

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL COBALT COMMUNITY HALL January 19, 2021 MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer
Councillors: Joe Dube
 Bill Gabbani
 Angela Adshead (via zoom)
 Pat Anderson (via zoom)
 Matthew Johnson (via zoom)
 Doug Wilcox (via zoom)

Staff: John Hodgson, Interim Clerk-Treasurer
 Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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

Councillor Dube declared a conflict of interest with item 12.1 Schedule of Accounts

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2021-01

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of Council dated January 19, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2021-02

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

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

Regular Meeting of Council – December 15, 2020

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Inquiries – Members of the General Public

7. Delegations and Presentations

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

Staff Reports

- a) Public Works Report was reviewed.
- b) Animal Control Report was reviewed. Animal Control Officer to provide an update on an item related to pets.
- c) By-law Officer's Report was reviewed. Councillor B. Gabbani noted the excellent work done by the Bylaw Officer on behalf of the Town of Cobalt.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-03

MOVED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Staff and Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED

9. Correspondence for Council direction:

9.1 Bill C-213, An Act to enact the Canada Pharmacare Act

RESOLUTION No. 2021-04

MOVED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

WHEREAS Members of Parliament are seeking municipal support for Bill C-213, which seeks to establish a universal, publicly administered Pharmacare program based on the same principles as Canada's universal health care program;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate to support the request;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Cobalt gives support for the establishment of a Pharmacare program.
CARRIED

9.2 Security System Upgrade through True Steel Security

RESOLUTION No. 2021-05

MOVED BY: Councillor B. Gabbani

SECONDED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *True Steel Security* be contracted to supply security hardware including cameras, keypads, and a recorder to upgrade our security system at the Town Office, outside of the Fraser, Water Plant, Water Tower and the Works Garage in accordance with attached contract in the full amount of \$10,949.40. The funds will be made available from existing programs: Gas Tax and COVID funding sources.
CARRIED

9.3 Support requested for the upcoming 2021 Census.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-06

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the 2021 Census and

encourages all residents to complete their Census Questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support and services that benefit our community.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence for Council information:

- 10.1 Ministry of Finance – letter re: Property tax assessment measures noted 2021 implications for assessment rates.
- 10.2 Ministry of the Solicitor General – letter concerning Provincial Emergency Declarations. The Stay-at Home-Order to expire on February 9, 2021.
- 10.3 Library protocols for the lockdown was reviewed by Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-07

MOVED BY: Councillor M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence for Council information be adopted as presented.
 CARRIED

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-law 2021-01, a By-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures for the year 2021.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-08

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2021-01 being a By-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures for the year 2021 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of January 2021.
 CARRIED

11.2 By-law 2021-02 to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for the year 2021.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-09

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2021-02 being a By-law to provide for an interim tax levy for the year 2021 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of January 2021.
 CARRIED

11.3 By-law 2021-03 to amend By-law 2020-42 to establish the title for the Clerk-Treasurer and amend Schedule “A” for the appointment for the duties and terms of the Clerk-Treasurer.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-10

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2021-03 being a By-law to amend By-law 2020-42 and Schedule “A” be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of January 2021.
 CARRIED

12. General Business

12.1 Schedules of Accounts

Councillor Dube left the meeting and returned after the vote.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-11

MOVED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Schedule No. 20-24 in the amount of \$137,191.94

Schedule No. 20-25 in the amount of \$122,206.30

Schedule No. 21-01 in the amount of \$48,000.84

Be approved as presented.

CARRIED

13. Motion for which prior notice has been given

14. Mayor's Report

15. Notices of Motion

16. Councillor Updates

17. Question and Answer

18. Closed Session

19. Business Arising from Closed Session

20. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2021-12

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No 2021-04 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 19th day of January 2021,

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

CARRIED

21. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2021-13

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer