

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillors 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 # 18-128

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole for June 5, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 18-129

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 22, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Fraser Utilities – Gas Charges

Resolution # 18-130

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to calculate the distribution of charges for Natural Gas retroactively to the date of the lease with the Pharmacy;

AND FURTHER THAT the Bunker Military Museum's percentage remain at 15%, with the allocations to the Town, Co-Tem and Pharmacy calculated using the remaining square footage occupied by the three tenants;

AND THAT should the Bunker Military Museum or the Pharmacy wish to install individual gas meters, that they request the permission of the Town of Cobalt. If approved, the associated cost would be borne by the tenant.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Action List

Council reviewed the Action List.

8.2 2018.ML.006.DR – CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Staff Report

Council received the report for information. The CAO reported that Jean Murray had resigned her position with the Town effective, Friday, June 1, 2018. She advised that Amanda Retzler has been carrying out the duties of custodian since then. Council directed staff to advertise for cleaning services. A thank you card will be sent to Ms. Murray for her years of service to the Town.

8.3 Procedure By-law - Amendments

Council reviewed the report that was provided by the CAO regarding the provision for allowing electronic participation at council meetings.

Direction was given to amend the by-law to allow for the following:

1. Electronic participation will be allowed at meetings.
2. The only places that will allow for the participation is in the Council Chambers or Business Centre.
3. Council will allow for up to 3 months consecutive participation via electronic means in a 12-month period provided is it approved by Council.
4. The participant may not move or second a motion. The member must be physically present at the meeting to do so.
5. The participant may introduce an amendment to a motion.
6. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chair may not participate electronically.
7. Only one member of Council may participate electronically at a time and it shall be determined on a "first come, first serve" basis. The member requesting the electronic participation shall put it in writing to the Clerk indicating when they would like to do so.

8. If a connection is lost during the meeting, the Clerk will attempt to re-establish the connection. If not successful, the meeting will continue without the member.
9. The allowable technology for electronic participation is telephone only.

9. CORRESPONDENCE -- FOR INFORMATION

9.1 The notice of study commencement for the Water Plant Upgrades was received for information.

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR ACTION

9.2 Hoist Room Proposal – Angela Hunter

Council discussed the updated proposal submitted by Angela Hunter regarding the formation of a not-for-profit group that would maintain and operation the former Hoist Room (gym) in a new location in Cobalt.

Direction was given to staff to advise Ms. Hunter that the deadline has been extended to June 30, 2018. Further direction was also given to offer the total management of the Hoist Room as it stands presently which would include the collecting of fees and associated expenses of the gym.

9.3 Seniors Month – June 2018

Resolution # 18-131

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

WHEREAS June is Ontario's 34th annual Seniors' Month and the theme for 2018 is "Now's the time to start something new," which highlights how aging does not prevent any of us from leading fulfilling lives;

AND WHEREAS Seniors continue to contribute to our community and we can all benefit from their wisdom, friendship and experience;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to declare June 2018 as Senior's Month in the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

Resolution # 18-132

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to offer the Community Hall for free to the Golden Age Club for their Christmas Dinner in recognition of their 45th Anniversary;

AND THAT the Mayor send a letter of congratulations to the Club.

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Fraser Building – Update

The CAO reported that there has been no major activity at the Fraser building.

10.2 2018.By-Law.001.DR – By-Law/Animal Control/Property Standards Report

Resolution # 18-133

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to contact the OPP to ensure there is no one in the building located at 41 Prospect Avenue and have the public works staff board the open window and sent the bill to the owners of the property.

CARRIED

10.3 Compliance Audit Committee Proposal – Municipal Elections Act

CAO, Michelle Larose, presented the Compliance Audit Committee Proposal from E⁴m. Council directed staff to prepare a by-law to appoint E⁴m as the Compliance Audit Committee for the next term of Council.

10.4 Meeting Dates – July and August 2018

Council discussed the meeting dates for the Months of July and August 2018. Direction was given to staff to draft a motion for the next regular meeting to have one meeting on July 17th, 2018 and one meeting on August 14th, 2018.

10.5 Mining Conference Update – Mayor Sartoretto

The Mayor provided an update regarding the Mining Conference to be held in September 2018.

10.6 Temiskaming Municipal Association – Proposal for shared by-law enforcement and Integrity Commissioner – Mayor Sartoretto

The Mayor explained that the Timiskaming Municipal Association has advertised for a shared by-law enforcement officer and integrity commissioner for the group of participating municipalities. Once the information is received, the Town of Cobalt may opt to procure these services or find some other solution.

11. CLOSED SESSION - NIL

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - NIL

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 18-134

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2018-34, 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 5th day of June 2018;

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

CARRIED


14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 18-135


MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk