

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, October 30, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mayor Tina Sartoretto
Councillors Mike Harrison
George Othmer
Rochelle Schwartz

ABSENT: Gary Bigelow
Sue Nielsen
Perry Wuest

Staff: David King, Interim
CAO/Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sartoretto welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and congratulated Councillor Othmer for being elected Mayor of the 2019-2022 Town of Cobalt, Council.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – NIL

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION # 18-226

MOVED BY: Councillor Othmer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting dated October 30, 2018 as presented.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION # 18-227

MOVED BY: Councillor Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the meeting minutes of September 18 ,2018, as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL

6. ACTION LIST- No items were reported.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – NIL

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – Danielle Girard, CPA, CA from Kemp Elliot and Blair, LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants presented the 2017 Audited Financial Statements for the Town of Cobalt.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – NIL

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 All Aboard Northern Ontario

10.2 Cobalt Christmas Train

10.3 Planning Services- Contract Notice Letter

10.4 Letter from JPL Storage re: Shipping Containers

10.5 MCSCS Info. On Fire Regulations

10.6 Blue Box Recycling Program

10.7 Municipal Financial Course

10.8 Golden Age Club Gala Dinner Request

10.9 Councillor Sue Nielsen – Letter of Resignation

10.10 Request to Use the Business Center and Community Hall December 1, 2018

RESOLUTION # 18-228

MOVED BY: Councillor Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Correspondence Items 10.1 to 10.10, as presented and directs staff to take the following actions:

10.1: Receive and file the report from Greg Gormick of On Track Strategies regarding the proposed revival of ONTC Passenger Service.

10.2: Advise Renee Baker, Communications Manager with Ontario Northland that the charity of choice to benefit from the “Brighten the Night” event in Cobalt be the “Historic Cobalt Legacy Fund”.

10.3: Thank Ms. Karen Beauchamp from Clearwater Planning Inc. for providing planning services to the Town of Cobalt since September 2016 and advise that she continue to provide planning services until January 31, 2019. And further that staff be directed to explore the delivery of Land Use Planning Services through the Central Temiskaming Planning Board.

10.4 Respond to JPL Storage indicating that the new Council will review the Sea Container By-law in 2019, taking into consideration the comments provided by JPL Storage.

10.5 Receive and file the information from MCSCS regarding the Ont. Fire Regulations

10.6 Receive and file the information on the Blue Box recycling program.

10.7 Contact Auditors to arrange for the new Municipal Council to take the Municipal Financial Course in 2019.

10.8 Respond to the Golden Age Club indicating they can use the Business Centre in conjunction with the Community Centre for their Gala Christmas Dinner on December 9, 2018.

10.9 Resignation of Councillor Nielsen (see resolution 2018-229 below).

10.10 Respond to Julie Henderson and James Neddo re: Use of the Business Centre indicating they can use the Business Centre in conjunction with the Community Centre for their wedding reception.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 18-229

MOVED BY: Councillor Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the resignation of Councillor Nielsen with regret and thanks her for her contribution to the Town of Cobalt Council.

CARRIED

11. BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION # 18-230

MOVED BY: Councillor Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2018-225 being a by-law to receive and approve the 2017 audit and consolidated financial statements as presented by Kemp Elliot and Blair be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 30 day of October 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

RESOLUTION # 18-231

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following:

1. That the accounts as per Schedule No. 18-21 in the amount of \$100,949.49 .03 be approved as paid.

CARRIED

13. MOTION FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – NIL

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sartoretto reported on the Cobalt Solar Project and indicated that the amortization period has been reduced from 20 to 18 years and that she will ask Paul Nadeau from Solaire Kapuskasing to prepare a new Performa and meet with the Mayor Elect, herself and the new Council to update them on the status of this project.

RESOLUTION # 18-232

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Cobalt Solar Update as presented by Mayor Sartoretto.

CARRIED

15. NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Harrison inquired regarding of the status of the Hoist Room Fitness Equipment. Interim CAO King reported that the equipment has yet to be moved as a suitable municipally owned location has not been located to store the equipment at this time. Councillor Harrison also asked when the Town will resolve issues relating to utility payments and rent, with the owner of the arena.

Councillor Schwartz suggested that a new election by-law be considered by the new Council to addresses situations where the number of votes cast in an election are close, that an automatic recount be held. Councillor Schwartz also asked about the status of the letter to Coleman Township regarding their annual financial contribution to the Town of Cobalt Library. Mayor Sartoretto indicated that she had spoken to the Mayor about this and will draft a letter to the Township.

17. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD – NIL

18. CLOSED SESSION -NIL

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - NIL

20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 18- 233

MOVED BY: Councillor Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-226, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 30th day of October 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 # 18-234

MOVED BY: Councillor Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting hereby adjourns at 8:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Interim CAO/ Clerk