

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer
Councillors: Angela Adshead
Matthew Johnson
Doug Wilcox
Bill Gabbani – via telephone

Absent: Pat Anderson (with notice)

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:35 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:

15. Council Updates – Councillor Adshead – Community Watch

RESOLUTION No. 2019-221

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated September 17, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2019-222

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the following minutes as presented:
Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 3, 2019

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Petition submitted by Deborah Ranchuk

CAO Walker provided Council with a breakdown of the 160 signatures:

Duplicates – 7

Non-region (outside the Temiskaming District) – 8

Non-Cobalt (inside the Temiskaming District) – 26

Cobalt - 119

Councillor Wilcox addressed Ms. Ranchuk and thanked her for submitting the petition. He stated that he is still in support of the motion he presented and that his stance is based on input from Heritage Consultants who had visited the Town previously and had commented that coloured railings create a visual distraction in photographs and should be discouraged. He also received input from the Public Works Department who stated that from their perspective, black railings were more visible during winter months. He stated that while he appreciates some residents are partial to the colour blue, black is internationally accepted as the colour and he would not be withdrawing his motion.

5.2 Outstanding Previous Council Meeting Tasks

Councillor Adshead suggested that with the large number of tasks Council has been addressing, a list could be formulated for Council to view, revisit and prioritize. It was suggested that the list could be placed on the Council whiteboard and would then be accessible for the public to view. Council was in support of using this method on a going forward basis.

5.3 Newsletter

Council reviewed the upcoming newsletter for the next quarter.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-223

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Business Arising from the minutes items 5.1 to 5.3 as discussed.

CARRIED

6. Public Hearing

1. Mike Harrison queried Council on an article he read in a local paper. Mr. Harrison was asked to keep his inquiries to matters on the current agenda as per the procedures established for public question and answers. Mr. Harrison had no further questions.
2. Rod Prior queried Council on the upcoming Amnesty Week and why the previous collection method had been disbanded. Mayor Othmer responded that the process had been deemed to be too costly and abused by some residents who did not adhere to the maximum allowable. Council agreed to revisit the former process for review.

7. Delegations and Presentations

7.1 MOE Report – Cobalt Constructed Wetlands Inspection Report

Maria Story, Story Environmental and Victor Legault, OCWA reviewed the Ministry of the Environment Draft Inspection Order with Council. There are items within the report that have remained unresolved from the 2008 Director's Order and have prevented the Wetlands from obtaining an ECA. The MOE requires a response from the Municipality on action plans. A meeting has been scheduled for next week at the MOE office in North Bay with representatives from the Municipality, Story Environmental and OCWA to discuss the documents and request some flexibility. CAO Walker updated Council on a teleconference held with Minister Yurek who stated his commitment to having his policy people follow up with us.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-224

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

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

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

NIL

9. Correspondence

9.1 Lions Club – request to park trailer in Public Works compound during winter months

RESOLUTION No. 2019-225

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the request from the Lions Club of Cobalt and Coleman to park 2 trailers at the Public Works yard for the winter months.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2019-226

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

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

CARRIED

10. By-Laws

RESOLUTION No. 2019-227

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

WHEREAS: The Town of Cobalt deemed it desirable to enter into an agreement for Animal Control Services:

AND WHEREAS: as a result of an RFP process Council passed resolution No. 2019-206 accepting the proposal from Animals First;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 2019-44 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Animals First for the provision of Animal Control Services at a cost of \$14,000.00 plus HST per annum be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of September 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

RESOLUTION No. 2019-228

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the following Schedule of accounts:

- 1) Schedule No. 19-16 in the amount of \$204,020.95 as paid.
- 2) Schedule No. 19-17 in the amount of \$92,352.33 as presented.
- 3) Revenue and Expense Report January 1 to September 17, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

12. Motion for which prior notice has been given

NIL

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Othmer reported that in his capacity as Mayor, he has attended to issues as directed by Council. He also reported that clips from the filming in Cobalt can be seen in the introduction to Salvage Kings that is scheduled to air mid to late October.

14. Notices of Motion

NIL

15. Councillor Updates

Councillor Adshead updated Council on her conversation with OPP Inspector Breault. CAO Walker reported staff is looking into methods of posting a poll/survey to effectively gauge the Communities interest in a Community Watch. Councillor Adshead commented that the Community needs to show an interest prior to moving forward. She also requested Crime Stoppers information be posted to the notice board and website. Council discussed sourcing a LED board to use for community events/notices.

16. Question and Answer

NIL

17. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2019-229

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

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)(a) Security of the property of the municipality or local board: Topic, MOE report, Hoist Room
- (2) (b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
Topic: Property Standards, Human Resources

CARRIED

18. Business Arising from Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2019-230

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council present the offer of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to the prospective employee as of September 18, 2019.

CARRIED

19. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2019-231

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law No 2019-45 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular meeting of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th 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

20. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-232

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The September 17th meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:34 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk