

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS January 28, 2020 at 6:30PM MINUTES

Present:

Mayor George Othmer

Councillors: Pat Anderson
Angela Adshead
Joseph Dube
Bill Gabbani
Matthew Johnson
Doug Wilcox

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

Alex O'Brein, EXP

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

NIL

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

The agenda was amended to include:

14. Councillor Updates – Councillor Adshead - update on Community Safety Initiative
Councillor Wilcox - update on Public Works and Library

16. A Closed Session was added

RESOLUTION No. 2020-007

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated January 28, 2020 as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 Committee of the Whole – January 14, 2020

RESOLUTION No. 2020-008

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following minutes as presented:
Committee of the Whole – January 14, 2020

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from The Minutes

NIL

5.1 Inquiries – Members of the General Public

NIL

6. Delegations and Presentations

Alex O’Brein was present to provide an update on the Water Treatment Plant upgrades. A question and answer session followed with Alex providing further follow up next week.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-009

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the presentation from EXP as presented.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

NIL

8. Correspondence

8.1 Come North Planning Conference – the conference will take place February 11-13, 2020 in Temiskaming Shores. Mayor Othmer encouraged all those to attend if they are able.

8.2 Group of Seven Project – CAO Walker explained that the project is a partnership with Destination Northern Ontario and the Temiskaming Art Gallery. Five plaques and benches will be installed by the City of Temiskaming Shores with four installed in Cobalt. The plaques will depict the work of the Canadian landscape painters comparing the current view with the artist’s painting. The Town would be responsible for general maintenance. Council supported this initiative and directed staff to forward a letter of thanks to the organizer with copies of the letter to the estates of the painters.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-010

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Correspondence items 8.1 and 8.2 as presented.

CARRIED

9. By-laws

9.1 By-law No. 2020-002 Being a By-law to establish the 2020 Interim Tax Levy.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-011

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2020-02, being a By-law to establish the 2020 Interim Tax Levy, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of January 2020.

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

CARRIED

**9.2 By-law No. 2020-003 Being a By-law to borrow sums to meet current expenditures
By-law No. 2020-003 Borrowing By-law CIBC**

RESOLUTION No. 2020-012

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2020-03, being a By-law to borrow sums to meet current expenditures of the Municipality, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of January 2020.

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

CARRIED

10. General Business

10.1 Approval of Accounts Payable Schedules

RESOLUTION No. 2020-013

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives and approves the following Schedules as presented:

Schedule No. 2019-24 - \$302,921.03

Schedule No. 2019-25 - \$103,264.88

Schedule No. 2020-01 - \$74,873.57

Expenses by Department – January to December 2019 (prior to Audit)

CARRIED

11. Motion for which prior notice has been given

NIL

12. Mayor's Report

Mayor Othmer reported that many children are attending the Cobalt Public Library facility. He complimented the Library staff for their programming. He along with CAO Walker and Councillors Johnson, Dube and Anderson attended St. Patrick School for the official launch of the Youth Recreation Program sponsored by RBC and the Temiskaming Foundation and in partnership with the Town of Cobalt and St. Patrick School. Both facilities are reporting very good attendance and the youth are well occupied. Adult programs will be added in the near future.

13. Notices of Motion

NIL

14. Councillor Updates

Councillor Adshead reported that she met with OPP Inspector Joel Breault and community safety initiatives are ongoing. The Inspector will meet with Cobalt every 6 months and Cobalt will receive a supply of Crime Stoppers posters for distribution. Residents are reminded that if they want to report something and do not want to be identified or a witness in court, call Crime Stoppers.

Councillor Adshead will work with CAO Walker to develop a list of surplus items with minimum bids to post to Cobalt's Buy and Sell site.

Councillor Wilcox met with Public Works and voiced their concern that Winter Operations are still being impeded by vehicles violating the parking restrictions. Staff was directed to investigate the authority required to have the Working Foreman request towing operations.

15. Council Question and Answer

Councillor Gabbani commented that citizens are happy with the Weekender kiosks and it was a good move to resolve a problem that has been ongoing for quite a while. He inquired about the progress of the Hoist Room renovations. Councillor Adshead reported that with the limited volunteer base, work is moving ahead slowly. Sunday morning is usually volunteer time if anyone would like to assist.

Councillor Adshead restated that as per Council's direction, full financials will be required of those requesting grants as well as related data such as number of patrons.

16. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2020-014

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

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
Topic – Restructure review

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

CARRIED

17. Business Arising from Closed Session

Staff was given direction in closed session.

18. Confirmation By-law

RESOLUTION No. 2020-015

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2020-04 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 28th day of January 2020.

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

CARRIED

19. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2020-016

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK