

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
ELECTRONIC MEETING via ZOOM
TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer

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

Staff: Brian Walker, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Integrity Commissioner: Peggy Young-Lovelace, E4m

1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**RESOLUTION No. 2020-82**

MOVED BY: Councillor Dube

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting dated April 7, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes**RESOLUTION No. 2020-83**

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

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

4.1 Regular Meeting of Council – March 17, 2020

4.2 Special Meeting of Council – March 23, 2020

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Delegation of Authority

Council reviewed Staff Administrative Report No. 2020-04-07-02 and discussed in-house prepared by-laws to address this requirement as well as information from our Legal Counsel and decided that more work is required to By-law 2020-16 Delegation of Authority – COVID-19, and deferred adopting said By-law at this time. Deferred to the next meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-84

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council consider Administrative Report No. 2020-04-07-02 at the April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole Council meeting and direct staff to prepare the necessary by-law for consideration at the April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

DEFERRED

6. Inquiries – Members of the General Public
None

7. Delegations and Presentations
None

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations
None

9. Staff and Committee Reports

9.1 Administration Staff Report re: Utility Billing on Property Tax bills

Council reviewed Staff Report and deferred a decision until a few questions were answered regarding impact, if any, to property taxpayers that have their taxes paid by their bank through their mortgage.

9.2 Animal Control Monthly Report

Council reviewed Animal Control Monthly Report.

9.3 By-Law Enforcement Monthly Report

Report was not received in time for review by Council.

9.4 Public Works Monthly Report

Councillor Wilcox reviewed the monthly report with Council. Council were updated on the needs and good work of the Public Works Department. Updates also on the Water Treatment Plant upgrades and performance of the Cobalt Constructed Wetlands over the winter were provided and congratulations were given to the effort and work of the department along with OCWA and Story Environmental for successful winter operations of the Wetlands.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-85

MOVED BY: Councillor Dube

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Staff and Committee reports items 9.1 to 9.4 as presented.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence

10.1 Paul Penna Library inquiry for Operational Continuity funding

Councillor Wilcox reviewed the email request with Council. Council decided that due to the 2020 operational budget not being passed yet that they would provide half of the usual subsidy at this time in order to help the Library remain operational. Staff was directed to prepare a cheque in the amount of \$20,000 for the Library and will pass a resolution at the next meeting of Council to forward on the funds.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-86

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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

CARRIED

11. Other Business

11.1 Mining Museum request for funding, for discussion.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-87

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the request as presented and defer consideration to the 2020 budget.

CARRIED

11.2 By-law No. 2020-16 Delegation of Authority – COVID-19

RESOLUTION No. 2020-88

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

Whereas a municipality is authorized to delegate its powers and duties under section 23.1 of the Municipal Act, subject to the restrictions set out in Part II thereof;

Whereas the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has created unprecedented worldwide health and economic implications that are significantly evolving on a daily basis;

Whereas the Government of Ontario enacted a Declaration of Emergency under Section 7.0.1 (1), of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act on March 17, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and in doing so, Ontario is using every power possible to continue to protect the health and safety of all individuals and families;

Whereas the Town of Cobalt has taken its own measures to help contain the spread of COVID-19;

Whereas further decisions may be required to be made in an expedient manner in order to protect the health and safety of our residents;

Whereas it is imperative that the Town of Cobalt be responsive in taking actions to address emerging issues, to implement appropriate contingency plans and to take emergency measures, if necessary;

Whereas the Town's Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for exercising general control and management of the Town for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the

municipality;

Whereas the Council considered Administrative Report No. 2020-04-07-02 at the April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole Council meeting and directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law for consideration at the April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reviewed By-law 2020-16 and have deferred a decision until more information is available.

DEFFERED

12. Closed Session
None

13. Business Arising from Closed Session
None

14. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2020-89

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2020-17 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 7th day of April 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. 2020-90

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk