

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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

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**Present:** Mayor Othmer and Councillors Adshead; Anderson; Gabbani; Harrison; Johnson; and Wilcox

**Regrets:** None

**Staff:** D. King, Interim CAO

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**  
Councillor Anderson declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 9.15 Bunker Funding request.

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

The following items were requested as additions to the agenda:

Item 15.3 Bunker Update -Councillor Harrison

Item 15.4 Transit Committee Update – Councillor Harrison

Item 15.6 Hoist Room Update – Councillor Adshead

3.1 Approval of the meeting agenda for April 30, 2019

**Resolution 2019-97**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for April 30, 2019 as amended.

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4. **Approval of Minutes** - NIL

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes** - NIL  
**(5.1) Inquiries -Members of the General Public**

6. **Public Hearing** - NIL

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

7.1 Mr. Snarr re: renaming of Townsite Road to Kennedy Road

Mr. Snarr appeared before Council to voice his objection to the renaming of Townsite road. He indicated that he has had a mailing address on Townsite Road since 1971 and has nine buildings on his property. Council asked Mr. Snarr a number of questions regarding his objection.

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

8.1 Renaming of Townsite Road to Kennedy Road.

Council was presented with the following resolution for consideration:

**Resolution 2019-98**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs staff to further investigate what is involved in renaming a municipal road;  
and

**FURTHER** that a public meeting be held to discuss the request to rename Townsite Road to Kennedy Road prior to approving this request.

After considerable discussion, this resolution was **not** voted on and instead revised to read as follows:

**Resolution 2019-98 (revised)**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Resolution 2019-98 be rescinded and substituted as follows: Council postpone the request of the Kennedy Family until such time as there are no further objections from the property owners on Townsite Road.

Councillor Harrison requested a recorded vote on the resolution.

The votes cast were as follows:

	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>		<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
Councillor Adshead	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Harrison	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Councillor Anderson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Johnson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Gabbani	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Wilcox	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Othmer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total	6	1

**CARRIED**

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1 2019 Tech Park Proposal**

Council reviewed the proposal by Kyle Audette for recreation activities and work required @ Teck Park for 2019. Kyle was in attendance @ the meeting and answered questions from Council. As a result, the following resolution was presented:

**Resolution 2019-99**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the 2019 Recreation proposals for Teck Park and directs staff to meet with Kyle Audette to discuss the required repairs and improvements as well as recreational programming for 2019 and to report back to Council.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 David Brydges -Property purchase**

Council reviewed the correspondence from Mr. Brydges regarding the Spring Pulse poetry festival and his request to purchase property at 18 Grandview Street to establish a second literary park named Dr. Drummond Memorial Park. Council was also provided with a copy of the Town's disposal of real property by-law.

**Resolution 2019-100**

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the property purchase request from David Brydges and Directs staff to answer Mr. Brydges questions and determine the value of the property and report back to Council.

**CARRIED**

9.3 Mayor's Breakfast Letter

9.4 MP Cheryl Gallant re: Bill C-278 Foreign

9.5 Federal Minister of Infrastructure-Gas Tax Fund Increase

9.6 Cobalt Mining Museum Grant Request

Council considered a request from Peter Greyson, Curator of the Cobalt Mining Museum to provide a grant of \$10,000. for the 2019 season. During Council's deliberations on this request, discussion also took place regarding the reduced Legacy Fund contributions in 2019 and its impact on operating funding for the Library and the other museum boards in the Town. In the case of the library, it was identified that an additional \$47,300. was required in 2019.

As a result, the following resolutions were presented and Councillor Harrison requested a recorded vote on both.

**Resolution 2019-101**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the 2019 grant request from the Cobalt Mining Museum and proceeds to provide the grant amount requested prior to June 2019.

The votes cast were as follows:

	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>		<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
Councillor Adshead	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Harrison	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Anderson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Johnson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Gabbani	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Wilcox	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Othmer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total	7	

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-101.1**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council provide the Town of Cobalt Library with half of the \$47,300. required now and the other half after the approval of the Town's budget.

The votes cast were as follows:

	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>		<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
Councillor Adshead	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Harrison	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Anderson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Johnson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Gabbani	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Wilcox	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Othmer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total	7	

**CARRIED**

- 9.7 Timiskaming Health Unit- Smoke Free Ontario Act
- 9.8 ONR vs. Evanturel
- 9.9 Emergency Preparedness Week
- 9.10 Englehart & District Agricultural Society
- 9.11 City of Brantford -Single use straws
- 9.12 Cobalt Historical Society
- 9.13 TDSS Volunteer Fair
- 9.14 Spring Grant-Temiskaming Foundation
- 9.15 Bunker Funding Request

Councillor Anderson had earlier declared a pecuniary interest on this subject and refrained from the Council discussion on this item. Councillor Harrison indicated that the Bunker Military Museum was also impacted by the shortfall in Legacy funding as indicated in the letter of April 24, 2019 to the Town from the museum.

After discussion by Council, the following resolution was presented, and a recorded vote was requested by Councillor Harrison.

**Resolution 2019-102**  
 Moved by: Councillor Johnson  
 Seconded by: Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the April 24, 2019 letter from the Bunker Military Museum requesting the immediate payment of \$7,500. (the balance of the \$10,000 the Bunker Military Museum has traditionally received); and  
**FURTHER** rescinds resolution 19-59; and  
**FURTHER** directs staff to issue a grant payment of \$7,500 to the Bunker Military Museum.

The votes cast were as follows:

	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>		<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
Councillor Adshead	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Harrison	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Gabbani	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Johnson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Othmer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Wilcox	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Total	6	

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-103**  
 Moved by: Councillor Johnson  
 Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive Correspondence items 9.3 to 9.5 and items 9.7 to 9.14 as discussed and directs staff to take the action discussed.

**CARRIED**

**10. By-laws - NIL**

**11. General Business**

11.1 Property Standards  
 Council discussed the existing property standards by-law and the merits of re-establishing a property standards committee. Council indicated it would like to see quicker action taken regarding property standards complaints. As a result, the following resolution was proposed:

**Resolution 2019-103.1**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** staff be directed to prepare a report on the subject of property standards including the history of the previous property standard committee and recommendations to move forward.

**CARRIED**

**11.2 Water and Sewer Billing**

Council had requested an explanation regarding the 2019 utility notice regard capital charges that had been sent out. Interim CAO King indicated that based on By-law 2018-46, capital costs now apply to all serviced properties, whether vacant or occupied, or if their water service had been discontinued either voluntary or involuntary. During the first round of billing, properties that had water services turned off were identified and during the second round, properties that were vacant or unoccupied were identified and the Capital charge was applied. Councillor Adshead requested that future billing notices include plain language.

**11.3 Monthly Reports from Fire Department and Council Liaison**

Council discussed the frequency of reports it would like to receive from the Fire Department and who the Council liaison should be with the department. As a result, the following resolution was proposed as amended:

**Resolution 2019-104**

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council request the Volunteer Fire Department to provide monthly meeting reports to Council; and

**FURTHER** that Mayor Othmer be reappointed to serve as the liaison with the Town of Cobalt Fire Department.

**CARRIED**

**11.4 Review and Approval of Schedule 19-05****11.5 Review and Approval of Schedule 19-06****11.6 Review and Approval of Schedule 19-07****11.7 Expenditure Report Jan. 1 – April 16, 2019**

The above noted schedules and reports were discussed, clarification was requested by the members of Council and the following resolution was proposed:

**Resolution 2019-105**

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives and approves General Business Items 11.4 to 11. 7 and staff be directed to respond to those questions asked.

**CARRIED**

**11.8 Equipment Purchase Opportunity**

Mayor Othmer reported on an opportunity he had explored to replace the Town's loader and asked the Manager of Public Works and Property to report on his findings following further investigation. The loader under consideration was a 2005 model with 6,000 hrs. on the engine. New tires would need to be purchased and other work would need to be done to make it fully operational. Public works staff raised concern that the model in question was too large to navigate a number of the Town' roads in order to remove snow.

Discussion then moved to the Kenworth Plow owned by the Town and it was asked if the truck was under warranty? The Manager of Public Works and Property was asked to prepare a report on the status of this truck for the next Committee of the Whole Meeting (COW).

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

**13. Mayor's Report - NIL**

**14. Notices of Motion**

14.1 Recorded Votes -Councillor Harrison

Councillor Harrison introduced the following notice of motion and requested that a recorded vote be taken.

**Resolution 2019-105.1**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council amend Procedural By-law 2018-36 Section 8.4 to indicate that all resolutions and by-laws be by recorded vote.

The votes cast were as follows:

	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>		<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>
Councillor Adshead	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Harrison	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Councillor Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Councillor Gabbani	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Councillor Wilcox	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Mayor Othmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Total	2	5

**DEFEATED**

**15. Councillor Updates**

15.1 Councillor Johnson- Laura Landers, Art Relocation

Councillor Johnson reported that he had met with Ms. Landers who wants to attend the next COW meeting to discuss her proposal. In the meantime, Councillor Johnson indicated he will meet with the Manager of Public Works and property to discuss possible site locations for the sculpture.

15.2 Councillor Wilcox – Library Update

Councillor Wilcox indicated that the Library had been approved to hire 3 summer students and that the Library Board had been dealing with people loitering outside of the Library to access the Library's WIFI network.

15.3 Councillor Harrison- Bunker Update

Councillor Harrison indicated that rainwater is coming into the Bunker Museum under the sidewalk. He indicated when the sidewalk was originally constructed it was not sealed. The Manager of Public Works and Property was asked to look into possible solutions to fix the problem.

15.4 Councillor Harrison- Transit Committee Update

Council Harrison indicate that public transit wants to move away from the use of coins in favour of using tap cards.

15.6 Councillor Adshead – Hoist Room Update

Councillor Adshead said that progress was being with the renovations @ the new location thanks to the great volunteers.

**16. Question and Answer**

Rod Prior, a resident of Cobalt, was in attendance @ the meeting asked to address Council at this point in the meeting. The Interim CAO/Clerk explained that this portion of the meeting agenda is reserved for questions submitted to CAO/Clerk well in advance of the meeting and that his opportunity to address Council was during agenda item (5.1) Inquiries, Members of the General Public.

To resolve this impasse Councillor Willcox proposed the following resolution:

**Resolution 2019-105.2**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the rules of the procedural by-law be suspended in this instance and that Mr. Prior be permitted to address Council .

Mr. Prior indicated his concerns about the following:

- The difficulty of some Sr's and residents on fixed income, to meet the Town's property standard requirements
- He does not agree with water capital charges on vacant lots.
- He would like to purchase 46 Grandview and sever the property

**17. Closed Session**

17.1 Motion to convene in a closed session as per the Municipal Act, Section 239 section 2 (b, e and f)  
Topics: Human Resources; Legal matters and leases

**Resolution 2019-106**

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council convene in a closed session as per the Municipal Act, Section 239 section 2 (b, e and f) Topics: Human Resources; Legal matters and leases

**CARRIED**

**18. Business Arising from Closed Session**

18.1 By-law 2019-19 Being a by-law to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Cobalt (see below)

18.2 By-law 2019-20 Being a By-law to appoint a Special Advisor for the Town of Cobalt. (see below)

**19. Confirmation By-law**

19.1 By-law 2019-21 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**Resolution 2019-107**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-21, 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 30th day of April 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 2019-107**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead

Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE** April 30, 2019 Regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

**CARRIED**





**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF COBALT**

**BY-LAW NO. 2019 -19**

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**BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT A CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICER/CLERK/TREASURER FOR THE TOWN OF COBALT**

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**WHEREAS** Council has completed an extensive recruitment process; and

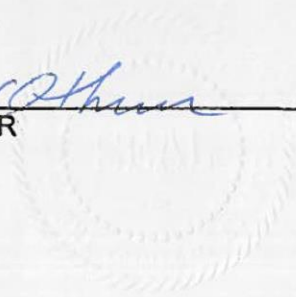
**WHEREAS** Council deems it desirable to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk/Treasurer;

**NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT  
HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Mayor be authorized to sign on behalf of the Council of the Town of Cobalt the following documents: Offer of Employment Letter; Appendix A CAO/Clerk/Treasurer Job Description; Appendix B- 2019 Performance Targets; and
2. That Brian R. Walker is hereby appointed as Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Cobalt subject to the conditions as set out in the Offer of Employment Letter.
3. That Brian R. Walker shall carry out the duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Job description and the Appendix B-2019 Performance Targets
4. That remuneration, benefits and expenses be provided as described in the Offer of Employment Letter.
5. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on April 30, 2019.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF APRIL 2019.**

  
MAYOR





**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF COBALT**

**BY-LAW NO. 2019 -20**

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**BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT A SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR THE TOWN OF COBALT**

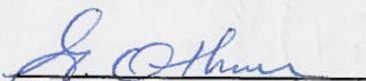
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**WHEREAS** Council deems it desirable to appoint a Special Advisor for the Town of Cobalt

**NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT  
HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Council of the Town of Cobalt;
2. That David King is hereby appointed as the Special Advisor to the CAO and the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt;
3. That David King shall carry out the duties and responsibilities as outlined in Schedule A
- 4.. That remuneration and expenses be paid as outlined in Schedule "A" attached to this by- law.
5. This by-law shall into force and take effect as if passed on May 13, 2018.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL  
2019.**

  
MAYOR