

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL COBALT COMMUNITY HALL November 17, 2020 MINUTES

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### PRESENT:

**Mayor** George Othmer  
**Councillors:** Pat Anderson  
 Joe Dube  
 Bill Gabbani  
 Matthew Johnson  
 Doug Wilcox  
**Absent:** Angela Adshead (with notice)  
**Press:** Temiskaming Speaker  
**Staff:** John Hodgson Interim Clerk/Treasurer  
 Dale Taylor – Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

**There was one person in the audience**

#### 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

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

#### RESOLUTION No. 2020-224

**MOVED BY:** Councillor B. Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of Council dated November 17, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes

#### RESOLUTION No. 2020-225

**MOVED BY:** Councillor P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor J. Dube

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 3, 2020

CARRIED

#### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

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

## 7. Delegations and Presentations

Sue Cote Timiskaming Health Unit representative for Temagami, Latchford, Coleman and Cobalt was joined by Kerry Schubert-Mackey (staff) who presented on behalf of the Health Unit. The presentation and the discussion joined in by Councillors centred on the COVID 19 Pandemic and Opioid Crisis that Cobalt finds itself in. Mayor Othmer thanked the presenter and added that St. Patrick School has an excellent programme for the youth of Cobalt. The Health Unit encouraged and offered to help with any municipal initiative.

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-226

**MOVED BY:** Councillor B. Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the presentation as presented.

CARRIED

## 8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

### 9. Correspondence for Council direction:

#### 9.1 John Vanthof – Bill 226, The Broadband is an Essential Service Act was discussed and supported.

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-227

**MOVED BY:** Councillor J. Dube

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt supports the Broadband as an Essential Services Act (Bill 226) which would legislate the provincial government to develop and implement a high-speed internet strategy that ensures 95% of Ontarians have access by 2026, and the other 5% by 2030.

CARRIED

## 10. By-Laws

## 11. General Business

### 11.1 Approval of the Schedules

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-228

**MOVED BY:** Councillor P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D. Wilcox

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

Schedule No. 2020-20 in the amount of \$106,234.01

Schedule No. 2020-21 in the amount of \$66,524.15

CARRIED

**11.2 Pet Smart Partnership proposal contract items were discussed, and Council determined that entering into a Partnership Agreement would be detrimental to the needs of the Town of Cobalt.**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-229**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor M. Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor J. Dube

**WHEREAS** Resolution No. 2019-288 directed staff to inform Animals First that the Town of Cobalt will be the Municipal Partner for the Pet Smart Adoption Program;

**AND WHEREAS** after receipt of the agreement and upon review of the terms;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Resolution No. 2019-288 be reconsidered and that staff be directed to contact Animals First and inform them that the Town of Cobalt will not be entering into an Adoption Partner Agreement.  
CARRIED

**11.3 Requests to rename existing streets were considered and Council discussed and did not achieve consensus on the proposed resolution.**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-230**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor D. Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** further to requests made to change the name of Townsite Road to Kennedy Road and Bunker Lane to Tina’s Trail;

**AND WHEREAS** upon review of the requests by Council;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to contact the proponents informing them of the decision to deny the requests.  
DEFEATED.

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-231**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor M. Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Road currently known as Bunker Lane be changed to Tina’s Trail.  
Carried.

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-232**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor M. Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor B. Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the request to change the name of the Townsite Road to Kennedy Road be denied.  
Councillor M. Johnson asked for a recorded vote.

- P. Anderson F
  - J. Dube F
  - B. Gabbani F
  - M. Johnson A
  - D. Wilcox F
  - G. Othmer F
- Carried.

## 11.4 Holiday Schedule

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-233

**MOVED BY:** Councillor M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt adopt the Holiday Office closure schedule in accordance with the attached report and that proper public notice, be provided.  
Carried.

## 11.5 Consideration for advancing the Dr. Drummond Memorial Park Project beside the Library.

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-234

**MOVED BY:** Councillor D. Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt support the upgrades to the proposed Dr. Drummond Memorial Park in principle.

**AND FURTHER THAT** should a successful grant application by David Brydges for development of the Dr. Drummond Memorial Park go forward, a lease structure is to be set up and provisions will be made for the management of the contracts associated with the project.  
Carried.

## 11.5 Passenger Rail Service Survey support.

### RESOLUTION No. 2020-235

**MOVED BY:** Councillor P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor M. Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt support the reintroduction of passenger rail services for the line formally utilized by the Ontario Northlander.  
Carried.

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

13. **Mayor's Report**

14. **Notices of Motion**

15. **Councillor Updates**

16. **Question and Answer**

17. **Closed Session**

18. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

19. **Confirmation By-Law**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-236**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor J. Dube  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No 2020-48 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular meeting of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

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

**20. Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No.2020-237**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor D. Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:31 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Interim Clerk-Treasurer