor Sartoretto responded the CCL budget would cover the advertising.

## Housing & Social Services

1) Councillor Nielsen expressed disappointment at the lack of communication that resulted in some volunteers not being made aware of a change to the date for planting the Canada 150 tulips and therefore some areas that were to receive plants were overlooked. She asked for better co-ordination between volunteer lists and that when people are given a project to manage, they be left to manage it and that she not receive calls at her workplace on such matters. Councillor Nielsen and Mayor Sartoretto both thanked the volunteers for their efforts in planting 1000 tulip bulbs.

2) Councillor Schwartz asked if holiday wreaths should be put up as they did last year and all agreed it was a very nice touch.

## Festivals and Recreation

1) Councillor Nielsen updated Council on the bird box program. The success of the program is due to the co-operation between St. Patrick’s School students and parents, Temiskaming Anglers and Hunters, Ducks Unlimited, the Hillardton Marsh and the MNR.

2) Recreation would like to host a movie night at the Community Hall the 1st Friday of each month beginning November 4th and provided the hall is not booked. Admission would be a canned good and parent volunteers would clean up.

3) The Christmas Train will stop in Cobalt on December 6th. It will be the same structure as last year with hot chocolate served by the St. James Church, goody bags and security provided by the Cobalt and Coleman Fire Departments.

4) Councillor Nielsen suggested we create an annual calendar with a schedule of events that could be posted to our website and facebook page.

5) Councillor Nielsen would like to create a “Community Spirit Award” which would be given annually during our Canada Day celebrations to 1 male and 1 female volunteer. Nominations would be brought to Council for consideration. She will provide more detail at the next meeting.

**Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions**

None

## SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

## 16-312

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: M. Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The accounts as per Schedule No. 16-23 in the amount of $150,133.67 be approved as paid in the month of September, 2016.

2. The accounts as per Schedule No. 16-24 in the amount of $89,208.97 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

16-313

MOVED BY: S. Nielsen

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Whereas free speech is an important part of the democratic process and that all council must be free to express opinions without being shouted down or adversely interrupted while speaking THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the chair and all members of council observe equitable free speech for all council in keeping with the Procedural By-Law and Robert’s Rule of Order.

CARRIED

## CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

1. Fire Museum – request for interested parties to present a Business Plan to the Town of Cobalt for Council approval.

Council discussed the implications of being involved in a decision. Council would like the Firefighters Museum to give a presentation to clarify what they are looking for. Mayor Sartoretto and Councillor Wuest will receive the presentation.

2. Story Environmental – request to access Town of Cobalt’s water supply for mitigation work conducted by Agnico.

Mayor Sartoretto updated Council on discussions she had with Agnico regarding the request. Council will grant the request provided Agnico will assume all the costs associated. Mayor Sartoretto will follow up with Public Works, Agnico and OCWA.

## BY-LAWS

## ON-GOING BUSINESS

None

## NOTICE OF MOTION

None

## CLOSED SESSION

16-314

MOVED BY: M. Harrison

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the regular meeting of Council proceed in camera at 7:35 pm under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to subsection:

(2) (b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

16-315

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this regular meeting of Council resume at 8:02 pm.

CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

16-316

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law no. 2016-43, as amended, being a by-law to appoint Michelle Larose as Chief Administrative Officer and to define the duties of the office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of October, 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

## CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

16-317

MOVED BY: R. Schwartz

SECONDED BY: G. Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2016-044, 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 18th day of October 2016; AND FURTHER THAT: the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

16-318

MOVED BY: G. Bigelow

SECONDED BY: R. Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 8:05 pm

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO