

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest

3. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

3.1 Approval of the meeting agenda for February 19, 2019.

**Resolution 2019-41**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for Feb. 19, 2019.

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of Minutes** NIL

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes** NIL

6. **Action List**

Snow removal update and next steps discussion

Memo re: Telephone/IT Services (two attachments)

Report on Inquires from Council members and members of the public (to be provided prior to meeting)

Integrity Commissioner/Conflict of Interest Training- Feb. 23/2019

MTO Audit re: ARIS- Feb. 20/2019

Grievance Meeting- Feb. 20/2019

MPAC Presentation-March 5/2019

Cobalt Water Plant – Tender opening March 7/2019 (2:05 @ EXP office)

Cobalt Wetlands Presentation -April 2/2019

Emergency Management Training – June 4/2019

**Resolution 2019-42**

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct the Interim CAO to prepare an amendment to Procedural By-law 2018-36 for Council's consideration to include similar practices and procedures as adopted by the Municipality of St. Charles to enable the public to ask questions of Council during Council meetings.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-43**

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive the action list update and presented by the Interim CAO.

**CARRIED**

7. **Public Hearing** -NIL

8. **Delegations and Presentations** – NIL

9. **Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations** - NIL

10. **Correspondence**

10.1 Minister of Finance re: OMPF

10.2 Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund

10.3 City of Temiskaming Shores Recycling rate increase

10.4 Timiskaming Chamber of Commerce Tourism Booth Funding Request

(A decision on item 10.4 was deferred to a future meeting of Council)

**Resolution 2019-44**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive Correspondence items 10.1 to 10.3 .

**CARRIED**

11. By-laws (for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading only)

11.1 Appointment of Integrity Commissioner

**Resolution 2019-45**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-08, being a by-law to appoint Expertise for Municipalities (E4m) as the Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, and second time this 19th day of February 2019.

**CARRIED**

11.2 Pregnancy and Parental Leaves of Members of Council Policy

**Resolution 2019-46**

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-09, being a by-law to adopt a Pregnancy and Parental Leave Policy for Members of Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, and second time this 19th day of February 2019.

**CARRIED**

12. **General Business**

12.1 Fraser House - Merrick Boiler Quotation- Authorization to proceed

**Resolution 2019-47**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Further to the Feb. 05, 2019 C.O.W report presented by the Manager of Public Works and Properties regarding the Fraser House Boiler System, Council approves the purchase and installation of a Tekmar 4 stager controller by Merrick Mechanical at the quoted cost of \$4,725.00 + HST.

12.2 Cobalt Library 2019 Interim Funding Request

**Resolution 2019-48**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Based on the request from the Cobalt Public Library Board, the Town of Cobalt contribute \$10,000 toward the cost of operating the Library from January 1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and that the balance of funding for 2019 be determined once the Board has provided the Town with their 2019 Budget and the Town has approved its 2019 Budget.

CARRIED

12.3 Review and Approval of Schedule No. 19-02

12.4 Review and Approval of Schedule No. 19-03

12.5 Expense Report Jan 1. To Feb 19. 2019

**Resolution 2019-49**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives and approves Schedules No. 19-02; 19-03 and the expense report from Jan.1 to Feb. 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Adshead asked about the availability of Budgeted vs. Actual amounts for 2018.

The interim CAO indicated that this information was available and would be provided.

13. **Motion for which prior notice has been given** - NIL

14. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Othmer advised of the numerous call he had received regarding snow removal.

Councillor Wilcox suggested that thought be given to extending the public works staff shifts to 12

Hours. Councillor Adshead asked if the ratio of salt to sand applied to the Town's streets had changed.

15. **Notices of Motion** - NIL

16. **Councillor Updates**

Councillor Adshead suggested that Council revisit the issuance of Parking Permits for the Winter months; that Council meetings be recorded and asked about the status of the Hoist Room.

17. **Question and Answer** -NIL

18. **Closed Session**

18.1 Closed session as per the Municipal Act, Section 239 section 2 (b, e and f) Topics: CAO recruitment; Fire Museum, Legal update; Notice of Claim.

**Resolution 2019-50**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council convene in a closed session as per Section 239 2 (b, e and f) of the Municipal Act. Topics: CAO recruitment update; Fire Museum; Legal update; Notice of claim.

CARRIED

19. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

The Interim CAO was directed to obtain a legal opinions regard the Northern Firefighters Museum and the notice of claim.

20. **Confirmation By-law**  
20.1 By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**Resolution 2019-51**

Moved by: Councillor Anderson  
Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-10, 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 19th day of February 2019;

**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 2019-52**

Moved by: Councillor Anderson  
Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Feb. 19, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

**CARRIED**