

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
COBALT BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTRE (SECONDARY LOCATION)
MONDAY MARCH 23, 2020 @ 3 PM
MINUTES

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 3:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

NONE

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Agenda was amended to include 4.1 Continuity of Operation, 4.2 Electronic Meetings 4.3 HR Policy re: COVID-19.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-71

MOVED BY: Councillor Dube

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Special meeting of Council dated March 9, 2020 as amended.

CARRIED

4. Business**4.1 Continuity of Operations**

Discussion was deferred by Council till the next Meeting of Council.

4.2 Electronic Meetings

Council discussed various services and solutions available in order to conduct meetings of Council during the COVID-19 Pandemic as Bill 187 permits Municipalities to have meetings via video or tele

conference in order to allow members of Council to still conduct the business of the Municipality from home rather than an in-person meetings and still be counted as Quorum.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-72

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the acquisition of Zoom Video Communications in the amount of \$200 annually for the purpose of hosting Electronic Meetings and will record the meeting and then post on the town website, social media systems.

CARRIED

4.3 Cobalt HR Policy re: Covid-19

CAO presented to Council the TOC Human Resources Policy COVID-19, the Town of Cobalt and CUPE Local 127 COVID-19 LOU, the TOC Employee Declaration COVID-19 for their review. Council accepted the policies as presented.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-73

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the TOC Human Resources Policy COVID-19, the Town of Cobalt and CUPE Local 127 COVID-19 LOU, the TOC Employee Declaration COVID-19 as presented and attached

ANDTHEREFORE request staff to present the LOU and Accommodation Request form to CUPE Local 127 union members and representative, and if accepted be adopted by Council.

CARRIED

5. Bylaws

5.1 By-Law No. 2020-12 Emergency Delegation of Powers

Council reviewed the Draft By-law as presented and were concerned with the structure and content and requested that further work be done by staff to better formulate the appropriate Delegation of Powers during a Declared Emergency COVID-19 Pandemic. Council deferred consideration until the next meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-74

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani
SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council review the draft By-law as presented.
WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt does not have a policy to delegate powers during an emergency,

AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to delegate authority to the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer or their designate to take action, where necessary, on certain acts during the Provincially Declared Emergency (human emergency – pandemic),

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2020-12 being a By-law to delegate powers

during an emergency as be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 23rd day of March 2020,

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

DEFERRED

6. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2020-75

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene in closed session for the purpose of approving closed session minutes and as per Subsection 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: Management concerns

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Closed Session

NONE

7. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2020-076

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No 2020-13 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special meeting of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 23rd day of March 2020.

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

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2020-077

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Special meeting of Council be adjourned at 3:44 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk