

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL February 18, 2020 MINUTES COBALT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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**Present:**

**Mayor** George Othmer

**Councillors:** Pat Anderson  
Joe Dube  
Bill Gabbani  
Matthew Johnson  
Doug Wilcox  
Angela Adshead (via telephone)

**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.

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

Councillor Dube declared a conflict of interest with item 11.2 (b) – Downtown Revitalization Fund as he has provided a quote.

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

The agenda was amended as follows:

- 7.1 Postpone - MMAH presentation
- 7.1 Add - Cobalt Public Library Board as a delegation to present 2020 Library Budget
- 17. Add - Closed Session item (2) (a) Security of the Property – Water Treatment Plant

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-30**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated February 18, 2020 as amended.

CARRIED

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-31**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

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

- 4.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 4, 2020  
 4.2 Special Meeting of Council – February 7, 2020

CARRIED

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Wilcox requested an update on the presentation from Graham Gambles. CAO Walker has requested further information and will bring it forward to Council at the next meeting.

**5.1 EMO Emergency Information Officer Appointment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-32**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council appoint CAO Brian Walker as the Emergency Information Officer for the Town of Cobalt's Emergency Management Control Group.

CARRIED

**6. Inquiries – Members of the General Public**

None

**7. Delegations and Presentations**

**7.1 Cobalt Public Library Board – 2020 Budget**

Liz Cooper, Board Chair and Georgette Saxton, Treasurer attended Council to review the Library's 2020 Budget. The Treasurer reviewed the revenue line items at \$71,450.00 and expenses line items at \$71,450.00 as well as the capital repairs that are required. Mandatory and contractual expenses remain the bulk of their expenses at 88% of the total budget. The Library services are well used and attendance is expected to increase with the closure of the Haileybury Library. In 2019 3,350 items were borrowed from the Library. They have begun the process of registering all patrons to identify residences and will present these numbers on an annual basis to Council. The Library Board is requesting an operating grant of \$40,000.00 from the Municipality which is a decrease from 2019's request of \$47,300.00. They noted that they are expecting the donation from the Legacy Fund to be a considerable increase from 2019's allocation. Councillor Wilcox thanked the Board members for the presentation and their efforts in maintaining this service.

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-32**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council accept the Delegations and Presentations items 7.1 as presented.

CARRIED

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

None

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1 DTSSAB re: Community Safety and Well Being (CSWB) email**

CAO Walker reported that as per the Police Services Act, every Municipality must have a CSWB plan in place by January 1, 2021. Interest has been expressed by area Municipalities to source the task of developing a District wide plan to DTSSAB who would invoice using the current cost-sharing formula. Municipalities are requested to express their interest in this concept by way of a resolution. Council agreed to request a cost.

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-33**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council indicate interest in receiving a quote from DTSSAB to provide a cost for service regarding the Community Safety and Well Being Plan mandated under the Police Services Act.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-34**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council accept the Correspondence items 9.1 as presented.

CARRIED

**10. By-Laws**

None

**11. General Business**

**11.1 Approval of the Schedules**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-35**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

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

- 1) Schedule No. 2020-02 in the amount of \$340,122.00
- 2) Schedule No. 2020-03 in the amount of \$100,324.48

CARRIED

**11.2 Downtown Revitalization Fund**

(a) Accessible Doors – Cobalt Library, Cobalt Community Hall, Cobalt Town Office, Hoist Room  
Council reviewed the quotes for the installation of accessible doors. CAO Walker stated these upgrades would meet the requirements necessary for ensuring Municipal buildings are accessible.

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-36**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve the following quotes:

#460 in the amount of \$15,200.00 + hst  
 #456 in the amount of \$4,500.00 + hst  
 #457 in the amount of \$2,450.00 + hst  
 #461 in the amount of \$7,100.00 + hst

provided by Ricky's Glass & Mirror and direct staff to pay for invoices using the Downtown Revitalization Fund.

CARRIED

(b) Park Benches – Downtown bench, Teck Park bench

Councillor Dube declared a conflict of interest, left the meeting during the discussion, did not participate in the vote and returned after the vote. Council discussed the installation of themed benches and agreed to contract for 8 to place in various locations throughout Town. Council discussed options for the remainder of the funds which are to be expensed by March 31, 2020.

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-37**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve the quote from Profile Plus for 8 themed benches and direct staff to pay for invoices using the Downtown Revitalization Fund.

CARRIED

**12. Motion for which prior notice has been given**

None

**13. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Othmer reported he had attended a TeMAG meeting and that internet access for smaller Municipalities is still an issue.

**14. Notices of Motion**

None

**15. Councillor Updates**

Councillor Adshead stated the Crime Stoppers posters have been received and are ready for distribution.

**16. Question and Answer**

Councillor Gabbani requested the consequence for those that are overloading garbage bins. CAO Walker stated that further education may be required and that matters should be referred to the By-law Officer for action.

Councillor Wilcox requested an update on the towing authority as there is an issue where a resident is impeding snow removal services. CAO Walker stated he is sending a letter to that resident and is working with the By-law Officer to complete the updates on the By-law.

## 16. Closed Session

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-38

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**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) (a) Security of the property of the municipality or local board – Water Treatment Plant

(2) (b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Restructure review

CARRIED

## 17. Business Arising from Closed Session

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-39

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council accept the Letter of Understanding for Public Works – Working Foreman as well as Equipment Operator – Additional Duties and directs the CAO and Mayor to sign them on behalf of the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

## 18. Confirmation By-Law

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-40

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** By-Law No 2020-07 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February,

**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. 2020-41

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk