

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Gary Bigelow (without reason)

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-208

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting dated Tuesday, September 5th, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 17-209

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of August 15th, 2017.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Grass Cutting

Council directed staff to continue cutting the grassed area that is part of the Keevil Trail and to send letters to the owners of 41 Prospect Avenue and 67 Lang Street to cut the grass on their properties.

Direction was given to staff to provide a report on Municipally owned properties.

5.2 Contribution to the Information Centre

Resolution # 17-210

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend a payment of \$1,000 to the Information Centre of the Temiskaming and Area Chamber of Commerce

DEFEATED

A recorded vote was requested by Sue Nielsen.

Councillor Nielsen	- FOR
Councillor Schwartz	- AGAINST
Councillor Harrison	- FOR
Councillor Othmer	- AGAINST
Councillor Wuest	- AGAINST
Mayor Sartoretto	- FOR

FOR – 3 AGAINST – 3 The motion was defeated.

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Action List

Council reviewed the Action List. Direction was given to staff to report on the requirements and cost to install live streaming for meetings.

8.2 Administration Report Update

Council received the report for information.

8.3 Fire Department – PTSD Draft Policy

The policy was reviewed by Council. Fire Chief Shawn Hearn will be submitting the policy to the Ministry of Labour.

Direction was given to staff to have a presentation made to Council on post-traumatic stress disorder.

8.4 TransCanada Grant letter for Cobalt Fire Department

CAO, Michelle Larose, presented the letter received from TransCanada regarding a grant to the Fire Department for the purchase of bunker gear.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence for Information:

Items 9.1 – 9.3 were received for information.

Correspondence for Action:

9.4 Resolution of Support – National Airlines Council of Canada

Resolution # 17-211

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to support the National Airlines Council of Canada to oppose the privatization of Canada's airports.

CARRIED

9.5 Request to replace Destination Nord sign with "Take the Lake Way" sign

Resolution # 17-212

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

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

CARRIED

9.6 Request for sponsorship – Logan Williamson

Resolution # 17-213

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, Logan Williamson's request for sponsorship as a hockey player for the New Liskeard Cubs in the amount of _____.

DEFEATED

9.7 Request for support – Township of Georgian Bay

The motion will be brought to the next Council Meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 PW Staff in vehicles – Councillor Gary Bigelow

Councillor Bigelow was absent at the meeting. This item will be addressed at the next regular Council meeting.

10.2 Council Composition – Mayor Tina Sartoretto

Mayor Sartoretto advised Council that she would be putting a motion forward to reduce the size of Council from 7 members to 5 members.

10.3 Garbage and Recycling Bins – Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

A discussion took place regarding the amount of disposal containers that are needed for the property located at 1 Prospect Avenue and 2 Argentite Street.

Council directed staff to install an additional set (garbage and recycling) of containers at 1 Prospect Avenue.

10.4 Community Policing Office – Councillor Sue Nielsen

Councillor Sue Nielsen discussed the need to have a Community Policing Office in Cobalt and would like to see a police presence in Town.

10.5 Application to Issue an Exploration Permit – Mayor Tina Sartoretto

Mayor Sartoretto presented the letter that was sent to the MNDM regarding the proposed exploration permit application on Sasaginaga Lake.

A meeting of the Water Commission will be initiated to discuss the matter.

10.6 Story Environmental – Master Services Agreement and Wetlands Work

Resolution # 17-214

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work for the Cobalt Wetlands;

AND FURTHER THAT the Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work for the Cobalt Wetlands be formally approved at the next regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 17-215

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

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 and a proposal.

CARRIED

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened from the closed session at 9:08 p.m. with the following report:

1. Minutes of the meeting on May 30th, 2017 and August 15th, 2017 were approved.
2. Council provided direction to staff to proceed with a lease agreement for the Pharmacy and to issue an RFP for further development of the Asset Management Plan.

13. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution # 17-216

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer


SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk