

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Gary Bigelow – with reason

Staff:

Michelle Larose – CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 18-83

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated April 24th, 2018, as amended.

CARRIED

Added: Item 12.8 Task List
Item 12.9 Section 238 (Virtual Council Meetings) – Councillor Nielsen

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1

Resolution # 18-84

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting of April 10th, 2018, as amended.

CARRIED

4.2

Resolution # 18-85

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the meeting minutes of the Fire Department of January 8th, February 5th, March 5th and April 9th, 2018.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. ACTION LIST

Council reviewed the action list. Councillor Schwartz advised that she would not be available for interviews during the week of May 7th, 2018. The CAO will arrange the interviews accordingly.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence items 10.1 – 10.7 were received for information.

10.8 Letter from CUPE Local 127 – Request for dates for negotiations

Mayor Sartoretto and Councillor Othmer advised that they would be available towards the end of May or early June.

10.9 Letter from the Ontario Association of Property Standards Officers Inc.

Council reviewed the legislative changes as it pertained to residential tenancy enforcement.

Further discussion took place regarding the legislative requirements for specific certification for volunteer fire fighters. Direction was given to draft a motion opposing the legislative changes to volunteer fire fighter certifications.

Correspondence items 10.10 – 10.11 were received for information.

11. BY-LAWS

11.1 By-Law 2018-24 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Northern Telephone for the provision of Datto Appliance and back up services to the main server

Resolution # 18-86

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2018-24, a by-law to enter into an agreement with Northern

Telephone for the provision of Datto Appliance and back-up services to the main server be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 24th day of April 2018;

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

CARRIED

11.2 By-law 2018-24 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the provision of funding through Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative

Resolution # 18-87

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison
SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2018-25, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the provision of funding through Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 24th day of April 2018;

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

CARRIED

11.3 By-law 2018-26 Being a by-law to amend by-law 2018-21 to include the Consultant Agreement for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Resolution # 18-88

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2018-26, being a by-law to amend By-Law 2018-21 to include the Consultant Agreement for the water treatment plant upgrades, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 24th day of April 2018;

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

CARRIED

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedule

Resolution # 18-89

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Accounts Payable Schedules:

1. Schedule 18-07 in the amount of \$188,633.86 be approved as paid in the month of March 2018; and
2. Schedule 18-08 in the amount of \$114,316.33 be paid after receiving Council approval.

CARRIED

12.2 Canada Day – Sue Nielsen

Councillor Nielsen advised that the Lions Club were having their "Kiddies Day" on June 30th, 2018 and not July 1, 2018. She indicated that the Canada Day Ad Hoc Committee had met, and it was decided that all the activities would occur on July 1st, 2018, as in 2017.

12.3 Utilities at the Fraser Building – Councillor Mike Harrison

Councillor Harrison asked when the apportionment of utilities is going to be resolved for the Fraser Building. CAO, Michelle Larose advised that staff are currently working on the hydro/ gas and cleaning apportionments and will provide a report to Council.

12.4 Natural Gas Meters – Pharmacy and Bunker Military Museum – Councillor Mike Harrison

Councillor Harrison requested clarification regarding who would pay the cost of installing individual gas meters at the Pharmacy and Bunker Military Museum. It was reconfirmed by Council that the cost was never to be borne by the Municipality but rather the tenants of the building.

12.5 Councillor Representation for all groups – Councillor Mike Harrison

Councillor Harrison requested there be representation on all groups/ Ad Hoc Committees and that they be responsible for reporting back to Council.

Mayor Sartoretto listed the various groups/committees:

Library Board – Councillor Schwartz
Transit Committee – Mayor Sartoretto and Councillor Schwartz
Timiskaming Municipal Association – Mayor Sartoretto

Mining Museum – Councillor Wuest
Bunker Military Museum – Councillor Wuest
Classic Theatre –
Water Commission – Mayor Sartoretto, Councillor Othmer and Councillor Wuest
Fire Department – Councillor Othmer
Cobalt-Coleman-Latchford Economic Development Initiative Committee – Mayor Sartoretto and Councillor Wuest
Ad Hoc Water Coleman Committee – Mayor Sartoretto and Councillor Wuest
Ad Hoc Water Plant Upgrade Committee – Mayor Sartoretto and Councillor Othmer
Community Garden Committee – Councillor Nielsen and Councillor Schwartz

12.6 Parking Markers – Fraser Building – Councillor Mike Harrison

Councillor Harrison expressed concern over the parking at 24 Prospect Street given the additional businesses that have relocated there. He requested that lines be painted, and signage be installed on the railings to show where the angle parking is. CAO, Michelle Larose, advised that the work will be done as soon as the weather permits.

12.7 Election Session – Rescheduled to May 1, 2018

CAO, Michelle Larose, advised that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Election Session has been rescheduled to May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

12.8 Task List

Councillor Wuest requested that Council receive feedback regarding the items discussed at the meetings that take place on Monday mornings at the Town Hall. CAO, Michelle Larose, advised that staff meet on Monday mornings to discuss work related matters and have created a staff task list to track activities. Some members of Council requested that a copy of the task list be sent to them.

12.9 Section 238 of the Municipal Act – Virtual Council Meetings – Councillor Sue Nielsen

Councillor Nielsen expressed her concern regarding the ability to participate in Council meetings electronically. She requested that the CAO report back to Council regarding the regulations for virtual attendance at meetings.

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

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sartoretto provided an update on the Mining Conference as follows:

- The program is almost finalized and will take place September 12-14, 2018
- They have received funding from FedNor and NOHFC for the conference
- Presentations will take place at the Classic Theatre
- The banquet will be at the Coleman Township Hall

- There may be seats available for Council and community members to attend sessions

The Mayor also reminded Council and the public that the Guardian Pharmacy is having their grand opening on April 25, 2018.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Sue Nielsen advised that a Community Garden Committee meeting has been scheduled for April 25th, 2018 in the Community Hall Business Centre and is open to the public to attend.

Councillor Nielsen indicated that it was National Museum Week and thanked the three museums in Cobalt for their work and dedication.

Councillor Harrison advised that the Bunker Military Museum received funding from the Trillium Foundation for upgrades to the museum.

17. QUESTION AND ANSWER – NIL

18. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 18-90

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene in closed session to approve closed session minutes and;

1. As per section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding a tenant application for the Fraser Building; and
2. As per section 239 (2) (e), litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board regarding Sharpe Lake; and
3. As per section 239 (2) (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board regarding the Hoist Room relocation and Cobalt/Coleman Water Agreement.

CARRIED

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. with the following report:

1. A tenant application was approved for the Fraser Building.
2. Legal Counsel for the Town of Cobalt reported that the Sharpe Lake hearing has concluded. We await the Judge's decision on the matter.
3. Council reviewed the Hoist Room Relocation Request for Proposal submission and provided direction to the CAO to draft a letter of response.
Direction was given to provide information to Council regarding the water agreement with the Township of Coleman.

20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 18-91

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2018-27, 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 24th day of April 2018;

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

CARRIED

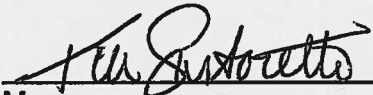
21. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 18-92

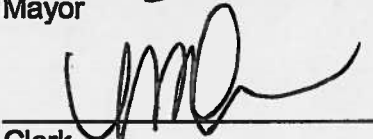
MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk