

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, July 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. MINUTES

ABSENT:

Mayor George Othmer (with notice)

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Doug Wilcox, meeting chair

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

Staff: Brian Walker CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

1. **Call to Order**

Vice Mayor Wilcox 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. 19-175

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for July 2, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Delegations and Presentations**

Wishart Law Firm LLP: Presentation on services provided to municipalities. Paul R Cassan presented via Skype about the full municipal legal services Wishart offers and how they have structured an In-House Counsel program for Municipalities through a Membership Benefits program including ask a lawyer minutes and tax sales and arrears collections services. Paul answered all Councillors' questions as well.

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

Council deliberated on the materials and information presented by Paul Cassan of Wishart Law Firm LLP and decided to go ahead and secure their services and chose the Gold Package #1 3-year term program at a cost of \$5,000 per year for a 3-year term totalling \$15,000. Councillors Harrison and Gabbani wanted to start at the Silver #1 package level for a 1 year term to see how things went,

however, the majority of council decided that with the number of issues the Town could face in the near future it would be more prudent to accept the Gold #1 package and a savings per year over a 3 year term.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-176

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law 2019-36 being a By-Law to enter into an agreement with Wishart Law Firm LLP, at a cost of \$15,000 for the Gold package #1 over a term of 3 years being \$5,000 per year.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Harrison A
Councillor Anderson F
Councillor Adshead F
Councillor Gabbani A
Councillor Johnson F
Councillor Wilcox F

Total: 4 FOR and 2 AGAINST

6. Closed Session
NIL

7. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 19-177

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law No 2019-37 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July 2019.

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 19-178

MOVED BY: Councillor Harrison
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The July 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:58 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

CAO Clerk-Treasurer