

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 4th, 2017.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Mike Harrison (with reason)

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Presentations: David Brydges, Street Pole Banners
Justus Veldman and Dominique Cadeau, Riversedge Developments

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

Concillor Sue Nielsen declared a pecuniary interest under item 6.1. David Brydges is a relative.

3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-074

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated Tuesday, April 4, 2017 as amended.

CARRIED

Item 6.2 – Justus Veldman/ Dominique Cadeau – Riversedge Developments

Item 8.4 - Fraser Building Update

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 17-075

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21st, 2017 and the Budget Meeting minutes of March 29th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

Councillor Schwartz requested that the Minutes of March 29th, 2017 be amended under Item #5 indicating that the delay with the next budget meeting by one week was due to the CAO being away on vacation.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CAO, Michelle Larose, advised Council that the Fire Chief responded to the request for a meeting with Council to discuss their concerns. Fire Chief Hearn advised that they would be willing to meet with members of Council and requested that the Mayor, CAO, and two members of Council meet with them. It was further requested that the two members of Council be Councillor Perry Wuest and Councillor Sue Nielsen.

Resolution # 17-076

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole of Council recommends appointing Mayor Sartoretto, Councillor Wuest and Councillor Nielsen to meet with the Fire Department on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Presentation – David Brydges – Street Pole Banners

Mr. Bridges presented the concept of having banners along Silver Street in the downtown area. These banners would be sponsored by businesses in Cobalt. Council was receptive to the idea and agreed to the use of the Town logo on the banners.

6.2 Presentation – Justus Veldman/Dominique Cadeaux – Riversedge Developments

Justus Veldman of Riversedge Developments presented the idea of having the arena as a community hub by developing a Farmers Market in Cobalt. Mr. Veldman suggested that a simple agreement be entered into if Council was agreeable to the proposal.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Street Pole Banners -** Staff are to contact Hydro One to obtain permission to hang the banners on the poles. The Public Works staff will assist in hanging the banners. Council will consider the purchase of banners during budget deliberations.
- 2. Farmers Market (Arena) –** Direction was given to staff to draft an agreement for Council's consideration.

Resolution # 17-077

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole of Council direct the CAO to draft an agreement between the Town of Cobalt and Riversedge Developments for the provision of a Farmers Market at the arena.

CARRIED

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Administration Monthly Report – CAO

The Administration Monthly report was received as information.

8.2 Canada Tree Fund Application

CAO, Michelle Larose reported that the Town's application for tree funding was unsuccessful.

8.3 Fire Department Staff Hiring Report

Resolution # 17-078

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole of Council recommends the hiring of Wade Bigras as a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

8.4 Fraser Building Update

1. The boilers have been shutting down on a regular basis. The CAO has contacted Honeywell to provide a description of the work required to resolve the issue.
2. The elevator is not functioning properly. Hal-Brant Elevators were on site April 4th, 2017 to correct the problem.
3. Security Today submitted a quotation to tie the fire alarm system into the security company. A report will follow.
4. The ramp construction for the pharmacy was discussed. Direction was to advise the contractor that the ramp will have to be postponed until the sidewalk leaking issue was resolved.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 The minutes of the Temiskaming Health Unit Board of January 25th, 2017 was received for information.
- 9.2 The thank you letter from Fr. Wayne Mills was received by Council. Direction was given to staff to send a letter to both the St. Patrick Parish and St. James Anglican Church thanking them for their recent upgrades to their buildings.
- 9.3 Council approved the use of Cenotaph Park for the Silver Moccasin's 10th Anniversary with the condition that approval is received from the Royal Canadian Legion.

9.4 Resolution of Support – Town of Latchford – Spring Bear Hunt

Resolution # 17-079

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) extended the spring bear hunt pilot 2017;

AND WHEREAS there is inequity in the allocation of non-resident bear licence validation forms;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Latchford has passed a similar motion requesting the support from other Ontario municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt support the Town of Latchford's resolution 17-031 and request the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry recognize and begin discussions with the Northeastern Ontario Bear Management Association for the fair and equitable distribution of non-resident bear licence validation forms for 2017 and beyond;

AND FURTHER THAT a letter of support be sent to the Town of Latchford and a letter be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources.

CARRIED

9.5-9.6 The letters from the Ontario Firefighters Association and Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon were received as information.

9.7 Letter from Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – request for donation

Council decided not to donate to the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum at this time.

9.8 Temiskaming District Secondary School – 2017 Graduation

Direction was given to bring forward a motion to award the Cobalt Silver Medallion with a bursary of \$100 to a graduating student from Cobalt.

9.9 Letter from the MTO regarding new highway population signs for Cobalt

Direction was given to bring this item forward for budget deliberations.

9.10 Letter from Colleen Belanger – Temporary relocation to property in Cobalt

Resolution # 17-080

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council uphold the zoning provisions as outlined in the zoning by-law and not permit the use of the commercial property as a residential dwelling.

CARRIED

9.11 Letter from Lorna Desmarais – Temiskaming Health Promoter – THU

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that the activities for seniors were posted on Facebook and the

Website.

Direction was given to ask our Community Representative on the Temiskaming Health Unit to provide regular reports to Council.

9.12 Letter from Heritage Canada – Canada Day Funding

The CAO advised that the Town of Cobalt was successful in receiving \$2,560 for Canada Day activities.

Discussion took place regarding the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Canada Day. Direction was given to correspond with the Township of Coleman to form a joint committee. Councillor Wuest and Councillor Sue Nielson expressed their interest in participating on the Committee.

A formal motion will be presented at the April 18, 2017 meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS - NIL

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 17-081

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt convene in closed session as per Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding the CAO performance appraisal.

CARRIED

A letter was provided by the Chief Administrative Officer to delegate the Clerk's duties to Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk – Deputy Treasurer for the closed portion of the meeting.

The meeting reconvened from closed session with the following report: Council passed a resolution in closed session regarding the CAO performance evaluation.

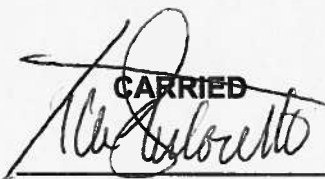
17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 17-082

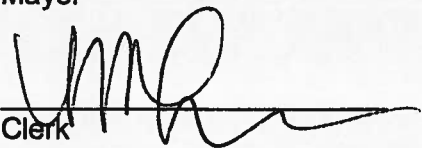
MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

CARRIED


Mayor



Clerk