

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016  
MINUTES**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016  
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Staff:** Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk (closed session only)

**Presenter:** Eric Nielson, Victor Legault, Julie Culverhouse - OCWA

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Tina Sartoretto.**

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution # 16-346**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated December 7, 2016 as amended.

**CARRIED**

Item 15 was added to provide for a closed session meeting pertaining to an identifiable individual.

**2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST**

It was noted by Councillor Nielsen that she is not related to Eric Nielson, the presenter from OCWA.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Resolution # 16-347**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as amended and the Special meeting of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**CARRIED**

It was noted that Perry Wuest was present for the meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL**

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Eric Nielson, Victor Legault and Julie Culverhouse of OCWA had a presentation to Council regarding the history of OCWA, the services they would provide for the Town of Cobalt with a five (5) year contract.

#### **6. STAFF REPORTS**

- 6.1** Michelle Larose, CAO, presented the monthly report. Councillor Sue Nielsen pointed out that the school mentioned in the report is a Catholic school and not a public school.
- 6.2** Michelle Larose presented the IT services report and draft contract. Council directed staff to bring back a by-law to enter into an agreement with Northern Tel to provide IT and Office 365 services for the Municipality on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 6.3** The CAO presented the report regarding the arena reference plan and official plan amendment. Council provided direction to the CAO to advise Mr. Blackburn that Council would like the original severance used to create the reference plan. Direction was also given to pursue Agnico Eagle to provide something in writing regarding any potential subsurface hazards at the arena site.

#### **7. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL**

##### **7.1 Mayor's Update**

- Mayor Sartoretto indicated that she had attended the Bunker Museum dinner and it was a very successful event.
- The Mayor congratulated the many volunteers who worked to make the 2016 ONTC Santa Claus train event a success.

##### **7.2 Administration, Finance and Public Safety**

- 7.2.1** Michelle Larose advised that the furnace will be installed on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mayor Sartoretto thanked Moe Dupuis for lending heaters to the staff at the Town Hall in the interim.

##### **7.3 Public Works and Safety**

###### **7.3.1 Resolution # 16-348**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the installation of a "loop" back system to the Water Treatment Plant for the purpose of measuring the CT time to ensure we are meeting the requirements of disinfection for the users of the system.

**CARRIED**

###### **7.3.2 Request from Coleman Township to plow the walkway on Larose Bridge.**

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that she met with Logan Belanger, CAO for the Township of Coleman to discuss the possibility of the Town cleaning the walkway on the Larose Bridge. Ms. Larose indicated that the Public Works staff were concerned about health and safety issues as the walkway is made of 2 by 4's and the weight of the machine could cause a

collapse of the walkway. In addition, it was reported that the weight of the machine will all of the attachments may exceed the 5 tonne limit.

Council directed the CAO to advise the Township of Coleman that the Town of Cobalt will assume the cleaning of the walkway along the Larose Bridge during the winter season.

#### **7.4 Economic Development & Tourism - NIL**

#### **7.5 Housing and Social Services**

Councillor Rochelle Schwartz thanked the volunteers for their assistance in putting up bows and boughs. The volunteers thanked are Emma Laughlin, Colleen McNaught, Evelyn Pickard, Reiner Mielke and Maggie Wilson.

#### **7.6 Festivals and Recreation**

##### **7.6.1 Ontario Real Estate Association – Working with a Realtor Form 810**

The CAO met with Mr. Malcolm Alexander and he requested that Form 810 be signed on behalf of the Town. Council directed the CAO to sign the form. Direction was also given to communicate to Mr. Alexander to advise that the listing must be updated to reflect that the Hoist Room is not part of the sale.

Councillor Sue Nielsen commented that the ONTC Christmas train was a huge success again this year. There were approximately 300 people who attended. Councillor Nielsen gave special thanks to the Town of Cobalt, our Public Works crew, Rebecca and the ONTC staff, Santa, our annual anonymous donor, the Cobalt and Coleman Fire Departments who provided the bonfire and security, Anglican Church women who served hot chocolate, Tim Horton's owner Brent Gabbani for the hot chocolate donation, JJ's Corner Store for the candy bags, Temiskaming Speaker for videos of the train and CJTT FM for helping to get the work out.

Councillor Neilson also commented on the bon fire that the Fire Departments had that was enjoyed by all who attended.

#### **7.7 Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions**

##### **7.7.1 Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health minutes of October 5, 2016**

Council received the minutes for information.

##### **7.7.2 Timiskaming Health Unit – Support for Resolution #02-2016**

###### **Resolution # 16-349**

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

**WHEREAS** the Timiskaming Health Unit has sent a resolution to the Province of Ontario to develop and province-wide comprehensive strategy to address overweight and obesity, including exploration of taxation of sugar sweetened beverages,

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Cobalt in is agreement to the request made by the Timiskaming Health Unit;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** Council support the resolution passed by the Timiskaming Health Unit Board and that a letter of support be sent to the Board.

**CARRIED**

**8. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

**Resolution # 16-350**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the following:

1. The accounts as per Schedule No. 16-28 in the amount of \$153,887.27 be approved as paid in the month of November 2016; and
2. The accounts as per Schedule No. 16-29 in the amount of \$116,668.50 be paid after receiving Council approval.

**CARRIED**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT**

**9.1 Letter from the Bunker Military Museum – re: dishwasher in community hall**

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that a technician was called to check the dishwasher and it was operating properly. The unit was not set or ready for a new cycle to start. Instructions will be placed by the dishwasher to advise of proper operations before, during and after use.

**9.2 Township of McKellar – request for support for funding fire infrastructure**

**Resolution # 16-351**

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

**WHEREAS** the Township of McKellar has sent a resolution to the Province of Ontario to recognize the municipal fire service as a critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Cobalt in is agreement to the request made by the Township of McKellar;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** Council support the resolution passed by the Township of McKellar and that a letter of support be sent to the township.

**CARRIED**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION**

Council received items 10.1-10.3 as information.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS - NIL**

**12. BY-LAWS - NIL**

**13. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**13.1 Fraser Update**

CAO, Michelle Larose advised notices of eviction have been sent to three tenants and that the statutory notice period has to expire prior to sending the Landlord and Tenant Board the necessary documents for eviction.

**Resolution # 16-352**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Perry Wuest

**WHEREAS** the Fraser Committee was a committee created by Council to oversee and respond to issues arising at 24 Prospect Avenue;

**AND WHEREAS** committees of council were dissolved based on recommendations by the Integrity Commissioner;

**AND WHEREAS** the Cobalt Council has acknowledged the need for greater Fraser oversight by adding a regular Fraser item to our council agenda;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** Council addresses and responds to all issues at the Fraser Building.

**CARRIED**

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION**

NIL

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution # 16-353**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor George Othmer

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council convene in closed session as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to the following subsections:

(2) (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees regarding an MFIPPA request pertaining to the CAO.

**CARRIED**

**Note:** CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Michelle Larose delegated authority (through a letter) to Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk to act on her behalf as the Clerk for the closed portion of the meeting and then left the meeting.

**Resolution # 16-354**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Special Council meeting resume at 8:41 p.m.

**Note:** Council provided direction to the Deputy Clerk to respond to the FOI request.

**16. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**Resolution # 16-355**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 16-048, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016;

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

**CARRIED**



**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution # 16-356**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor  
  
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Clerk