

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS August 20, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. MINUTES

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### PRESENT:

**Mayor** George Othmer  
**Councillors:** Pat Anderson  
Bill Gabbani  
Matthew Johnson  
Doug Wilcox

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

**Absent:** Angela Adshead (with notice)

### 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:

9.3 City of Temiskaming Shores – request for representative on Temiskaming Transit Committee

### RESOLUTION No. 2019-196

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for August 20, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED

### 4. Approval of the Minutes

### RESOLUTION No. 2019-197

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve the following minutes as presented:  
Committee of the Whole Meeting – August 20, 2019

CARRIED

### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

NIL

**6. Public Hearing**

Mike Harrison made a statement regarding his resignation and asked Council why he had received a letter from Wishart Law Firm. CAO Walker responded that Wishart Law Firm, who has been retained by Council to provide in-house legal services would be providing all incoming and outgoing Council with the same caution.

**7. Delegations and Presentations**

Deborah Ranchuk addressed Council regarding the motion passed by Council to paint the railings black. She requested that the decision be reversed and that the railings continue to be painted Cobalt blue. She asked to be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting to present the petitions that are being signed.

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-198**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council receive the Delegations and Presentations items 7.1 as discussed.

CARRIED

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

NIL

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1** Letter of Resignation Councillor Harrison

Mayor Othmer, Councillors and CAO Walker individually thanked Councillor Harrison for his many years of service and dedication to the Town of Cobalt.

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-199**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council accept the resignation of Councillor Harrison with regret and thanks him for his contribution to the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

**9.2** Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A guide for members of Municipal Council

The guide was presented to Council for their review.

**9.3** City of Temiskaming Shores – request for Cobalt representative for Transit Committee

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-200**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council appoint Councillor Pat Anderson to represent the Town of Cobalt on the Temiskaming Transit Committee.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-201**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council receive Correspondence items 9.1, 9.2 & 9.3 as discussed.

CARRIED

**10. By-Laws**

**10.1** By-law No. 2019-36 – Wishart Law Firm

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-202**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** By-law 2019-36 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Wishart Law Firm for the provision of In-House Counsel as per Resolution No. 2019-176 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**10.2** By-law No. 2019-40 – Infrastructure Solutions (Inc) Roads Needs Study

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-203**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** By-law No. 2019-40 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Infrastructure Solutions (Software) Inc for a Road Needs Study as per Resolution No. 2019-185 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**11. General Business**

11.1 Schedule of Accounts No. 19-14

11.2 Schedule of Accounts No. 19-15

11.3 Revenue and Expense Report to July 31, 2019

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-204**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve:

1) Schedule No. 19-14 in the amount of \$189,247.52 as paid.

2) Schedule No. 19-15 in the amount of \$169,976.10 as presented.

3) Revenue and Expense Report to July 31, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

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

NIL

**13. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Othmer thanked the audience for attending and commended their interest in the decision-making process of Council. He stated that this is a new Council and decisions may seem to take longer as they carry out due diligence and that some topics are of a confidential nature that are subject to discussion in closed session. He asked for patience as they are attempting to move forward while addressing many issues and he invited participation at all future Council meetings.

**14. Notices of Motion**

**15. Councillor Updates**

**15.1** Councillor Adshead – Cobalt Community Watch  
Deferred due to the absence of Councillor Adshead

**16. Question and Answer**

Councillor Gabbani requested an update on the status of the Solar Project. CAO Walker stated that he had reached out to the parties involved for clarification on their Financial Statements and as of this date has not had a response.

**17. Closed Session**

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-205**

**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) (b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees  
Topic: Review of RFP re: Animal Control & By-Law Enforcement, Personal Matters

CARRIED

**18. Business Arising from Closed Session**

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-206**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council accept the proposal from Animal’s First to provide Animal Control Services to the Town of Cobalt and directs staff to prepare the necessary By-law.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-207**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council directs staff to re-advertise the RFP for By-Law services and to enter into discussions with the Municipalities of Coleman and Latchford for a shared service.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-208**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve the plan to move forward with the restructuring of the Public Works Department as discussed in closed session.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Adshead	Absent	Councillor Johnson	F
Councillor Anderson	F	Councillor Wilcox	F
Councillor Gabbani	F	Mayor Othmer	F

F-5 A-0 CARRIED

**19. Confirmation By-Law**

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-209**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** By-Law No 2019-41 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of August 20, 2019 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 NO. 2019-220**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The August 20, 2019 regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:52 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer