

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present: Mayor Othmer and Councillors Anderson; Gabbani; Harrison; Johnson; Wilcox and via telephone, Councillor Adshead

Regrets: None

Staff: Brian Walker, CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer; Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; David King, Special Advisor

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order and welcomed Brian Walker as the New CAO/Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Cobalt. Brian thanked Mayor Othmer and Council for their confidence in him and indicated that he was looking forward to working with Council.

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

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

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

Additions/amendments to the agenda included the following items

6.2 Delegation by Ms. Kennedy re: Name change from Townsite Rd. to Kennedy Rd.

8.2 Infrastructure Funding Program Application - verbal report by Special Advisor

Resolution 2019-109

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for May 14th, as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of the Minutes** -NIL

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

6. **Delegations and Presentations**

6.1 Ms. Hurtubise- Use of school gym

Mayor Othmer introduced Ms. Hurtubise, Principal @ St. Patrick's School who offered after hours use of the gymnasium to both children and adults. She provided and hand out and indicated that the school want to pursue grant opportunities to promote resilience and wellness for the children and adults of Cobalt. Mayor Othmer on behalf of Council supported this initiative and talked about opportunities where the school and the Town could work together.

6.2 Ms. Kennedy re: Name change from Townsite Rd. to Kennedy Rd.

Ms. Kennedy read a letter about Kennedy family request to change that name of Townsite Rd. and indicated her concerns about the objections voiced by Mr. Snarr @ the April 30th meeting of Council.

Mayor Othmer thanked Ms. Kennedy for her presentation and indicated that at the April 30th meeting, Council postponed the request of the Kennedy Family until such time as there are no further objections from property owners on Townsite Rd.

6.3 Mayor Othmer introduced Tim Hutcheson of MIS Municipal Insurance Services, who presented the Municipal Insurance Renewal Proposal for the Town of Cobalt Insurance Coverage 2019/20. Mr. Hutcheson then responded to questions from Council about the proposal and coverage for volunteers working on Town property.

Resolution 2019-110

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Harrison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the presentation by Tim Hutcheson from MIS Municipal Insurance Services and accepts the Insurance proposal for 2019-2020 as quoted at \$53,569 +HST + \$750.00 for Volunteer coverage and directs the CAO and Mayor to enter into the agreement with MIS for insurance services on behalf of the Town of Cobalt. The Town will pursue cyber insurance coverage at a later date.

Councillor Harrison requested a recorded vote on the resolution.

The votes cast were as follows:

	F	A		F	A
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

6.4 OPP Detachment Commander Joel Breault- Community Policing Priorities

Commander Breault introduced himself to Council and indicated that he had been serving as the detachment commander since April of 2019. He indicated is very familiar with the Town of Cobalt having served on the detachment in the past and talked about how he intends to communicate with Council on community policing issues. He then took questions from the members of Council.

Resolution 2019-111

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive delegation and presentation Items 6.1 to 6.4 as presented and directs the CAO to take action on those items discussed.

CARRIED

7. **Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations** -NIL

8. Staff and Committee Reports

8.1 Manager of Public Works and Property Report to Council

The Manager of Public works provided an overview of the department report that had been previously provided to Council and answered questions about the activities of the public works department. Discussion then turned to a discussion about the possibility of leasing a loader for the Town’s use. The Manager of Public Works and property indicated that leasing could be considered and that he would report to Council at a future meeting about this option.

Resolution 2019-112

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Manager of Public Works and Property staff report as presented.

CARRIED

8.2 The former Interim CAO reported that an application had been submitted on behalf of the Town to the Canada Infrastructure Funding Program for infrastructure funding in 2020. \$250,000 in road resurfacing projects as identified in the Towns asset management plan had been applied for and included the Cobalt St. Hill, Miller Ave to upper Prospect, Baker St., and Laird St.

9. Correspondence

8.1	TDSS Volunteer Fair
8.2	Temfund AGM Invitation
8.3	MPAC 2018 Annual Report
8.4	Email re; Renaming of Townsite Road
8.5	Cobalt Mining Competition
8.6	New CBO -Temiskaming Municipal Services Assoc.
8.7	Twp. of Mulmur- Library Services resolution
8.8	Twp. of Mulmur – Aggregates Resolution
8.9	Twp. of Coleman -Larose Bridge

Resolution 2019-113

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Correspondence items 8.1 to 8.6 and Item 8.8 as discussed.

CARRIED

(Please note that Council supported Item 8.7 the resolution from the Twp. of Mulmur re: Library Services)

8.9 Twp. of Coleman -Larose Bridge

Council reviewed the request from the Township of Coleman to support their application to the Canada Infrastructure Funding Program to complete rehabilitation work on the Larose Bridge.

Councillor Harrison requested a recorded vote on the resolution.

Resolution 2019-114

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani
Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

WHEREAS the Canada Infrastructure Funding Program released a \$30 billion, 10-year infrastructure program, cost-shared between federal, provincial and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS the Rural and Northern Stream, provides funding for municipal governments with less than 100,000 population, and focusses on roads and bridges, air and marine infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Township of Coleman has applied for funding under this program to undertake further rehabilitation of the Larose Bridge; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt is a joint owner of the Larose Bridge and has worked in the past with the Township of Coleman to complete rehabilitation work on the bridge.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Cobalt Council supports the application by the Township of Coleman to the Canada Infrastructure Funding Program to further rehabilitate the Larose Bridge

The votes cast were as follows:

	F	A		F	A
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

10. Other Business

10.1 – Council Discussion regarding “old business”.

Councillor Wilcox introduced the topic of reviewing “old business” as part of the meeting agenda to ensure that items discussed from previous meetings do not go unattended. The former Interim CAO indicated that the previous Council had requested a monthly report from the CAO on the tasks being undertaken by staff and indicated that this practice could be reintroduced.

10.2 – Property Standards Discussion

Councillor Gabbani asked if Council is going to establish a volunteer property standards committee. Discussion then followed on the merits of such a committee and its role. It was noted that serious by-law items need to be addressed quickly and was suggested that a request for proposals for by-law enforcement services be issued, as the current contract for this service is about to expire. A staff report on the subject of by-law enforcement was requested at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

11. Closed Session

Motion to convene in a closed session as per the Municipal Act, Section 239 subsections 2(b, e and f)
Topics: Human Resources and legal matters.

Resolution 2019-115

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

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

CARRIED

12. Business Arising from Closed Session -NIL

13. Confirmation By-law

13.1 By-law 2019-22 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Resolution 2019-116

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2019-22, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of May 2019;

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

CARRIED

14. Adjournment

Resolution 2019-117

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The May 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town of Cobalt be adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

CARRIED