

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer
Councillors Angela Adshead
Bill Gabbani
Mike Harrison
Matthew Johnson
Doug Wilcox

ABSENT:

Staff: David King, Interim
CAO/Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Othmer welcomed everyone to the first regular meeting of Council and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Harrison declared an interest in regard to agenda item 11.1.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION # 18-253

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Council meeting dated December 18, 2018 as presented.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION # 18-254

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the meeting minutes of the December 5, 2018 Special Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL

6. ACTION LIST

RESOLUTION # 18-255

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the verbal report from the interim CAO.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – NIL

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS –NIL

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – NIL

10. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION # 18-256

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence items 10.1 to 10.4 for information purposes.

CARRIED

11. BY-LAWS

* (Note: Councillor Harrison excused himself from the meeting room as a result of this earlier declaration of pecuniary interest regarding proposed by-law 2018-230)

11.1

RESOLUTION # 18-257

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2018-230 be approved to extend the agreement with Davis Properties Inc. for the provision of Property Management Services in accordance with By-law 2017-047 Schedules A and B for the Fraser Building for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

CARRIED

11.2

* (Note: Councillor Harrison rejoined the Council table for the remainder of the meeting)

RESOLUTION # 18-258

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2018-231 be approved authorizing the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement with the owner of 12 Laird Crescent for the payment of tax arrears.

CARRIED

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Determination of how to fill Council Vacancy

RESOLUTION # 18-259

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt Council passed resolution 18-243 accepting the resignation of Sue Nielson from the Town of Cobalt Council and declared the seat vacant on December 5, 2018 and;

WHEREAS Council resolved to determine the method of filling the vacancy at the December 18, 2018 Regular Council meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Cobalt elects to:

- A) Hold a by-election to fill the vacancy
- B) Fill the vacancy by appointing the election candidate in 7th standing
- C) Invite interested eligible citizens to submit expressions of interest

A recorded vote was requested on each of options A,B and C. The results were as follows:

Option A : For- None

Against: Councillors Adshead, Gabbani, Harrison, Johnson, Wilcox and Mayor Othmer

DEFEATED

Option B : For: Councillor Wilcox and Mayor Othmer

Against: Councillors Adshead, Gabbani, Harrison and Johnson

DEFEATED

Option C: For: Councillors Adshead, Gabbani, Harrison and Johnson

Against: Mayor Othmer

Abstained: Councillor Wilcox

CARRIED

12.2 Canadian TODS Signage

RESOLUTION # 18-260

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

WHEREAS THE Canadian TODS signage has increased from a cost of \$153.00 per banner in 2018 to a cost of \$400.00 per banner for 2019. A total cost increase of \$2, 792.00 annually.

BE IT RESOLVED That Council direct staff to send a letter to Canadian TODS advising of their concerns with this cost increase and advising that Council will be undertaking a review in the new year on the annual cost of signage to promote the attractions in the Town.

CARRIED

12.3 Appointment of an Integrity Commissioner

RESOLUTION # 18-261

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

WHEREAS Municipalities will be required to appoint an Integrity Commissioner effective March 1, 2019 and;

WHEREAS The Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) has provided a proposal from “Expertise for Municipalities” to provide Integrity Commissioner Services to the member municipalities of the TMA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council express their interest in attending the TMA training session in early 2019 to learn more about the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner and the requirements of the Municipal Act.

CARRIED

12.4 Geothermal Heat Proposal

RESOLUTION # 18-262

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt accept the email dated November 29, 2018 from Mr. Graham Gambles regarding the potential to produce geothermal heat from abandoned Underground mines and invite Mr. Gambles to attend a Town of Cobalt COW meeting in February 2019 to discuss his proposal more detail.

CARRIED

12.5 Timiskaming Health Unit Appointment

RESOLUTION # 18-263

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Cobalt Council accept the email dated December 6, 2018 from the Township of Coleman requesting support to appoint Susan Cote as the area representative on the Timiskaming Health Unit Board for a four-year term.

CARRIED

12.6 Purchase of Hoist Room Equipment

Council discussed the desire to deal with the hoist room equipment. Mayor Othmer indicated he would like to give this issue some more time to see what options exist. Accessibility would need to be addressed if another fitness center was established. Council also questioned if the previous operation of the Hoist Room fitness Centre was profitable.

RESOLUTION # 18-264

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter from Marc and Sylvie Plante regarding their interest in purchasing some of the gym equipment used in the hoist room and advise that none of the equipment is for sale at this time.

CARRIED

12.7 Approval of accounts

RESOLUTION # 18-265

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following:

1. That the accounts as per Schedule No. 18-24 in the amount of \$192,249.77 be approved as paid in the month of November 2018.
2. That the accounts as per Schedule No. 18-25 in the amount of \$116,237.31 be paid after receiving Council Approval.

CARRIED

13. MOTION FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – NIL

14. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Othmer reported that he has been busy since Council took office on December 4th on a variety of local matters.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

16. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Adshead inquired about the overnight parking permit process for the Town. A resident had complained that parking permits were not being issued. Staff advised that there was a process and that it would be shared with Council.

A question was also raised about the Zoning of the Agnico Eagle Building.

17. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD – NIL

18. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION # 18-266

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani
SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene into a closed session as per Section 239 2 (b) of the Municipal Act; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Topic: Extension of Interim CAO Contract.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 18-267

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reconvene into the open session of Council.

CARRIED

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION –

Council approved the extension of the Interim CAO contract until such time as a new CAO is in place and a satisfactory transition has taken place.

20. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 18- 268

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-232, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 18th day of December 2018;

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 # 18-269

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council hereby adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Interim CAO/ Clerk