

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL

Business Resource Centre

August 18, 2020

### MINUTES

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#### PRESENT:

**Mayor** George Othmer

**Councillors:** Angela Adshead  
Pat Anderson  
Joe Dube  
Bill Gabbani  
Matthew Johnson  
Doug Wilcox (arrived at 7:01 pm)

**Staff:** Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Cassandra Beaudoin  
David Adshead, Public Works Working Foreman

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

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

None

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

The following items were requested as amendments:

- 7. Maria Story – presentation postponed to September 1, 2020 meeting
- 10.2 Additional information, Classic Theatre press release
- 10.3 Add Pavilion, request for use of Park space

#### RESOLUTION No. 2020-158

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting dated August 18, 2020 as amended.

CARRIED

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes

##### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-159**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve the following minutes as presented:  
Regular Meeting of Council – July 28, 2020

CARRIED

#### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

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

None

#### 7. Delegations and Presentations

##### 1. OCWA, Vic Legault – weir for Wetlands

Vic Legault, representing OCWA, reported issues with faulty readings with the flow meter due to the still well but had worked with Public Works to resolve and is awaiting a meeting with the CAO and Story Environmental to come up with an action plan going forward. He had forwarded referrals of work that need to be completed prior to the next Ministry visit to the CAO and is looking for direction. He is unaware of the outcome of the visit to the Minister's office as communication was to flow through the CAO to Story Environmental. He also noted that there was a possible power surge at the Water Treatment Plant during the last storm and recommends that the Town install a surge protector.

##### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-160**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the delegations and presentation item as presented.

CARRIED

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

Council requested that the Working Foreman investigate surge protection options for the Water Treatment Plant and report to Council.

#### 9. Staff and Committee Reports

##### 9.1 Public Works Department Report

David Adshead, Working Foreman reviewed his report with Council.

##### 9.2 By-Law Department Report

Councillor Gabbani reviewed the monthly report with Council and commented that Pete Gilboe, By-Law Officer, has been doing an excellent job and has received favourable feedback from residents. Councillor Adshead requested that the current Noise By-law be placed on a future agenda for review as it is outdated.

## 10. Correspondence

### Correspondence for Direction

#### 10.1 Shannie Christo – By-Law Complaint

Councillor Johnson stated that he has addressed this letter twice with the complainant. The complaint regarding fowl is ongoing with the By-law Officer.

#### 10.2 Classic Theatre – request for financial assistance for 2020 \$10,000.00 and 2021 \$10,000.00

Council indicated that deadline for the 2020 request had passed and the 2020 Budget is complete. Council directed Staff to retain their submission for the 2021 budget deliberations.

#### 10.3 Pavilion - Downtown Park Request – International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD)

Council approved the use of the downtown park to allow the Pavilion to host their activities on August 31<sup>st</sup> in recognition of (IOAD). There is no cost to the taxpayer and these activities are planned for locations throughout the area. Councillor Johnson will inform the Pavilion.

### Correspondence for Information

#### 10.4 Connie Boyd – water damage and repairs – this matter has been referred to the Municipal Insurer

#### 10.5 David Brydges – Dr. Drummond Memorial Park

Councillor Adshead spoke on behalf of the Budget Committee and stated that Departments were asked to defer non-essential capital works to the 2021 budget for consideration and the Drummond Cairn fireplace repair was deemed non-essential. Staff was directed to respond to Mr. Brydges.

#### 10.6 David Brydges – Paul Penna Library

Mr. Brydges requested that Council send a letter to the Library and Librarian that funds will be available for them to continue offering full services, and the previous funding cuts will be restored when the town receives further assistance from the provincial government. Council discussed the request and directed Staff to respond to Mr. Brydges that they are not in a position to make that type of commitment. Councillor Wilcox stated that concerns from the Board are brought to him to address at Council.

#### 10.7 MMAF – Phase 1 Restart Allocation, Town of Cobalt \$77,000.00

Cobalt has been allocated \$77,000.00. Staff is waiting for terms of the allocations and indicated that all Covid 19 related expenses from the onset of the Pandemic have been tracked and coded.

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-161

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive correspondence items 10.1 to 10.7 as presented.

CARRIED

## 11. Other Business

#### 11.1 Councillor Wilcox – Library revised 2020 Budget

Councillor Wilcox presented a revised budget on behalf of the Library Board of Directors. The Board has reported the donation from the Agnico Fund was a substantial increase over 2019 and with the revised budget they are confident they can finish out the year financially. Council asked for clarification on non-resident user fees and the agreement with Coleman for funds.

#### 11.2 Loader – trade in vs declare surplus

The Working Foreman recommended that the Town use the trade value for the loader rather than declare it surplus. Council requested an updated quote on the trade in value before further discussions can be had.

## 12. Closed Session

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-162

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**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)(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;

1. By-Law Direction 2. Contract Discussions

(2)(b) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

3. Update on Human Resource matter

CARRIED

## 13. Business Arising from Closed Session

Direction was given to Staff to contract services on 4 properties, to enter into a contract for legal services and to address matters within Human Resources.

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-163

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Dube

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the purchase of Gold Package 2 for legal services from Wishart Law Firm in the amount of \$15,000.00 plus HST as per attached quote.

CARRIED

## 14. Confirmation By-Law

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-164

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No 2020-35 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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

CARRIED

## 15. Adjournment

### RESOLUTION NO. 2020-165

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:01 pm

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk