

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT BUSINESS CENTRE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

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

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Presentations: Public Meeting - Michelle Anderson – Teck Park
Relner Mielke – Cobalt Historical Society
Liana Bacon – Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tina Sartoretto welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

3. PUBLIC MEETING – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – TECK PARK REVITALIZATION

Michelle Anderson, Economic Development Officer, provided an overview of the results of the survey conducted regarding the revitalization of Teck Park. Members of the public were given the opportunity to provide input.

Some of the suggestions were as follows:

- Make the park more accessible for persons with disabilities as well as strollers
- Have a level crossing over the tracks to access the park
- Improve upon the approach to and from the walking bridge
- Drainage problems at the park; in the Spring the water level is too high; during heavy rainfall, the ground gets flooded
- Do we keep the ball park? It only gets used once per year
- People would like to see trees and walking paths
- Lighting
- Convert the tennis courts to an off leash dog park
- Programs and community events

The information will be collated and brought back to Council for further discussion.

4. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-217

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated September 19th, 2017.

CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes

Resolution # 17-218

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 5th, 2017.

CARRIED

5.2 Acceptance of the Fire Departments Minutes

Resolution # 17-219

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the minutes of the fire department meetings of July 10th, August 8th and September 5th, 2017.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

7. ACTION LIST

7.1 Council reviewed the Action List for information.

8. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

9. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Cobalt Historical Society – Reiner Mielke

Mr. Mielke provided a presentation to Council regarding the wish of the Cobalt Historical Society to have the Town of Cobalt designate the Right of Way Mine as a Heritage Site.

Council directed staff to prepare the necessary documents in order to designate the property.

9.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Liana Bacon, Municipal Advisor

Ms. Bacon provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding the roles and responsibilities of Council members and staff. She also updated Council on the upcoming changes under Bill 68.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Letter from Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

Council received the correspondence as information.

12. BY-LAWS

12.1 By-law 2017-033 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with 9723765 Canada Inc. for the lease of the main floor of 24 Prospect Avenue

Resolution # 17-220

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-033, being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement with 9723765 Canada Inc. for 24 Prospect Avenue, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of September 2017;

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

CARRIED

12.2 By-law 2017-034 being a By-law to amend by-law 2017-033 – Agreement with 9723765 Canada Inc.

Resolution # 17-221

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-034, being a by-law to amend By-law 2017-033 to provide for amendments to the lease agreement with 9723765 Canada Inc., be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of September 2017;

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

CARRIED

12.3 By-law 2017-035 Being a By-law incorporate a Budget Policy for the Town of Cobalt

Resolution # 17-222

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-035, being a by-law to adopt a Budget Policy for the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of September 2017;

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

CARRIED

12.4 By-law 2017-036 being a By-law to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Story Environmental

Resolution # 17-223

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-036, being a by-law to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Story Environmental Inc., be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of September 2017;

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

CARRIED

12.5 By-law 2017-037 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Story Environmental for the purposes of addressing flow issues and readings at the Cobalt Wetlands

Resolution # 17-224

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-037, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Story Environmental Inc. for the purposes of addressing flow issues and readings at the cobalt wetlands, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of September 2017;

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

CARRIED

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedule 17-18

Resolution # 17-225

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Accounts Payable Schedule 17-18 in the amount of \$67,928.20 as paid in the in the month of September 2017.

CARRIED

13.2 Support resolution – Halton Hills re. Zero tolerance for racism

Resolution # 17-226

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution passed by the Town of Halton Hills in support of zero tolerance against racism and condemn all racism acts of violence;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Halton Hills.

CARRIED

13.3 Support resolution - Township of Armstrong re. Family members as PSW

Resolution # 17-227

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution passed by the Township of Armstrong to have the Proposed Regulatory Amendment to expand the eligibility criteria for grants for persons with disabilities by including family members to be the primary care giver (PSW) when possible;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Armstrong.

CARRIED

13.4 Support resolution - Village of Thornloe – re. Request for street lights

Resolution # 17-228

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution passed by the Village of Thornloe in their petition to have the Ministry of Transportation Ontario install street lights at the corner of Highway 11 and Highway 562 to address the safety concern;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Village of Thornloe.

CARRIED

13.5 Support resolution – Township of James – re. Billings for carbon fee/tax

Resolution # 17-229

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution from the Township of James to petition the Provincial Government to make all bills from companies supplying products derived from carbon based fuels to show the carbon fee/tax on a separate line on the billing;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of James.

CARRIED

13.6 Support resolution – National Airlines Council of Canada – re. Privatization of airports

Resolution # 17-230

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

WHEREAS in a Country as vast and sparsely populated as Canada, safe and efficient air transportation is essential to connecting families and communities and to continued economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS Canada's airports are vital assets that contribute to the quality of life and economic growth in the cities, communities and regions they serve;

AND WHEREAS media reports indicate that the Government of Canada is actively considering selling Canada's airports to for-profit entities to achieve a one-time financial windfall;

AND WHEREAS the international experience in airport privatization has often resulted in higher fees and reduced services for travelers and airlines as a result of efforts to maximize return on investment;

AND WHEREAS such outcomes would negatively affect communities of all sizes across Canada by making air travel more expensive and reducing service;

AND WHEREAS the last decade has seen a massive increase in the number of Canadians using air travel to connect with loved ones, enjoy well deserved vacations and explore the country, or help create jobs;

AND WHEREAS any increase in fees on air travel resulting from the privatization of airports would constitute an unfair tax on Canada's middle class;

AND WHEREAS divestiture of airports to local not-for-profit authorities in 1994, led to massive user-financed investments in airport infrastructure which have given Canada an enviable network of world class airports;

AND WHEREAS the physical infrastructure of airports has been modernized, the governance system under which they operate has not kept up with the times and is now in urgent need of repair;

AND WHEREAS the situation would only be exacerbated in a privatized for-profit system;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt calls upon the Government of Canada to renounce its push for the for-profit privatization of Canada's airports and clear the way for needed improvements to the current airport governance and financing system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt urge the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to bring this matter forward for emergency debate at the next meeting of its National Board of Directors.

CARRIED

13.7 Support resolution – Township of Georgian Bay – Eradication of invasive species

Resolution # 17-231

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution passed by the Township of Georgian Bay to petition the Provincial government ministries to work collaboratively to eradicate invasive species of plants on provincially owned lands.

CARRIED

13.8 Support resolution – Temiskaming Ties – Take the Lake Way sign

Resolution # 17-232

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the replacement of the Destination Nord sign with the "Take the Lake Way" sign.

CARRIED

13.9 Request to attend AMCTO Zone 8 meetings (September 27-28th) – Michelle Larose

Resolution # 17-233

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the request for the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to attend the AMCTO Zone 8 meetings in Cochrane on September 27th and 28th, 2017.

CARRIED

13.10 Request to attend Election Training – October 10, 2017 – Michelle Larose

Resolution # 17-234

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the request for the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to attend the Municipal Elections training in North Bay on October 10th, 2017.

CARRIED

13.11 RFP 2017-01 Salt Shed – Staff report and recommendation

Resolution # 17-235

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation to enter into a contract with Bergeron Construction in the amount of \$77,450 to construct a salt shed at the public works department.

CARRIED

13.12 Resolution – Rent increases for 2018

Resolution # 17-236

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve rent increases each year as per the Landlord Tenancy Board guidelines under the Residential Tenancies Act for the Trailer Park and the Fraser building.

CARRIED

13.13 PW Staff in vehicles – Councillor Gary Bigelow

Councillor Bigelow questioned why there were two public works travelling together in a vehicle, the morning of August 23rd, 2017. CAO, Michelle Larose, explained that they were mobilizing to continue the work of exercising water valves and flushing hydrants when they received a call from Steve Cooper to pick up a pump at the shop as the water plant was flooded.

14. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - NIL

15. MAYOR'S REPORT - NIL

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

Resolution #17- 237

MOVED BY: Mayor Tina Sartoretto

WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt population is considerably less than past years;

AND WHEREAS the advances in technology and social media have vastly improved communication with the citizenry;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt is only 2.9 square kilometers;

AND WHEREAS the Council has sought and achieved cost efficiencies in its budgeting;

AND WHEREAS we have modified our procedures to eliminate committees and now have Committee of the Whole;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council size be reduced to four Councillors and a Mayor.

17. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Sue Nielsen advised that there will be a walking club starting on Sunday, September 24th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. should anyone wish to participate.

18. QUESTION AND ANSWER – NIL

19. CLOSED SESSION – NIL

20. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - NIL

21. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-238

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-038, 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 19th day of September 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 # 17-239

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk