

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

PRESENT:

Mayor Tina Sartoretto
Councillors Gary Bigelow
Mike Harrison
Sue Nielsen (Arrived at 7:15 p.m. – with reason)
George Othmer
Rochelle Schwartz
Perry Wuest

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tina Sartoretto welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution # 17-071

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Special Budget meeting dated March 29th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest - NIL

4. Staff Reports

4.1-4.8

Council reviewed and discussed the various draft budget reports regarding the accumulated deficit, waste management, policing, street lights, water and sewer charges, long term debt and the proposed capital expenditures.

Direction was given to follow up on the following items:

1. Obtain statistics regarding the Town of Cobalt's recyclables.
2. Follow up with Agnico and MOE regarding the subsurface of the trailer park for the replacement of a section of sewer line.
3. Mark the ladder on the water tower as inoperable.
4. Contact OCWA to determine the exact breakdown of the costs of the CT line project.

5. Determine how much water is being used for the CT line.
6. Check the difference in cost by eliminating the variable frequency drive for the pumps at the water plant.
7. Request information from OCWA regarding the cost to be charged for the water metered to Coleman for bleeders.
8. Fraser Sidewalk – add to Capital and request quotations to have that repaired.
9. Door replacements – Classic Theatre – obtain additional quotations for the price of the door and installation. (price seems a bit low)
10. Provide a report on the condition of all hand railings throughout the municipality.
11. Investigate the variance between the water and sewer unit billings.
12. Can the arena be used for salt storage?
13. Tandem truck – where exactly does the truck require repairs/body work.
14. Investigate the eligibility of financing the public works building through Infrastructure Ontario.
15. Cobalt Street – obtain a more accurate estimate of work to be done.
16. Trailer Park/ Boulevard paving – provide a report on the actual work to be done.

4.9 WSIB Coverage for Fire Fighters

Council reviewed the coverage for the fire fighters. It was determined that it would stay at the maximum coverage of \$88,500.

4.10 Water Filling Station at the Library

Council confirmed that the water filling station would not be filtered or refrigerated.

5. Performance Evaluation

Resolution # 17-072

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council have staff participate in the performance evaluation for the six (6) month review of the CAO.

DEFEATED

A recorded vote took place as follows:

Councillor Schwartz	- FOR
Councillor Wuest	- FOR
Councillor Bigelow	- AGAINST
Councillor Harrison	- AGAINST
Councillor Othmer	- FOR
Councillor Nielsen	- AGAINST
Mayor Sartoretto	- AGAINST

Results - 3 FOR and 4 AGAINST – the motion was defeated.

The next budget meeting will occur on April 25th, 2017. The budget meeting had to be delayed by a week due to the CAO being away on vacation.

6. Adjournment

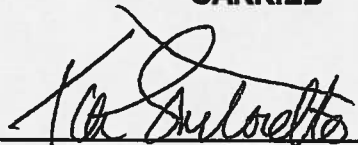
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MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

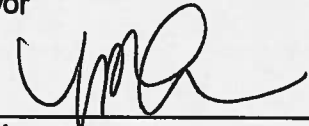
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourns at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk