

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017
MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 2017
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

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-027

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

The presentation from the Mining Museum and Bunker Museum was deferred the February 21st, 2017 meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

NIL

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution # 17-028

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the special meeting on January 18th, 2017 and minutes of the regular meeting held on January 24th, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5.1 Presentation – Brit Griffin on behalf of the Mining Museum and Bunker Museum

The presenter was unable to attend the meeting. The presentation will be rescheduled to February 7, 2017.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Draft Procedure By-law

CAO, Michelle Larose added the section in the procedure by-law to allow for a question and answer period at the end of the meeting. Council concurred with the changes and the by-law will be brought back for formal adoption.

6.2 Draft Hiring By-law

Council provided direction to staff to add the by-law to the next meeting agenda for formal approval and adoption.

6.3 Monthly Report - Administration

Council reviewed the monthly report submitted by the CAO, Michelle Larose.

7. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY COUNCIL

7.1 Mayor's Update

- Mayor Tina Sartoretto formally thanked Councillor Sue Nielsen for her financial contribution to the Cobalt Food Bank through the sale of calendars. Over the last two years, Councillor Nielsen had donated approximately \$5,400 to the Food Bank.
- Mayor Sartoretto advised Council that she attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Conference with the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer. There was an opportunity to meet with the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs to discuss the OCIF funding component and how these monies should be allowed for critical building infrastructure. The conference was well attended and the workshops were relevant to rural Ontario municipalities vs. larger city centres.

7.2 Administration, Finance and Public Safety

7.2.1 Motion to approve hiring of a firefighter

Resolution # 17-029

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of Aaron Williams to the Cobalt Fire Department.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Animal Control Report – November to December 2016

Council reviewed the Animal Control Report for information.

7.2.3 Parking Issues – Silver Street

Resolution # 17-037

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the winter control by-law to allow for 90 minute parking on the west side of Silver Street;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to allow for 90 minute parking until such time as the by-law is amended.

CARRIED

Note: At this time, the notice of motion under Item #14 was discussed as it pertained to the Item under Item 7.2.3.

Resolution # 17-034

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

WHEREAS currently there are parking limits in the downtown core with limits of thirty (30) minutes parking on west side of Silver Street and ninety (90) minutes of parking on the east side of Silver Street;

AND WHEREAS the time limits are detrimental for people going to our museums and doing their shopping as the time limits are too short;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council amend the winter parking control by-law to remove the time limits for parking on both sides of Silver Street as we are trying to promote tourism and our local businesses.

DEFEATED

7.3 Public Works and Safety - NIL

7.4 Economic Development & Tourism

Councillor Perry Wuest advised that the artifacts have been removed from the former train station and relocated to the Mining Museum. Councillor Wuest also commented on the great job that the Public Works department did with moving the larger pieces.

7.5 Housing and Social Services - NIL

7.6 Festivals and Recreation

Councillor Sue Nielsen advised that the Bird/Duck boxes should be in by March 2017.

7.7 Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

The Temiskaming Health Unit Board minutes of December 7th, 2016 and the Board of Health fourth quarter report for 2016 were received as information.

8. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution # 17-030

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the accounts as per Schedule No. 17-03 in the amount of \$132,835.56 be paid in the month of January 2017.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMENT

9.1 Letter of Support – Review of Gas Tax Funding

Resolution # 17-031

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

WHEREAS the City of Owen Sound has passed Resolution #R-170166-008 to petition the Provincial Government to review the gas tax funding formula recognizing that the implementation of the Cap and Trade as of January, 2017 has now made it more expensive for municipalities consuming fuel;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt is in agreement with the resolution passed by the City of Owen Sound;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution passed by the City of Owen Sound and that a letter of support be sent to the City.

CARRIED

9.2 Letter of Support – Bill 7, amendments to the RTA, 2006

Resolution # 17-032

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

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bluewater has passed a resolution with reference to Bill 7, amendments to Residential Tenancies Act, 2006;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has called upon the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge that each municipality will face to provide this

service to the public in a cost-effective manner;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution passed by the Town of Blue Water and that a letter of support be sent to the Town.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

10.1 Letter from Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association

Council received the letter from the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association and directed staff to draft a motion for the next council meeting for consideration of support for post office banking.

11. OTHER BUSINESS - NIL

12. BY-LAWS

12.1 By-law 2017-06 – Water and wastewater services by-law with OCWA

Resolution # 17-033

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-06, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for the provision of overall responsibility operator services for the water treatment plant, water tower, water distribution system, wetland wastewater treatment and the sewage collection system, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 7th day of February, 2017;

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

CARRIED

13. ON-GOING BUSINESS

13.1 Fraser Update

CAO, Michelle Larose provided the following update to Council:

- Apt. 209 – The apartment repairs are complete and the cleaning will be done shortly.
- Apt. 312 – Painting is almost complete. A current tenant will be moving from his apartment to Apartment 312.
- We received a notice of intention to vacate an apartment on the third floor by the end of March, 2017. We will advertise the apartment for rent closer to the last date of tenancy.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

The notice of motion was addressed under Item # 7.2.3.

15. CLOSED SESSION - NIL

16. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-035

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-07, 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 February, 2017;

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 # 17-036

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk