

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OCTOBER 15, 2019 COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer
Councillors: Pat Anderson
Joseph Dube
Matthew Johnson
Doug Wilcox
Bill Gabbani – via telephone

Absent: Angela Adshead (with notice)

Staff: Brian Walker, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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.

1.1. Swearing in Ceremony for Joseph Dube.

Mr. Joseph Dube took the Oath of Office as provided by Mr. Walker, CAO and Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Cobalt.

Mayor Othmer welcomed Mr. Dube to the Council table along with all other present Councilors.

Mr Dube thanked the Council for their trust in him to serve the Town of Cobalt at the Council table.

1.2. Tour of Cobalt Constructed Wetlands by Councilors and members of the Public who attended the meeting as well as Darlene Wroe from the Temiskaming Speaker.

The tour provided a sense of the geography and systems of the Wetlands and we discussed specific issues and requirements outlined under the MOE Directors order and the work we are undertaking to become compliant with those rulings.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

NIL

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2019-255

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the agenda of the regular meeting dated October 15, 2019
As presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2019-256

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the following minutes as presented:
Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 1, 2019
Special Meeting of Council – October 8, 2019

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes
5.1 Petition submitted by Deborah Ranchuk

RESOLUTION No. 2019-257

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Business Arising from the minutes items 5.1 as Discussed and directs staff to inform the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee that the Town Council support their program and thank them for their efforts on behalf of the town of Cobalt

CARRIED

6. Public Hearing
NIL

7. Delegations and Presentations

7.1 2019 Cobalt Constructed Wetlands Inspection Report – Draft 2.0 by M.O.E.

Maria Story from Story Environmental provided the Town of Cobalt with an estimate for conducting the Assimilative Capacity Study and a recommendation to expand the collection range from the current 3 sites to 7 sites to allow for more data collection from both upstream and downstream waters.

CAO Walker updated Council on revisions to the original draft inspection report by the North Bay district office of the Ministry of Environment and the requirement to respond by no later than the Oct 18th, 2019 deadline.

Council requested that staff require 2 other quotes as per the Town of Cobalt purchasing guidelines.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-258

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

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
NIL

10. By-Laws

RESOLUTION No. 2019-259

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #2019-49 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc with a payment of \$1,000.00 to the Town of Cobalt for a pipeline easement on Hudson Bay Road in order to provide gas service to residents who have contracted with Enbridge. be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of October 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

Councilor Anderson declared a potential Conflict of pecuniary interest for Schedule of Accounts No. 19-18 and provided CAO Walker with a completed Municipal Conflict of Interest form and removed herself from the discussion.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-260

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

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

- 1) Schedule No. 19-18 in the amount of \$79,532.17 as paid.
- 2) Schedule No. 19-19 in the amount of \$576,694.34 as presented.

CARRIED

12. Motion for which prior notice has been given

NIL

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Othmer informed Council that the TMA is offering a Motions Writing Course for Councilors in the near future. More information to follow when it comes available.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-261

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council received the Mayors Report 13.1 as presented.

CARRIED

14. Notices of Motion

NIL

15. Councillor Updates

NIL

16. Question and Answer

NIL

17. Closed Session – N/A

NIL

18. Business Arising from Closed Session
NIL

19. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2019-262

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law No 2019-50 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 15th day of October

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. 2019-263

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The October 15th meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:39 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk