

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, April 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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**Present:** Mayor Othmer and Councillors Adshead; Gabbani; Harrison; Johnson; and Wilcox

**Regrets:** Councillor P. Anderson

**Staff:** D. King, Interim CAO; W. Sutherland, Manager of Public Works and Property; Garret Hunting, Animal Control and By-law enforcement officer.

1. **Call to Order**

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

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

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

Marg Harrison requested that the order of the delegations and presentations be changed to allow her to speak last. This request was granted by the meeting Chair.

Correspondence item 9.4 be added to the agenda. Letter from Minister Steve Clark announcing a one-time payment of \$277,600. For the Town of Cobalt.

**Resolution 2019-78**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison

Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as amended.

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of the Minutes** NIL

5. **Business Arising from the minutes** NIL

**(5.1) Inquiries -Members of the General Public**

There were no inquiries from the members of the general public.

6. **Delegations and Presentations**

6.1 Chris Oslund – Transit Financial Plan

Mr. Oslund gave presentation on Timiskaming Transit Plan from 2018 to 2028. He noted that the Timiskaming Shores Transit Plan was the smallest in the Province and the cost of a new transit bus is \$500,000. For 2019, users of the transit system can expect a minor fare increase.

6.2 Maria and Anthony Story- Cobalt Constructed Wetlands

Maria Story gave a presentation on the history of the Cobalt Constructed Wetlands and an outline of the work required to bring the wetlands in compliance with the requirements of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Mayor Othmer suggested that the Minister of MECP be invited to tour the Cobalt Constructed Wetlands and indicated that he would like to see a public open house of the wetlands so Cobalt residents can see how the wetlands operate.

- 6.3 Brit Griffin – Cobalt Mining Museum
- 6.4 Brigid Wilkinson – Classic Theatre
- 6.5 Marg Harrison- Bunker Military Museum

Each of the museum representatives presented a description of their operations and their budget requirements. All indicated that they didn't want to rely on the Legacy Fund to offset their annual operating expenditures and emphasized their importance in attracting visitors the Town. The Classic Theatre indicated they were interested in entering into a long-term lease with the Town to enable them to apply for grants.

Mayor Othmer suggested that Council take a tour of each of the museums in the spring.

**Resolution 2019-79**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive delegation and presentation Items 6.1 to 6.5 as presented and directs the Interim CAO to act on those items discussed.

**CARRIED**

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

**8. Staff and Committee Reports**

- 8.1 Manager of Public Works and Property Report to Council  
W. Sutherland spoke to the highlights of the report that had be presented to Council and responded to questions about safety requirements for working at heights and the stability of the building that houses the fire fighter's museum artifacts.
- 8.2 Animal Control and by-law enforcement Report -Jan.1 -Mar. 31  
Mr. Hunting discussed his report and responded to questions from Council about the enforcement of property standards and the placement of signage for handicapped parking. Councillor Adshead suggested that a copy of the " Barking Log" be placed on the Town's website for use by residents to record how frequently unattended dogs are barking and disturbing others.
- 8.3 Preliminary Budget Information – 2018 Budget and Expenditures
- 8.4 Town of Cobalt-Q2 Draft Newsletter  
Council was given the opportunity to review and comment on the draft newsletter that is to go out with the next water bill.
- 8.5 2018 Annual Statement of Renumeration and Expenses

**Resolution 2019-80**

Moved by: Councillor Harrison  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

**WHEREAS** Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, requires the Treasurer of every municipality to prepare and submit to Council by March 31, each year, a statement of the remuneration and expenses paid to each member of Council in respect of his or her services as a member of Council in the preceding year.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive the attached statement of remuneration and expenses for 2018 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-81**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox

Seconded by: Councillor Harrison

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive staff and committee reports items 8.1 to 8.5 as presented and directs the interim CAO to take action on those items discussed.

**CARRIED**

**9. Correspondence**

9.1	TMSA Memo re: CBO Resignation Mar. 2019
9.2	LAS Electricity Program – 2018 Summary of Results
9.3	2019 District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board Report and Town of Cobalt Apportionment
9.4	MMAH Minister Steve Clark- Announcement of one-time payment of \$277,600 to the Town of Cobalt

**Resolution 2019-82**

Moved by: Councillor Gabbani

Seconded by: Councillor Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive Correspondence items 9.1 to 9.4 as presented and discussed.

**CARRIED**

**10. Other Business**

**10.1 Mayors Update:**

Mayor Othmer indicates that the Standard of Care Training that Council attended regarding their responsibilities related to the water treatment plant was very good. He also commented that he recently attended the Timiskaming First Nation Open House. The new Chair of the Timiskaming Municipal Association is Lois Perry from the Twp. of Coleman. Mayor Othmer also requested the members of Council to think about which of the Boards (Museum and Library) that they would like to serve as a Council liaison on.

**10.2 Hoist Room Relocation**

Councillor Adshead provided an update on the work undertaken at the new location of the hoist room and distributed an inventory of the items to be disposed of in the former Dr's Office and the storage room behind it. These surplus items are to be disposed in accordance with the Town's property disposition policy.

**Resolution 2019-82.1**

Moved by: Councillor Wilcox  
Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council allocate \$5,000 to start work in preparation for the new Hoist Room/Fitness Centre.

**11. Closed Session**

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

**Resolution 2019-83**

Moved by: Councillor Johnson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gabbani

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

**CARRIED**

**12. Business Arising from Closed Session None**

**13. Confirmation By-law**

13.1 By-law 2019-16 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**Resolution 2019-84**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead  
Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2019-16, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole 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 2nd day of April 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 2019-85**

Moved by: Councillor Adshead  
Seconded by: Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The April 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town of Cobalt be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**