

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL WEB CONFERENCEING TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2020 @ 6:15 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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

NONE

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Amending of the Agenda was discussed by Council in order to allow for presentation of the following as prepared by a member of Council: Declaration of Emergency, as well as, Bylaw 2020-12 Delegation of Powers to Committee. It was decided that the sole purpose of this Special Meeting was for adopting the Electronic Council Meetings policy according to *Section 5.5.4 of Bylaw 2018-36 to establish the Rules of Procedure*, and thus, the additional items were not added to the agenda. A vote was taken as follows:

	F	A		F	A
Councillor Adshead	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Gabbani	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Anderson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Johnson	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Dube	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Wilcox	<input type="checkbox"/>	X Abstain
Mayor Othmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total	6	1

RESOLUTION No. 2020-78

MOVED BY: Councillor Adshead

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Special Meeting of Council dated April 7, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business

4.1 Electronic Council Meetings

Council reviewed the Municipal Act in regard to Electronic Council meetings and discussed the need for declaring an emergency locally vs provincially.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-79

MOVED BY: Councillor Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andersen

WHEREAS Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 states that every municipality and local board shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 was amended on March 19, 2020 to permit municipalities the ability to meet electronically in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS Council at the June 19, 2018 Regular Council meeting adopted Rules of Procedure By-law No. 2018-36;

AND WHEREAS Council considered Administrative Report # 2020-04-07-01 at the April 7 2020 Committee of the Whole Council meeting and directed staff prepare the necessary by-law to amend By-law No. 2018-36, as amended to incorporate Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 provisions for consideration at the April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole Council meeting;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt desires to amend its Rules of Procedure By-law to permit Council to hold meetings electronically when emergencies are declared under Section 4 or 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby enacts the following amendments to Appendix A of By-law 2018-36, as amended:

CARRIED

5. Closed Session

NONE

6. Business Arising from Closed Session

NONE

7. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2020-080

MOVED BY: Councillor Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No 2020-15 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 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

8. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2020-081

MOVED BY: Councillor Dube

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Special meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:41 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk