

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY JUNE 18, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer
Councillors: Angela Adshead
 Pat Anderson
 Matthew Johnson
 Doug Wilcox
 Bill Gabbani – Electronic Participation (telephone)
Absent: Mike Harrison (with notice)

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

RESOLUTION No. 2019-140

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for June 18, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2019-141

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the following minutes as presented:

Committee of the Whole Meeting February 5, 2019
 Regular Council Meeting February 19, 2019
 Special Council Meeting February 26, 2019
 Committee of the Whole Meeting June 4, 2019
 Special Council Meeting June 13, 2019

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Wilcox requested outstanding Council business be added under this section as a means to revisit and track.

6. Public Hearing

6.1 Inquiries – Members of the General Public

NIL

7. Delegations and Presentations

7.1 Maria Story of Story Environmental presented Council with an update on the status of the Cobalt Constructed Wetlands. She commented that it is still performing well and the work to address the ECA is ongoing. She offered solutions with respect to reducing the ice build-up around the sampling shed which will allow the monitoring of levels to be more accurate. A brief has been delivered to Minister Philips via MPP John Vanthof and it is hoped that a positive response from the MOE towards this Green project, which has proven itself, will allow the exceedance to be monitored on an annual basis rather than monthly which would provide a more accurate analysis of the overall operation. An open house to showcase the Wetlands to Government Officials and the MECP is planned for the end of July. Council expressed their appreciation to Story Environmental for their continued efforts for this project which has greatly benefited the Town.

7.2 Angela Hunter, representing the property owner, presented to Council her concerns that the property in question has not been included in the Official Plan and therefore does not have a zoning category. She stated this restricts the property owner from obtaining a building permit for future improvements. Staff was directed to review the action required for zoning the property and report the findings to Ms. Hunter.

7.3 David Brydges presented Council with an update on the 12th Annual Spring Pulse Poetry Festival. He stated that all events were well attended and it continues to grow each year. He thanked the Town of Cobalt and Public Works for their assistance. He requested a partnership with the Town for the creation of the Dr Drummond Memorial Park to be located at the Drummond Cairn and the adjoining vacant lot owned by the Town. He plans to have a dedication ceremony Spring of 2020. Staff was directed to proceed with negotiations for a lease for use of space for the project and expressed their appreciation for an event that is well recognized across Canada.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-142

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Delegations and Presentations items 7.1 to 7.3 as discussed.

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

NIL

9. Correspondence

9.1 Temiskaming Shores & Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Initiative – Request for contribution. Staff was directed to get further information on what type of expenses are incurred under this fund.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2019-143**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council receive the correspondence items 9.1 as discussed.

CARRIED

10. By-Laws

NIL

11. General Business

11.1 Schedule of Accounts

CAO Walker reminded Council that he is available at any time prior to the meeting to respond to questions regarding the Schedules and provide the invoices for viewing.

RESOLUTION No. 19-144**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Adshead**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve:

- 1) Schedule No. 19-10 in the amount of \$170,123.71 as paid.
- 2) Schedule No. 19-11 in the amount of \$152,340.53 as paid.
- 3) Statement of Expenditures for period January 1 to June 12, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

12. Motion for which prior notice has been given

NIL

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Othmer reported that Graduation ceremonies are taking place and he is presenting the Silver Medallion Award to the recipients. He is meeting with a film crew that will be in Town this week creating a documentary on Cobalt and he encouraged all to extend a warm welcome.

14. Notices of Motion

NIL

15. Councillor Updates

15.1 Hoist Room – Councillor Adshead reported the electrical work is nearing completion and strapping for drywall will follow. Council approved the purchase of a shower installation and requested Staff investigate funding for this purchase, doors and a ramp under an Accessibility Grant.

15.2 Canada Day – Councillor Anderson reported that planning for the Mayor's Breakfast is ongoing and encourage all Council to attend. Parade registration is ongoing and several businesses have offered giveaways. The next organization meeting will be June 19, 2019 at 12:30.

16. Question and Answer

NIL

17. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2019-145

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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

CARRIED

18. Business Arising from Closed Session

Staff was given direction on three items in closed session.

19. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2019-146

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law No 2019-26 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular meeting of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of June 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. 2019-147

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:10 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer