

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
November 19, 2019
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

Absent: Joe Dube

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

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

NIL

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

The Agenda was amended to allow Alex O’Brein, EXP to update Council on the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-285

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the agenda of the Regular meeting dated November 19, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2019-286

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 2, 2019

Special Meeting – April 9, 2019

Special Meeting – April 10, 2019

Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 5, 2019

Special Meeting – November 12, 2019

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Animals First: request for Town of Cobalt to become a Pet Smart Partner

RESOLUTION No. 2019-287

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the discussion of 5.1 Animals First: PetSmart Partner program as presented, and directs staff inform Animals First that the Town of Cobalt will be the Municipal Partner for this program.

CARRIED

5.2 Public Works Working Foreman/Leader A special powers re: Winter Operations parking issues
Council discussed this option and directed staff to investigate further on the authority for this task.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-288

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the discussion of 5.2 and give the Working Foreman/Leader A the ability to tow away vehicles that are parked illegally according to By-law No. 2009-009 to regulate Traffic and Parking upon the streets of Cobalt and By-law No. 2014-47 2014-2015 Winter Operations Plan.

DEFERRED

5.3 Town Administration request to close Municipal Office Friday, December 27, 2019

RESOLUTION No. 2019-289

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the request to close the Town of Cobalt Municipal Office Friday, December 27, 2019.

CARRIED

5.4 2020 Canada Day Celebrations Application

Council agreed to hold the 2020 Canada Day Celebration as a joint day of celebration with the Township of Coleman and directed staff to complete the application with the related information.

CARRIED

5.5 Golden Age Club – Lighting of the lights

Councillor Anderson reported that the holiday lighting of the lights will take place at 6:30 pm on Monday, Dec 2nd in the downtown core. Following that, everyone is invited to the Golden Age Club for an evening of treats, hot chocolate, music and a visit from Santa. Staff was directed to have Public Works string lights and contact the Fire Dept for their assistance with a bonfire. She stated the Golden Age Club deserves a huge thank you for organizing this.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-290

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Business Arising from the Minutes items 5.1-5.5 as discussed.

CARRIED

6. Public Hearing

Mike Harrison asked Council why representatives are not talking about committees they represent. Mayor Othmer reminded Mr. Harrison that all question topics shall be limited to current agenda items.

Joanne Brunet asked for an update on the Hoist Room. Councillor Adshead responded that she would be giving an update under section 15 – Council Updates.

7. Delegations and Presentations

EXP – Alex O’Brein and Jamie Hawken were present to update Council on the foot valve at the Water Treatment Plant and discussed replacement with two models for options.

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

Council requested EXP provide quotes and delivery time on the two options for Council’s consideration.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-291

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani
SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

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

CARRIED

9. Correspondence

9.1 Enbridge re: Sassaginaga Creek crossing request

RESOLUTION No. 2019-292

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council gives permission to Enbridge to construct a 2nd crossing of Sassaginaga Creek within the road allowance of Hudson Bay Rd in order to extend the gas line to the residents at the north end of Hudson Bay Road.

CARRIED

9.2 New Representative for the Physician Recruitment Committee

RESOLUTION No. 2019-293

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve and support the request from Councillor Anderson to put her name forward to Represent the Town of Cobalt, Coleman and Latchford on the Physician Recruitment Committee.

Recorded Vote:	F	A		F	A
Councillor Adshead	X		Councillor Gabbani	X	
Councillor Anderson	X		Councillor Johnson	X	
Councillor Dube (not present)			Councillor Wilcox	X	
Mayor Othmer	X				

F- 6
A- 0

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2019-294

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

CARRIED

10. By-Laws
NIL

11. General Business

RESOLUTION No. 2019-295

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve:

- 1) Schedule No. 19-20 in the amount of \$177,311.65 as paid.
- 2) Schedule No. 19-21 in the amount of \$179,986.69 as presented.
- 3) Revenue and Expense Report January 1 to October 31, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

12. Motion for which prior notice has been given
NIL

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Othmer thanked the Cobalt Legion on behalf of Council and the Town of Cobalt for organizing the Remembrance Day ceremony and noted it was very well attended.

14. Notices of Motion
NIL

15. Councillor Updates

Hoist Room Ad Hoc Committee – Councillor Adshead gave an update on the progress of the renovations and requested an extension of the committee for 6 months. The next steps are the installation of pot lights, strapping, bulk head and wiring. Volunteers are still needed. She would like to post pictures of the surplus items that will be sale and requests the assistance of the Intern for this task.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-296

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the timeline for the Hoist Room Ad-Hoc Committee be extended to June 1, 2019.

CARRIED

Animal Control vs. Animal Rescue – Councillor Adshead would like the lines defined between these two services as she has received feed back that residents are unsure which service to call for specific issues. Staff was directed to post information for resident that clearly outlines that the Town has contract for service with Animals First for Animal Control issues in the Town of Cobalt.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-297

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive 15.1 – Councillors updates as presented.

CARRIED

16. Question and Answer

Councillor Gabbani requested that the Town ask the Housing Authorities to attend Council discuss issues related to their properties within the Municipality. Council directed staff to request a meeting in the New Year.

17. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2019-298

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;
1) regarding a committee 2) regarding restructuring

CARRIED

18. Business Arising from Closed Session

Staff was given direction on closed session matters.

19. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2019-299

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani
SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law No 2019-55 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of November 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. 2019-300

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:44 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk