

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order**

1.1. Swearing in Ceremony for Pat Anderson.

Ms. Pat Anderson took the Oath of Office as provided by Mr. King, CAO and Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Cobalt.

Mayor Othmer welcomed Ms. Anderson to the Council table.

Councillor Anderson thanked Council for their confidence in her and indicated she was looking forward to once again serving on the Town of Cobalt Council.

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

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

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

3.1 Approval of the meeting agenda for January 22, 2018

**Resolution 2019-19**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for January 22, 2019.

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

4.1 Approval of the December 18, 2018 Regular Council Minutes

**Resolution 2019-20**

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor Willcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. **Action List** – Verbal report from Interim CAO

David King reported on the activities that staff had been involved with since the beginning of the new year.

**Resolution 2019-21**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

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

**CARRIED**

7. **Public Hearing** - NIL

8. **Delegations and Presentations** –

8.1 Cobalt Water Plant Upgrades, 2019 Update- Michael Del Monte from EXP

Mr. Del Monte provided Council with a presentation on the Cobalt Water Treatment Plant upgrades that are proposed for 2019 and answered questions from Council regarding the existing water tower; the retention of any of surplus equipment following the upgrades and attending the tender opening.

8.2 Old Mission Resort- Request for Support – Donald Drinkhill

Mr. Drinkhill gave a verbal presentation to Council and discussed the possibility of creating a new experimental tourism product shared between the Old Mission Resort and the historic Town of Cobalt. Mr. Drinkhill then answered a number of questions from Council about his proposal and Councillor Anderson indicated she would be happy to work with him as it unfolds. Council expressed their interest in supporting such a venture once more details were known.

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

**Resolution 2019-22**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council receive the Presentations regarding the Cobalt Water Plant Upgrades and the Old Mission Resort and directs the Interim CAO to prepare a letter of support from the Town of Cobalt for the Old Mission Resort proposal.

**CARRIED**

10. **Correspondence**

10.1 Improving Broadband Internet Access

10.2 LAS Revenues

It was noted that the Town of Cobalt would be receiving a \$1,323.06 rebate from LAS for the Town's participation in the 2016-17 Natural Gas Program

10.3 Kennedy Street Name Request

Council reviewed the letter from Ms. Linda Kennedy requesting the name change of Townsite Road to Kennedy Road in memory of her parents. Council was advised by the interim CAO that the Town does not have an existing policy on street name changes and the last name change that took place was in 2010 when former Councillor Sue Nielsen recommended that Council consider naming the section of Highway 11 B from Galena Street to the south limit of Town to "Damiani Drive".

At that time, the Council passed resolution 10-098 on June 22, 2010 indicating that a public meeting be held on July 27, 2010 to consider this recommendation.

In the absence of a policy and the lack of information on what a name change would involve, it was recommended that the matter be referred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.

**Resolution 2019-23**

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive Correspondence items 10.1 to 10.3 and directs the Interim CAO to act on items 10.1 and 10.3 as discussed.

**CARRIED**

11. **By-laws**

11.1 Interim Tax By-law 2019-03

The Interim CAO presented and described the purpose of an interim tax by-law to Council. He also indicated that the two installment dates were Friday March 29, 2019 and Tuesday April 30, 2019.

**Resolution 2019-24**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-04, being a by-law to establish an Interim Tax By-law for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 22nd day of January 2019;

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

**CARRIED**

11.2 Borrowing By-law 2019-04

The interim CAO presented and described the purpose of the by-law and indicated that due to the current cash flow situation of the Town, borrowing would not likely be required into the foreseeable future.

**Resolution 2019-25**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-05, being a by-law to establish a Borrowing By-law for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 22nd day of January 2019;

**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 Hoist Room Revenues and Expenses 2015-2018

Council was presented with a memo on the Hoist Room Revenue and Expenses that had been requested. A number of question and concerns were raised about the expenses.

**Resolution 2019-26**

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive the Hoist Room Revenues and Expenses Memo 2015-2018 for information purposes and defers further discussion on the Hoist Room to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**CARRIED**

12.2 Review and Approval of Schedule No. 18-26

12.3 Review and Approval of Schedule No. 18-27

12.4 Review and Approval of Schedule No. 19-01

The above noted schedules were presented for Council's review.

**Resolution 2019-27**

Moved by: Councillor Anderson  
Seconded by: Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives and approves Schedules No. 18-26; 18-27 and 19-01 as presented.

**CARRIED**

12.5 Municipal Finance Seminar

Council reviewed the correspondence from the Town's auditors and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-28**

Moved by: Councillor Anderson  
Seconded by: Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the correspondence from the Town's Auditors (Kemp Elliot and Blair) regarding the Municipal Finance Course for Council and directs the Interim CAO to arrange this training for Council on a date and time convenient for both Council and the Auditors.

**CARRIED**

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

14. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Othmer provided a Transit Committee Update indicating that Mike McArthur is the new chair of the Committee; that ridership up; transit fares were being increased and that heat in the busses was an issue. He also spoke about the success of the Christmas Light up the Night event held in December.

I regard to transit it was noted that another represented was required from the Town of Cobalt on the transit committee.

**Resolution 2019-28.1**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox  
Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Councillor Harrison be appointed to serve on the Transit Committee along with Mayor Othmer.

**CARRIED**

15. **Notices of Motion** - NIL

16. **Councillor Updates:**

Councillor Harrison asked about the status of invoices sent to the Pharmacy.  
Councillor Johnson spoke about the social media post by the Mayor in response to a complaint regarding snow removal. Mayor Othmer apologized for his post.

17. **Question and Answer** -NIL

18. **Closed Session**

18.1 Motion to convene in a closed session as per the Municipal Act, Section 239 section 2 (b), personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and section 3.1 for Education and Training purposes. Topics: CAO recruitment; Jan. 19- Council Orientation Session follow- up

**Resolution 2019-29**

Moved by: Councillor Anderson  
Seconded by: Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council convene in closed session as per Section 239 2 (b) of the Municipal Act, re: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and section 3.1 for education and training purposes. Topics: CAO recruitment; Council Orientation Session follow up.

**CARRIED**

19. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

**Resolution 2019- 30**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead  
**Seconded by: Councillor Anderson**

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

**CARRIED**

20. **Confirmation By-law**

20.1 By-law 2019-05 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**Resolution 2019- 31**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead  
Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-06, 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 22nd day of January 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- 32**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead  
Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** THE Jan.22, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Town of Cobalt Council be adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**CARRIED**