

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
DECEMBER 17, 2019
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer
Councillors: Angela Adshead
 Pat Anderson
 Joe Dube
 Matthew Johnson
 Doug Wilcox
Absent: Bill Gabbani (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 6:30 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**RESOLUTION No. 2019-317**

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the agenda for the Regular meeting dated December 17, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes**RESOLUTION No. 2019-318**

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

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

Special Meeting – June 12, 2019

Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 3, 2019

Special Meeting – December 6, 2019

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Adshead inquired about the status for licencing businesses. CAO Walker stated he is reviewing policies and will present his findings to Council in the New Year.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-319

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council accept the staff recommendations for the Administrative Report on tax registrations as presented to Council December 3, 2019 and directs staff to retain Wishart Law Firm to assist Municipal Staff with the tax registration process.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2019-320

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council accept the staff recommendations from the Administrative Report on water/sewer reminders as presented to Council on December 3, 2019 and directs staff to give public notice of the January 1, 2020 implementation date.

CARRIED

6. Public Hearing

Mike Harrison requested that the agenda order be amended to allow the “questions from the public section” to occur near the end of the agenda rather than the current placement. Council agree to discuss further as it would require an amendment to the Procedural By-law.

7. Delegations and Presentations

NIL

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

NIL

9. Correspondence

NIL

10. By-Laws

RESOLUTION No. 2019-321

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

WHEREAS: the current contract with Ontario Clean Water Agency to provide ORO services for the Town of Cobalt expires on December 31, 2019;

AND WHEREAS: Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt deems it desirable to extend the existing contract for a further 3-year term with applicable fee schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law 2019-59 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency for an Amending Agreement to the existing agreement, for the term extension and fee schedule, for Overall Responsible Operator Services for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of December 2019;

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2019-322

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt deems it necessary to enter into an agreement for landfill services;

AND WHEREAS: the City of Temiskaming Shores has agreed to provide landfill services to the Town of Cobalt;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law 2019-60 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the City of Temiskaming Shores for a Landfill Use Agreement be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of December 2019;

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

CARRIED

CAO Walker reported the fees for 2019 would remain the same with the addition of a 15% on tonnage fee to be held in reserve fund for landfill expansion.

11. General Business

11.1-11.4 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2019-323

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve

- 1) Schedule No. 19-22 in the amount of \$105,225.41 as paid.
- 2) Schedule No. 19-23 in the amount of \$131,842.36 as presented.
- 3) Revenue and Expense Report January 1 to November 30, 2019 as presented.
- 4) Expenses by Department January 1 to November 30, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

11.5 Cobalt Landfill Agreement with Temiskaming Shores for 2020 – for information

11.6 Snow machines on sidewalks – CAO Walker reported that By-law 2005-14 a By-law to regulate use of all Terrain Vehicles within the Town of Cobalt does not specially address the concerns. Council discussed options for enforcement and directed staff to investigate further to include language to address snow machines.

11.7 TODS signs 2020 – Council reviewed the substantial increase for the renewal permits and discussed approaching the Museums/Theatre to bear some of the expense if they feel the signs are beneficial to their operations. Staff was directed to take an inventory of all signage and to find out who is responsible for erecting signs that are down.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-324

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive General Business items 11.1 - 11.7 as discussed.

CARRIED

12. Motion for which prior notice has been given

NIL

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Othmer reported that the project at the Water Treatment Plant is very near completion. Minister Yurek has invited a delegation to meet with him in Toronto on January 9, 2020 to discuss the Town of Cobalt Wetlands System. Mayor Othmer, CAO Walker and representatives from OCWA and Story Environment will attend and are hopeful for positive news for the ratepayers of Cobalt. He thanked Council for all their all hard work this year on some very difficult tasks and that they are gaining ground and moving forward.

14. Notices of Motion

NIL

15. Councillor Updates

Councillor Adshead reported that renovations at the Hoist Room will resume mid January 2020 and volunteers interested in moving the project forward can approach herself or the Town of Cobalt to assist with strapping, plastering, painting and cleanup. This would also be an opportunity for students looking to gain their volunteer hours.

16. Question and Answer

NIL

17. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2019-325

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council convene in Closed Session under 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;

Topic – Public Works Restructure – review

(2) (f) The receiving advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

18. Business Arising from Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2019-326

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council accept the recommendation from CAO Walker to offer the position of Working Foreman to the successful candidate as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED

19. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2019-327

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-Law No 2019-61 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of December 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. 2019-327

MOVED BY: Councillor Dube

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:52 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk