

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 3, 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer

Councillors: Angela Adshead
Pat Anderson
Bill Gabbani
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:

- 5.1 Vacant Council seat
- 8.1 Public Works Report – Leader A not present due to other commitment
- 6.3 Enbridge Report – representative not present due to other commitment

RESOLUTION No. 2019-211

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for September 3, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2019-212

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

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

Special Meeting of Council – August 15, 2019
Regular Meeting of Council – August 20, 2019

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Vacant Council Seat

CAO Walker reported on the two methods available for filling the vacant Council seat. Council can choose to hold a By-election which would cost between \$11,000 and \$12,000 or give notice to the community to apply for the position and Council would appoint an individual.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-213

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

WHEREAS: The Town of Cobalt Council passed resolution 2019-199 on August 20, 2019 accepting the resignation of Mike Harrison from the Town of Cobalt Council and declared the seat vacant and;

WHEREAS: Council determines the method of filling the vacancy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Cobalt elects to:

A) Hold a By-election to fill the vacancy - All against

B) Invite interested eligible citizens to submit expressions of interest

Recorded Vote:

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

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CARRIED

6. Delegations and Presentations

6.1 Temiskaming District Dr Recruitment

Mike Baker and Bonnie Koistinen presented an overview of the mandate and successes of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. There are 10 Municipalities in our area that currently contribute \$3.00 per capita to establish return-of-service agreements with Physician recruits. The committee has been approached by a potential recruit who is interested in serving the communities of Cobalt and Coleman and are requesting Council consider contributing to this fund on a per capita basis for a 5-year period. Council thanked the representatives and will review their request.

6.2 Deborah Ranchuk – Cobalt railing petition

Ms. Ranchuk submitted a petition requesting Council re-visit their decision to paint the Town railings black. Ms. Ranchuk reported that the petition contains 159 signatures - 117 Cobalt residents; 31 from the surrounding area and 11 from visitors. Council thanked Ms. Ranchuk and accepted the petition.

6.3 Enbridge Gas – Repositioning of gas line

CAO Walker briefed Council on the By-law to enter into an agreement with Enbridge for a Maintenance Dig Agreement to reposition the gas line from the Public Works yard to Hudson Bay Road. There will be minor interruptions and the Town will receive a lease for payment to December 2021. CAO Walker stated that there may also be an opportunity for residents in the area to contract for personal installations if they contact Enbridge direct.

RESOLUTION No. 2019- 214

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2019-42 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc. for a Maintenance Dig Agreement to December 2021 with a payment to the Town of Cobalt of \$500.00 upon signing and a one-time payment of \$9,000.00 for temporary land use;

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

CARRIED

6.4 OCWA

Sylvie Lemieux and Victor Legault presented Council with the history of the services OCWA has provided to the Town of Cobalt and renewal options for the current agreement which will expire on December 31, 2019. Council thanked the representatives for the information and will review their options.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-215

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Delegations and Presentations items 6.1 to 6.4 as discussed.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

NIL

8. Staff and Committee Reports

8.1 Public Works – Activity Report

CAO Walker gave an overview of the Public Works activities from the submitted report. Council asked for a copy of the quote for the Fire Museum repairs that was submitted by MAJIC. Staff was directed to investigate restricted parking on Cobalt Hill during the Winter Operations months.

8.2 Hoist Room

Councillor Adshead requested that the Ad Hoc Committee timeline be extended as they will not meet their deadline for the relocation of Hoist Room. She also stated that anyone wanting to volunteer could contact her or leave their name at the Municipal Office.

Community Policing

Councillor Adshead reported on her meeting with OPP Inspector Joel Breault and the OPP's request for Council direction on issues they would like the OPP to focus on. They suggested a fb post to gage the community's interest in a Community Watch before proceeding to the next step. Councillor Adshead suggested interested persons could also leave their name with the Municipal Office. She also encouraged citizens to use Crime Stoppers if they prefer to report anonymously.

RESOLUTION No. 2019- 216

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive staff and committee reports items 8.1 & 8.2 as discussed.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence

9.1 City of Temiskaming Shores – notice of zoning – for information only

RESOLUTION No. 2019- 217

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

CARRIED

10. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2019-218

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council convene in closed session as per the Municipal Act 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: Hoist Room

2 (b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
Topic: Restructure, Community Watch, Contract Matters

CARRIED

11. Business Arising from Closed Session

Staff was given direction on closed session matters.

12. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2019-219

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No 2019-43 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of September 3, 2019 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 3rd day of September;

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. 2019-220

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 3, 2019 be adjourned at 10:22 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk