

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wednesday, December 5, 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 the members of the new Council to the Special Meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – NIL

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

RESOLUTION # 18- 241

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Special Council meeting agenda for December 5, 2018.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION # 18- 242

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the November 20, 2018 meeting of the previous Council, be received as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL

6. BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION # 18- 243

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2018-228 be approved to extend the agreement with Municipal Service Providers for the provision of by-law enforcement and animal control services in the Town of Cobalt for a six-month period (December 9, 2018 to June 28, 2019) at a cost of \$12,600 + HST + WSIB deductions (if required) in accordance with the terms and conditions as described in By-law No. 2017-048 and Schedule A to By-law 2017-048.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Resignation of Sue Nielsen

RESOLUTION # 18-244

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the resignation of Sue Nielsen, from the Town of Cobalt Council, tabled and received by the previous Council on October 30, 2018;

AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 263 of the Municipal Act, the Town of Cobalt Council will determine @ its next regular Council meeting scheduled for December 18, 2018 how the vacancy will be filled.

CARRIED

7.2 Proposed Snow Shoveling Position

RESOLUTION # 18-245

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

WHEREAS the public works department is short a staff member and it is critical to maintain stairs and walkways in the Town of Cobalt;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the hiring of a Part Time, person to help with the snow removal on stairs and critical walkways on as needed basis in accordance with the Town of Cobalt Hiring Policy (as modified) and in consultation with CUPE local 127.

CARRIED

7.3 Holiday Office Hours

RESOLUTION # 18-246

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive and support the recommendation of the Interim CAO to close the Town of Cobalt Municipal Office for the Christmas Holiday period from the afternoon of Monday December 24, until Friday December 28, 2018 and from the afternoon of Monday December 31, 2018 to Wednesday January 2, 2019.

AND FURTHER, that notice of the Office Hours be posted on the municipal website; Facebook page and on the front door of the Municipal Office.

CARRIED

7.4 Appointment of Signing Officers

RESOLUTION # 18-247

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani
SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

WHEREAS all financial transactions and banking instruments require two signatures by the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer to continue to serve as the alternate signing authority on behalf of staff;

AND FURTHER, that Council confirm that Mayor George Othmer become the primary signing authority and Councillor Doug Wilcox become the alternate signing authority on behalf of Council;

AND FURTHER, that the CIBC in New Liskeard be advised of the change in signing officers.

CARRIED

8. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION # 18- 248

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

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

CARRIED

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION # 18- 249

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reconvene into the open session of Council to discuss the remaining items on the Dec. 5, 2018 meeting agenda

CARRIED

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council provided direction to the Interim CAO to proceed with the recruitment process for the new CAO.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION # 18- 250

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Correspondence items 10.1 to 10.5 for information purposes.

CARRIED

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 18- 251

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018- 229, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 5th 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

12. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 18-252

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 5, 2018 Special meeting of the Town of Cobalt adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Interim CAO/ Clerk