

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order**

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

Councillor Pat Anderson declared a pecuniary interest regarding the request from the Bunker Military Museum. Correspondence Item 10.1

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

3.1 Approval of the meeting agenda for March 19, 2019

**Resolution 2019-65**

Moved by Councillor Harrison

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOVED THAT** Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2019.

4. **Approval of Minutes** NIL

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes** NIL

6. **Public Hearing** - NIL

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

7.1 Liana Bacon- Sr. Municipal Financial Advisor, MMAH

re: Town of Cobalt 2018 Financial Indicators and 2019 Annual Repayment Limit

7.2 Michael Del Monte-EXP Engineering re: Recommendation for the Town of Cobalt Water Treatment Plan Upgrades

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

9. **Correspondence**

10.1 Request from Bunker Military Museum for 2019 Operating Grant

10.2 Cobalt Historical Society Feb. Newsletter

10.3 Town of Saugeen Shores-Resolution re: Support for Infrastructure Renewal

10.4 Temiskaming Mayors Action Group- 2+1 Hwy pilot

10.5 Temiskaming Municipal Services Assoc. - Press release

10.6 Teeny Tiny Summit -Flyer

10.7 Community Living Temiskaming South-Request for funding

10.8 Letter from Minister of Infrastructure re: \$30 Billion Infrastructure Funding Program

10.9 AMO Information on municipal funding programs

10.10 OMAFRA – OCIFA Municipal Infrastructure Funding Programs

10.11 2019 OMPF Allocation Notice

Item 10.1 Councillor Anderson excused herself from any discussion on this item.

**Resolution 2019-66**

Moved by Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Based on the request from the Bunker Military Museum, the Town of Cobalt contribute \$2,500. toward the cost of operating the “Bunker” from January 1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and that the balance of funding for 2019 be determined once the Bunker has provided the Town with their 2019 Budget and the Town has approved its 2019 Budget at the end of June or whichever comes first.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-67**

Moved by Councillor Harrison

Seconded by Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive Correspondence items 10.2 to 10.11 and directs the interim CAO to act on the items discussed.

**CARRIED**

**10. By-laws**

11.1 By-law to award contract for the Town of Cobalt Water Treatment Plant Upgrades.

**Resolution 2019-68**

Moved by Councillor Harrison

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Town of Cobalt approve By-law No. 2019-13 to enter into an agreement with Pedersen Construction Inc. for the construction of upgrades to the Town of Cobalt Water Treatment Plant at the tendered amount of \$1,322,830.00 (excluding HST).

**CARRIED**

11.2 By-law to amend Procedural By-law 2018-36 to enable the public to ask questions of Council without prior notice.

**Resolution 2019-69**

Moved by Councillor Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** By-law No. 2019-14 be approved as presented to amend Procedural By-law 2018-36 to include procedures to enable the public to ask questions of Council during Council meetings without prior notice.

**CARRIED**

**11. General Business**

12.1 Review and approval of Schedule No-19-04

**Resolution 2019-70**

Moved by Councillor Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives and approves Schedule No. 19-04 in the amount of \$149,028.67 as presented.

**CARRIED**

12.2 Resolution to accept 2018 Drinking Water Standard Reports

**Resolution 2019-71**

Moved by Councillor Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Adshead

**WHEREAS** Municipalities throughout Ontario are required to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario Regulation 170/03 requires the owner of a drinking water system to produce and annual report: and

**WHEREAS** the 2018 annual reports for the Cobalt Water System and the Township of Coleman Distribution System were presented to the Town of Cobalt Council on March 5, 2019.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt Council accept these reports and directs the Ontario Clean Water Agency to post these reports.

**CARRIED**

12.3 Resolution to appoint Kyle Walker, Ian Duval and Ward Evans as volunteer firefighters on the Town of Cobalt Fire Department.

**Resolution 2019-72**

Moved by Councillor Adshead  
Seconded by Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council accepts the recommendation of Fire Chief Hearn to appoint Kyle Walker, Ian Duval and Ward Evans as volunteer firefighters on the Town of Cobalt Fire Department effective March 20, 2019.

**CARRIED**

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

13. **Mayor's Report**

The last few days have been a huge challenge. The weather continues to wreak havoc on all of us.

Last Friday, in a matter of hours, the streets in Cobalt were rendered almost impassable. Our staff were faced with a huge challenge unlike anything we have seen in a long time. With a lot of hard work, we managed to get most of the streets usable again. The works crew worked 14hrs on Friday along with contractors and again on Saturday morning for another 4 hours . They had most streets in pretty good shape .They will continue hauling snow as required.

With the coming of warmer weather, which we are all hoping for, we have to keep a few things in mind. Of course, we know the melting snow will cause a lot of water. We are hoping it doesn't melt too quickly as there are some areas of concern. At the Trailer Park and the bottom of Dunning Drive, public works staff will remove as much snow as they can.

If you have a sump pump in your home, please make sure it is working. Have a backup plan in place. With rainstorms, comes power outages and you may require a generator, please be ready! The municipality does not supply these items or have them in stock.

OK now for the positive side, Spring is coming!

Yesterday, Councillor Johnson and I visited the old CIBC bank and spoke with the couple there. They were hard at work to open a youth center, a place for young folks to hang out. They want to install a pool table air hockey table and various other games to amuse young people. I believe it will be a positive venue.

Also, The History Channel has been in contact with me. I had a producer come visit and we toured the Town, showed him our museums and some of the businesses. They are very interested in the older buildings are working on a new show for the History Channel. I'm not quite sure if we fit the criteria but they loved our story and our history, so let's keep our fingers crossed. They will return later in the spring as soon as the snow leaves. I'm hoping that goes well.

In closing, thank you again for your patience and understanding, we are all subject to the same conditions. It will get better.

#### 14. **Notices of Motion**

14.1 Motion from Councillor Adshead to establish an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Councillors Adshead, Johnson and Mayor Othmer regarding the establishment of a fitness centre for the Town of Cobalt.

Councillor Harrison requested a recorded vote on the motion.

#### **Resolution 2019-73**

Moved by Councillor Adshead  
Seconded by Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council establish an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Councillors Adshead; Councillor Johnson and Mayor Othmer and members of the public regarding the establishment of a fitness centre for the Town of Cobalt, with monthly reports to Council.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>

**CARRIED**

14.2 Motion from Councillor Harrison to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate having a joint/shared ORO for the Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford and Township of Coleman.

**Resolution 2019-74**

Moved by Councillor Harrison

Seconded by Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council establish an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate having a joint/shared Overall Responsible Operator (ORO) for the Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford and the Township of Coleman. The committee to consist of Councillors Harrison and Wilcox and that they report back to Council in three months in their progress.

**CARRIED**

14.3 Motion from Councillor Willcox to allow service-oriented people to park for the time required to perform their service wherever space is available during periods of extreme weather.

Councillor Gabbani seconded the notice of motion in order to allow discussion to take place. During Council discussions it was suggested that the term “service -oriented people” be changed to “health care providers”. It was also suggested that the health care providers be issued a pass from the Town office staff to place in their vehicle

**Resolution 2019-74.1**

Moved by Councillor Harrison

Seconded by Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council allow health care providers to park for the time required to perform their service wherever space is available during periods of extreme weather.

Council did not vote on this resolution.

**DEFERRED**

15. **Councillor Updates** Council members made inquiries regarding public transit, Kennedy Rd. and the pharmacy.

16. **Question and Answer** -NIL

17. **Closed Session**

18.1 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

**Resolution 2019-75**

Moved by Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by Councillor Adshead

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

**CARRIED**

18. **Business Arising from Closed Session** - None

19. **Confirmation By-law**

19.1 By-law 2019-15 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**Resolution 2019-76**

Moved by Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-15, 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 19th day of March 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 2019-77**

Moved by Councillor Adshead

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

**CARRIED**