

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017 @ 8:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councillors

Tina Sartoretto
Gary Bigelow
Sue Nielsen
George Othmer
Rochelle Schwartz
Perry Wuest

Absent:

Mike Harrison (with reason)

Staff:

Michèle Larosa, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tina Sartoretto welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - NIL**3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution # 17-232

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole for November 7, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

The following items were added to the Agenda:

1. 10.9 – Quotation from B & G Industrial Ltd.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**4.1 Approval of Council Meeting minutes**

Resolution # 17-263

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 17th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

The narrative under item 12.7 is to include that the person who operates the ice resurfacer and must have successfully completed a propane handling course. Councillor Schwartz also commented that there is now an increased liability to the Town by installing ice at the arena.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Council reviewed the Action List.

8.2 The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer presented the monthly report to Council.

8.3 The draft Bylaw/Animal Control Contract was reviewed by Council and direction was given to staff to advertise for the contract.

8.4 The draft RFP for Management Services at the Fraser building was reviewed and direction was given to staff to proceed.

8.5 Michelle Larose, CAO provided a report on the gas and hydro charges distribution at the Fraser building.

Resolution 2017-284

Moved by: Councillor George Othmer

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the hydro be shared with the Pharmacy on a 70/30 split, that being the Pharmacy would pay 70% and the Town 30%.

DEFEATED

Resolution 2017-285

Moved by: Councillor Perry Wuest

Seconded by: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the hydro be shared with the Pharmacy on a 60/40 split, that being the Pharmacy would pay 60% and the Town 40%, until such time as a load test can be done.

CARRIED

8.6 The report from Rivard Engineering was presented to Council. Direction was given to stay within the budget parameters.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION

Items 9.1 to 9.5 were received as Information.

CORRESPONDENCE - FOR ACTION

9.6 Council provided direction to issue a letter in support of the Bunker Museum's application for

funding to the Trillium Foundation.

9.7 Direction was given to bring the Transit Fee and Fee Schedule for approval at the next Council meeting.

9.8 Direction was given to bring the Transit Services contract for approval at the next Council meeting.

9.9 Direction was given to advise Makers and Growers that they may install ice in the arena. It is conditional upon securing properly trained staff as well as ensuring that they have sufficient insurance to cover the additional liability.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 CAO, Michelle Larose indicated that they have been experiencing problems with the boilers in the Fraser for quite some time. The contractor was able to determine the source of the problem and has provided an estimate to repair the boilers properly. Council approved the quotation for repairs as per the estimate from Comfort Heating.

Ms. Larose also indicated that there were a number of apartments on the second floor of the Cobalt side of the building that were without heat or had minimal heat. Comfort Heating has determined that there were valve problems and have begun changing the valves in the apartments.

10.2 Council directed staff to bring back the write-off of the balance owing from the Coleman-Cobalt Figure Skating Club to the next Council meeting for approval.

10.3 Council discussed the committee of the whole meetings vs. council meetings. This item was postponed for further consideration from Council.

10.4 Councillor Wuest indicated that he would be introducing a Notice of Motion at the next Council meeting to formalize the Ad Hoc Policing Committee into a committee of Council. The motion will be debated at the December 2017 regular meeting.

10.5 Councillor Nielsen advised that the Annual Christmas Train event will be held on December 5, 2017. The Council meeting will be moved December 6, 2017.

10.6 Councillor Nielsen indicated that the murals in town were deteriorating. Council directed the CAO to ask our Economic Development Officer to look for possible funding.

10.7 Councillor Nielsen indicated that she was concerned over recent development in Coleman Township on property that is within the boundaries of Saagunaga Lake due to the Cobalt Water Act. This will be discussed at the next Water Commission meeting.

10.8 Councillor Nielsen requested that when meetings are cancelled that they are communicated to each of the members of Council and the public as soon as possible.

10.9 CAO, Michelle Larose, presented a quote from B&G industrial to repair some of the railings in the community. Council approved the quotation and directed staff to initiate the repair work.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 17-266

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt convene in closed session as per Section 239 (e), of the Municipal Act; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipal or local board, regarding a legal matter.

CARRIED

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.
The October 17th, 2017 closed session minutes were approved.

Resolution # 17-287

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the CAO to advise our legal counsel to have a court date set by December 15th, 2017 or Council will seek other legal counsel.

CARRIED

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-288

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-043, 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 7th day of November 2017;

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

CARRIED

21. ADJOURNMENT

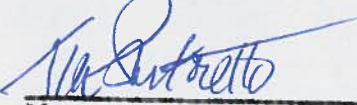
Resolution # 17-289

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk