

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018  
MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

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

**DELEGATION:** Angela Hunter

**STAFF:** Michelle Larose -- CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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**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 # 18-105**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018.

**CARRIED**

Council agreed to move the presentation from Angela Hunter to this point in the agenda.

Angela Hunter provided an update regarding the proposal for the Hoist Room. The first step was to have a public meeting to determine the interest in forming a Not-For-Profit Cooperative to operate the gym.

The concept involves increasing revenues to cover expenses. The excess revenues would be used for other recreation programs. The Cooperative would apply for grants and funding towards a sustainable opportunity in Cobalt.

The next step is to establish the cooperative; choose the best location for the gym; assure that the financing is in place and obtain insurance.

The goal is to have 80 cooperative members at a membership cost of \$25 each. This will provide the funds to pay for the legal establishment of the cooperative.

The group is looking at three potential buildings to house the gym. The Community Futures has been approached and they are looking at possible funding to assist with the start-up costs.

Ms. Hunter indicated that the May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 deadline was unrealistic to have all of the items in place. She explained that they are closer to identifying the ideal location, the insurance was in place and the financing is ongoing.

Angela Hunter requested Council's support and requested that individual councillors show their support by buying memberships in the cooperative.

Mayor Sartoretto advised that the deadline was May 31, 2018 and at that point, Council will discuss the progress and provide feedback.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **Resolution # 18-106**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of May 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 and Committee of the Whole meeting of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**CARRIED**

#### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **Resolution # 18-107**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the recommendation for the lease of office space for a three-year period including utilities at the rate of \$750.00/month for the first year; \$850.00 a month for the second year; and, \$900.00 per month for the third year.

**CARRIED**

#### **6. ACTION LIST**

Council reviewed the action list. Next Budget Meeting is set for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

##### **Resolution # 18-108**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs staff to review the remuneration of Council and provide a report.

**CARRIED**

#### **7. PUBLIC HEARING – NIL**

**8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**8.1 Presentation regarding the proposed Public Works garage – EXP**

This item was deferred until the budget meeting on May 30, 2018.

**8.2 Hoist Room Proposal Update – Angela Hunter**

This item was move up in the agenda.

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence item 10.1 was received for information.

**10.2 Resolution – Township of Coleman – Request for Flypast during Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

**Resolution # 18-109**

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

**WHEREAS** the Township of Coleman has passed Resolution #2018-04-77, to request the Royal Canadian Airforce (RCAF) conduct a fly-past, during the Remembrance Day ceremonies across the Timiskaming District, as we honour and remember all those who have served and sacrificed for all of Canada;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of Cobalt support the resolution put forth by the Township of Coleman and a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Coleman as well as the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Seamus O'Regan. MP Nipissing-Timiskaming, Anthony Rota and MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, John Vanthof.

**CARRIED**

**10.3 Letter from the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce – Invitation to attend the annual Dinner and Business Awards**

This item was received for information.

**10.4 Letter from St. Patrick School – Request for Silver Medallion for graduation ceremony.**

**Resolution # 18-110**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the request for a Silver Medallion for the graduation ceremony at St. Patrick School in June 2018.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 Email from l'Association de Canot Camping du Lac Temiskamingue**

**Resolution # 18-111**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the request from l'Association de Canot Camping du Lac Temiskamingue to use Koza Park for a historic event which will include the firing of guns with blanks;

**AND FURTHER THAT** that the group be responsible for notifying emergency services of the event.

**CARRIED**

**11. BY-LAWS**

- 11.1 By-Law 2018-31 being a by-law to amend By-Law 2017-026 for changes to the funding projects in the agreement with Clean Wastewater Fund (CWWF) for the provision of funding for water and sewer capital.**

**Resolution # 18-112**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2018-31 being a by-law to amend By-Law 2017-026 for changes to the funding projects in the agreement with Clean Wastewater Fund (CWWF) for the provision of funding for water and sewer capital, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 22th day of May 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 # 18-113**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Accounts Payable Schedules:

1. Schedule 18-09 in the amount of \$102,630.73 be approved as paid in the month of April 2018; and
2. Schedule 18-10 in the amount of \$112,143.59 be paid after receiving Council approval.

**CARRIED**

## **12.2 Motion Regarding Fire Fighter Certification**

### **Resolution # 18-114**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**WHEREAS** the new regulations to the Fire Protection & Prevention Act, 1997 as it relates to the mandatory firefighter training and certification, community risk assessment and public reporting on fire department response times have been enacted;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Cobalt and other small rural communities have volunteer fire departments whereby it is difficult to recruit members;

**AND WHEREAS** the new regulations would cause undue hardship financially to municipalities to pay for the certifications as well as putting our complement at risk due to the inability of firefighters to take time off work to attend the training;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Cobalt petition the Premier of Ontario and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to ensure that all certification training, including training for the community risk assessments and public reporting be provided at no cost to the Municipality;

**AND THAT** such training will be provided locally;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier, Kathleen Wynne, the Honourable Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Minister Marie-France Lalonde, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, John Vanthof and Timiskaming District municipalities.

**CARRIED**

## **12.3 Municipal Insurance Renewal**

### **Resolution # 18-115**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the insurance renewal for the year 2017-2018 with Jardin Lloyd Thompson.

**CARRIED**

## **12.4 Media Policy – Councillor Perry Wuest**

Councillor Wuest requested that the Media Policy be placed on the agenda due to the posts on Facebook over the past week. He indicated that councilors should not be discussing town business on Facebook.

Councillor Sue Nielsen apologized for her comments made on Facebook and advised that it would not happen again.

Councillor Mike Harrison expressed his concern that Councillor Wuest had discussed information that was a closed session item.

#### **12.5 Policing Committee – Councillor Gary Bigelow**

Councillor Bigelow requested to bring back the notice of motion that Councillor Wuest proposed at the January 2018 council meeting as he was not entitled to vote electronically as this may have changed the outcome of the vote.

CAO, Michelle Larose provided a report regarding the matter and indicated that she had advised Council at the January 2018 meeting that there was no provision to allow electronic voting as it was not in the Procedure By-Law.

#### **12.6 Electronic Voting – Councillor Gary Bigelow**

##### **Resolution # 18-116**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct staff to amend the procedure by-law to allow for electronic participation and the ability to vote electronically in public meetings of council.

**CARRIED**

#### **12.7 Mayor's stipend – Councillor Gary Bigelow**

Discussion took place with reference to a motion previously discussed in January 2018 regarding the Mayor's stipend.

#### **12.8 2018.ML.010.INF – Meeting Procedures Information Report**

The report was discussed under item 12.6.

#### **12.9 2018.ML.011.INF – Suspension of a Stipend for a member of Council**

The report was discussed under item 12.7

## **12.10 Fraser Utility Report**

### **Resolution # 18-117**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the recommendation for the hydro and gas charge apportionments as presented in the Fraser Utility Cost Sharing Report, 2018.ML.012.INF, for the Fraser building located at 24 Prospect Avenue, Cobalt, Ontario.

**DEFERRED**

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

### **14. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sartoretto reported that the Transit Committee is appealing restrictions of the use of funds provided to the transit system. Fifteen percent may be used on transit operations and the remainder must be used on expansion of services.

The Mayor was interviewed by TVO and CBC. The new fire fighter certification and transit funding was discussed.

She was asked to speak at the CIM conference. While there, she garnered interest in the Green Mining Conference.

### **15. NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL**

### **16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

### **17. QUESTION AND ANSWER – NIL**

### **18. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **Resolution # 18-118**

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

**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 summer student interviews and municipal staffing;

**CARRIED**

**19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution # 18-119**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the recommendation to hire three summer students to work in the Public Works Department.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 18-120**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mike Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the recommendation to advertise for a position based on 3 days/week in the Town Office

**AND FURTHER THAT** this position replace staff during the maternity leave on a full-time basis.

**CARRIED**

**20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**Resolution # 18-121**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gary Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2018-32, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 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 # 18-122**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Clerk