

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

Staff: Brian Walker, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He stated that as per Section 4.5.11 of the Procedural By-Law, recording of Council meetings is prohibited and reminded everyone to mute electronic devices.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

NIL

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Requests for amendment to the agenda under Section 18 - Councillor Updates
Councillor Anderson – Canada Day Report
Councillor Adshead – Hoist Room Report

RESOLUTION No. 19-118

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for May 28, 2019 as amended. CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

NIL

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

NIL

6. Public Hearing

NIL

7. Delegations and Presentations

NIL

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

NIL

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Cobalt Historical Society – The Cobalt Lode Newsletter
- 9.2 Cobalt Historical Society – update on request for designation of Right of Way Headframe
CAO Walker stated there are 4 steps in this process and staff is in the process of determining the status of those steps. Staff was directed to check with the Municipal Insurer regarding coverage for volunteers working around the property.
- 9.3 TeMag – minutes of the meeting May 11, 2019
- 9.4 TeMag – letter of concern to Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care re downloading of costs of health care.

RESOLUTION No. 19-119

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the correspondence items as presented.

CARRIED

10. By-Laws

NIL

11. General Business

11.1

RESOLUTION No. 19-120

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve

- 1) Schedule No. 19-08 in the amount of \$92,246.73 as paid.
- 2) Schedule No. 19-09 in the amount of \$70,191.49 as paid.
- 3) Statement of Expenditures for period January to May 21, 2019 as received.

CARRIED

11.2 Open Air Burning By-Law

CAO Walker gave a brief overview of the penalty section of the By-Law. As a result of a recent violation to the By-Law, a resident has been ticketed with two violations with a summons to appear in court. The court will determine if the mechanism and wording is actionable. Upon a conviction, a fine will be issued. Chief Hearn is calculating the cost per call out and Council would like to have him make a presentation on the matter. Staff was directed to review other Municipalities for their penalty process.

11.3 2019 Budget

CAO Walker gave an update on the status of the draft budget and assured Council that staff is making it a top priority. He stated the 2020 budget process will begin in early Fall with a preliminary budget presented to Council in December 2019.

Other Business:

- 1. Staff was directed to issue the operating grants once the resolution of Council authorizing that direction has been forwarded.

12. Motion for which prior notice has been given

NIL

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Othmer reported on the film production that took place this past week by the History Channel, Salvage Kings. The episode is scheduled to air sometime between September 22 and 24, 2019. The film crew thanked the Town of Cobalt for their assistance and were very impressed with the warm reception they received from the residents.

14. Notices of Motion

NIL

15. Councillor Updates

1. Canada Day – Councillor Anderson reported discussions were under way for the Golden Age Club to provide 200 breakfasts for the Mayor's Breakfast. She invited Council to volunteer if they were available. Staff was directed to provide the funds of \$1,600.00 from the Canada Day Grant to the Golden Age Club to host this event. There will be a meeting of the Canada Day Committee on May 29, 2019 at 12:30 at the Coleman Township Office.

2. Hoist Room – Councillor Adshead reported that the demolition phase was nearing completion. A change room, gender neutral washrooms and accessible entrances are included in the plans. The CAO will arrange for access to the Hoist Room equipment to begin the process of relocation. Councillor Adshead and the CAO will meet to set values for the yard sale items.

3. Teck Park – CAO Walker reported that Kyle Audette is leading a group of volunteers on a clean-up of Teck Park on Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All are invited to assist.

4. Foreign delegation – Councillor Harrison reported a delegation will be in the area next week to visit the Municipalities and looking for exposure to facilities/venues in our area.

16. Question and Answer

Council agreed to suspend the order of business to allow for Public Comment

Rod Prior addressed Council regarding his desire to consolidate his properties and asked that Council be favourable to this concept.

Councillor provided ideas to have an easier flow to the Public question and answer section of the agenda. Staff will look at the procedural by-law for options. A suggestion was made to have the rules of the Q & A available for the public to review prior to the meeting.

17. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 19-121

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council convene in a closed session as per Section 239 2 (b) of the Municipal Act. Personnel Matters: Topics: Human Resources.

CARRIED

18. Business Arising from Closed Session

Staff received direction in closed session.

19. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 19-122

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law No 2019-22 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of May 2019;

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

CARRIED

20. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 19-123

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The May 28, 2019 regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:25 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer