

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 6, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer

Councillors: Angela Adshead
Pat Anderson
Bill Gabbani
Mike Harrison
Matthew Johnson
Doug Wilcox

Staff: CAO Brian Walker, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dale Taylor

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

The agenda was amended to include 2(b) Topic: Fraser Building Tenant to Section 10. Closed Session.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-179

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for August 6, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2019-180

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

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

Revised Regular Meeting – April 30, 2019
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 14, 2019
Regular Meeting - July 16, 2019
Special Meeting - July 23, 2019

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2019-181

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Business Arising from the minutes items 5.1 as discussed and directs Staff to have the Public Works Department paint handrails black as motioned by Councillor Wilcox.

Recorded vote:

Councillor Harrison A

Councillor Adshead F

Councillor Anderson F

Councillor Gabbani F

Councillor Johnson F

Councillor Wilcox F

Mayor Othmer F

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CARRIED

6. Delegations and Presentations

6.1 MaJIC Engineering Report Re: Cobalt Heritage Building (Cobalt Firefighters Museum)

Don Dekker – reviewed his report on the structural integrity of the building located at 22 Lang Street. His professional opinion is that the building is worth saving and once the remedial work is complete the building will once again be a valued asset for the Town. He offered to oversee the contract work as a “special project” and will sign a commitment to review and inspect. Council thanked Mr. Dekker for his presentation and were happy to hear the repairs would not be too costly and would achieve good results.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-182

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council accepts the report by MaJIC Engineering on the building located at 22 Lang Street, Fire Museum and directs Staff to create an RFP on the proposed repairs.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2019-183

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Delegations and Presentations items 6.1 as discussed.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

NIL

8. Staff and Committee Reports

8.1 Public Works and Properties Report

In the absence of the Manager of Public Works, Council reviewed the written report. Councillor Wilcox requested line painting in specific areas. CAO Walker will discuss with the contractor which roads can be done as per MTO regulations. Councillor Johnson requested more detailed reporting on the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades as it is a significant project. CAO Walker reported that the project is on time and on budget.

8.2 Councillor Adshead Re: Representative for Policing Services to the Town of Cobalt
Council discussed the merits of a Council representative vs an Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with the OPP on a regular basis.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-184

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve Councillor Adshead as a representative for the Town of Cobalt to meet with the OPP to discuss items of interest to the Town of Cobalt until such time as the CAO can investigate the structure of an Ad-Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

8.3 ISI Road Needs Study

CAO Walker reported that there is an opportunity for the Town to receive a full roads study as Golder Associates will be in the area for other Municipalities. The information from this assessment would be populated directly into the Town's Asset Management Program for future consideration regarding capital planning. This opportunity would satisfy step #2 in the Asset Management requirements. Council agreed to take advantage of this cost sharing opportunity.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-185

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Cobalt deems it desirable to enter into an agreement with Infrastructure Solutions (Software) Inc. for the provision of a Roads Needs Study at a cost of \$4,000.00 plus HST and directs the Staff to prepare a By-law to be passed at the next Regular Meeting of Council on August 20, 2019.

CARRIED

8.3 RFP Update

Staff was directed to post the RFP's in the Speaker

8.4 By-law Enforcement Officer Report

In the absence of the By-law Officer, Council reviewed the written report.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-186

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Johson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Staff and Committee Reports items 8.1 to 8.4 as discussed.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence

9.1 Letter requesting use of Community Hall for Family-Friendly Dances

Council approved the request to waive the rental fee for the two events and supports the initiative of this group to bring family-friendly events to Town.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-187

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Cobalt co-host the following events with Marie Manchester:

1) Improvisational dance – August 14, 2019

2) Halloween Dance – date to be determined.

The rental fee will be waived and a damage deposit will be required.

CARRIED

9.2 Request for provision of extra garbage bin

Staff was directed to have Public Works provide an extra bin for this resident due to special circumstances.

9.3 Letter regarding Townsite Road naming issue

Council responded that the matter is ongoing as it requires further review and investigation for a Policy.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-188

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive correspondence items 9.1 to 9.3 as discussed.

CARRIED

10. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2019-189

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council convene in Closed Session as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to subsection:

2(a) Security of the property of the Municipality or local board – Topic: Solar Park, Fraser Bldg Tenant

2(b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Topic – Personal matter

CARRIED

11. Business Arising from Closed Session

Staff was given direction on matters in closed session.

12. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2019-190

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law No 2019-38 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the August 6th, 2019 meeting of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of August 2019.

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

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-191

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The August 6th, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:01 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer