

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JULY 18th, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

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

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Presentations: Kyle Audette – Operation of the Mini Putt
Michelle Anderson – Trillium Fund

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tina Sartoretto welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Sartoretto reminded members of Council to review the Code of Conduct, the Procedure By-law and Municipal Act. The Mayor indicated that there is a reason for procedures and conduct of members of Council. There is a fine line between council and staff functions. Meetings must be done with decorum and it is the duty of each member to respect each other despite their personal views. Foul language will not be tolerated at meetings. Mayor Sartoretto apologized for not having better control of meetings in the past but said that she would in the future.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor George Othmer declared a pecuniary interest for item 12.1 "Approval of Accounts Payable Schedule 17-14 and 17.15", due to being a volunteer firefighter.

Councillor Rochelle Schwartz declared a pecuniary interest for item 12.4 "Cobalt Mining Competition – Request for in-kind contribution", as she is involved with the event.

3. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Resolution # 17-177

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated July 18th, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

The following items were added to the Agenda:

1. 8.2 Critical Grant Considerations – Ontario Trillium Capital Grant Stream – Michelle Anderson
CCL-EDO
2. 12.15 OCIF – Top Up Application Component
3. 12.16 Verbal Report – Hiring of Summer Students – Michelle Larose
4. 12.17 Use of the Ball Park – August 5-7th, 2017 – Ray Bourassa

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Council Meeting minutes

Resolution # 17-178

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor George Othmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of June 20th, 2017.

CARRIED

4.2 Acceptance of the 2017 Ad Hoc Canada Day Committee minutes

Resolution # 17-179

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the minutes of the 2017 Ad Hoc Canada Day Committee of May 11th, 2017 and June 2nd, 2017.

CARRIED

4.3 Acceptance of the Ad Hoc Policing Committee minutes

Resolution # 17-180

MOVED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the minutes of the Ad Hoc Policing Committee of June 13th, 2017 and June 27th, 2017.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

6. ACTION LIST

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that the electrical outlet for the library would cost approximately \$300 for installation and the Public Works staff would reposition the water filling station.

Resolution # 17-181

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the renovations required to relocate the water filling station at the library and install an electrical outlet for the fountain.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Operation of the Mini Putt – Kyle Audette

Mr. Audette addressed Council regarding his request to manage and maintain the mini putt at the park. Council was receptive to the idea.

Resolution # 17-182

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve Kyle Audette's proposal to operate the mini putt on a volunteer basis;

AND FURTHER THAT the CAO meet with Mr. Audette to work out the details of the agreement.

CARRIED

8.2 Trillium Grant – Michelle Anderson – EDO

Michelle Anderson presented the Ontario Trillium Grant funding program to Council. The deadline to submit the application is October 25, 2017.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NIL

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Letter to Mayor Sartoretto re. participation in asset management project

Council directed the CAO to gather more information on this project.

10.2 – 10.6 These items were received for information.

11. BY-LAWS

11.1 By-law 2017-018 to amend by-law 2015-009 re. funding for CCL Economic Development Initiative

Resolution #17-183

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-028, being a by-law to amend By-law 2015-009 to change the dates of project completion of FedNor funding for the Cobalt-Coleman-Latchford Economic Development Initiative, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of July 2017;

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

CARRIED

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedule

Resolution #17-184

MOVED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the accounts as per Schedule No. 17-14 in the amount of \$93,894.99 be approved as paid in the month of June 2017 and Schedule No. 17-15 in the amount of 87,430.47 be paid after receiving council approval.

CARRIED

12.2 Request for Sponsorship – Literacy Council of South Temiskaming

Council decided not to sponsor the event.

12.3 Resolution of Support – Municipality of Killarney

Resolution #17-185

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

WHEREAS the Municipality of Killarney has passed a resolution to appeal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to reconsider the proposed change to the Municipal Act, 2001 as a result of Bill 68 regarding tax registration procedures which would end payments of out of court for municipalities. The proposed amendment to Section 380 (8) and (9) would see out of court payments revert back to the Crown;

AND WHEREAS tax sale proceedings involve a significant amount of staff time which is an expense to a municipality and it is only fair that municipalities continue to be eligible for these payments out of court;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt supports the resolution passed by the Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution of support be sent to the Municipality of Killarney and to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and John Vanthof, MPP.

CARRIED

12.4 Cobalt Mining Competition – Request for in-kind contribution

Resolution #17-186

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the request by the Cobalt Mining Competition to assist by providing support to set-up the competition location, seating for spectators and the machine mucker and rails.

CARRIED

12.5 Letter from Kevin Powers – Director OPG Nuclear

Resolution #17-187

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the letter sent by the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities for Ontario Power Generations' proposal to develop a deep geologic repository for low and intermediate level radioactive waste in Kincardine;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution of support be sent to Mayor Eadie of the Municipality of Kincardine and Mayor Foster of the Municipality of Clarington.

DEFEATED

12.6 Canada Day Update

Councillor Sue Nielsen provided an update regarding the Canada Day events:

- It was a fantastic day, kicked off by a super breakfast
- The parade was great and there were more participants this year than in the past.
- Bass Lake events were a success – they drew more people as well this year.
- The three communities came together and it was nice to see (Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford).
- The food and games at Bass Lake were great.
- The fireworks in Latchford were spectacular.
- Councillor Nielsen thanked the sponsors, the fire departments, Canada 150 Funding, volunteers and the staff for their help.

12.7 Ad Hoc Policing Committee Update

Councillor Perry Wuest provided an update regarding the Ad Hoc Policing Committee:

- The Committee is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Detachment Commander to review our police billing costs to get a better understanding of the charges.
- The Committee also wants to look at an overall strategy to reduce costs for the Town of Cobalt.

12.8 Audio Recording of Council meetings

Councillor Sue Nielsen said that there are times when there is a difference in opinion as to what was said or decided at a Council meeting and suggested meetings be recorded.

Council directed the CAO follow up and report back to Council.

12.9 Signage for the Community Garden

Councillor Sue Nielsen indicated that the Cobalt Community Garden Committee would like to erect a sign at the location of the community garden.

Direction was given to staff to draft a letter to Healthy Kids Community Challenge thanking them for this initiative.

12.10 Salt Shed – Gary Bigelow

Councillor Gary Bigelow suggested that the salt shed could be constructed using storage containers as side walls that would also provide storage space for the public works department.

The staff report provided by Michelle Larose recommended that an RFP be drafted to have the contractor bid on either option so that we can properly evaluate the costs of building a standard salt shed vs. a salt shed using storage containers as side walls.

Council directed the CAO to move forward with the Request for Proposal for the construction of the salt shed.

12.11 Flow Meter replacement report

Michelle Larose presented the report regarding the emergency replacement of the flow meter. Ms. Larose provided a recommendation regarding financing. Council approved the recommendation and directed the CAO to proceed.

12.12 Flow meter rate charge

Michelle Larose advised Council that the preliminary calculation for the flow meter rate charge was based on the annual operating costs and flow readings from 2016. It came to \$ 1.48/ m³. She advised that further investigation would be done to ensure that the proper operational costs were being used due to changes to our operations in the Fall of 2016. Ms. Larose advised that we currently charge \$ 1.38/ m³.

12.13 Update – Fraser Building

Councillor Perry Wuest discussed the subject of management of the Fraser Building. Council provided direction to the CAO to draft an RFP for the property management of the Fraser building.

12.14 By-law/Property Standards/ Animal Control Officer Report

CAO, Michelle Larose presented the report to Council with a recommendation that a By-law/Property Standards/Animal Control Officer be hired full time for the Town of Cobalt. Council directed the CAO to proceed with the advertisement for the position.

12.15 OCIF Top-Up Grant Application

Michelle Larose, CAO, presented the top-up funding letter received from the Ministry. It was recommended that we reapply for the work required on the water tower as well as the holding tank to facilitate the transfer of water while the tower is not in operation during repairs.

12.16 Summer Student Hiring

CAO, Michelle Larose advised that two students were hired for the Public Works department this year. They are Spencer Francoeur and Dylan Niemi.

12.17 Request to use the ball field – August 5-7th, 2017 – Ray Bourassa

Mayor Sartoretto indicated that Ray Bourassa would like to use the ball field from August 5-7th, 2017. Direction was given to follow up with Mr. Bourassa.

13. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - NIL

14. MAYOR'S REPORT - NIL

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

Resolution #17-188

MOVED BY: Councillor Gary Bigelow
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend the rules of the Procedure By-law as it pertains to the notice of motion put forward by Councillor Perry Wuest at the July 18, 2017 meeting to allow for discussion of the motion.

CARRIED

Resolution #17-189

MOVED BY: Councillor George Othmer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council table the notice of motion until a meeting is set up with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

Resolution #17-190

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

WHEREAS open communication and clarity are key to the successful governance of a Municipality;

AND WHEREAS all of Council must be privy to the business of the Municipality in order to make educated decisions regarding such;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT any and all meetings pertaining to the business of the Municipality must be advertised prior to, with a reasonable amount of notice given, to all of Council with the understanding that any Councillor has the right to attend said meetings in at least the capacity of an observer.

DEFERRED

Note: This item was deferred. Council provided direction to the CAO to invite a representative of MMAH to speak to Council regarding the notice of motion put forward and its implications.

16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES - NIL

17. QUESTION AND ANSWER – NIL

18. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 17-191

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt convene in Closed session for the purposes of Section 239 (2) (b), Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding a municipal employee and, 239 (2) (e), litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; regarding legal matters.

CARRIED

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 9:12 p.m. Council approved the closed session minutes of June 20th, 2017.

Resolution # 17-192

MOVED BY: Councillor Sue Nielsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Harrison

BE RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation to hire Steven Dalley as a volunteer firefighter effective July 18th, 2017.

CARRIED

20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution # 17-193

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2017-029, 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 18th day of July 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

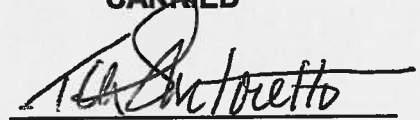
Resolution # 17-194

MOVED BY: Councillor Rochelle Schwartz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Perry Wuest

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor

Clerk