

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

March 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor: George Othmer

Councillors: Bill Gabbani
 Pat Anderson
 Angela Adshead (via zoom)
 Doug Wilcox (via zoom)
 Matthew Johnson (via zoom)

Staff: J. Hodgson, Clerk-Treasurer
 D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: J. Dube (with notice)

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**

None

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

RESOLUTION No. 2021-34

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated March 2, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-35

MOVED BY: B. Gabbani

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

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

Regular Meeting of Council – February 16, 2021

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from The Minutes

Councillor Johnson commented on a recent interview by CBC on small Town Museums. He was upset with the disparaging comments about the role of Council, made by a staff member of the Bunker Military Museum. He wanted it noted that the Municipality supports the Bunker in many ways, primarily being through the provision of a commercial space at little to no cost to the Bunker. He asks that the discrepancies be cleared up by the Board of Directors of the Bunker Military Museum.

6. Inquiries – Members of the General Public

None

7. Delegations and Presentations

John Shymko – power point presentation on various virtual meeting options. The Zoom webinar platform was recommended as the best option. A report with recommendations to go to the regular Council meeting of March 16, 2021.

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

None

9. Staff & Committee Reports

9.1 Public Works Report was reviewed.

9.2 Animal Control Report was reviewed. Council was informed that a dog bite incident was reported to the OPP. Staff to look into the incident.

9.3 By-Law Enforcement Report was reviewed. Bylaw Officer was complimented on his job performance.

9.4 Fire Chief Report was reviewed.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-36

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Staff and Committee reports as presented:
CARRIED

10. Correspondence for Council direction:

10.1 2020 Statement of remuneration and expenses for Council members.
Direction – Council requested this item be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

10.2 Request by Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command to put an ad in the Military Service Recognition Book.
Direction – Staff will prepare a resolution for the next Council meeting.

10.3 Discussion of the need to fill vacancies and make appointments for the Cobalt Library Board.
Direction – Staff will advertise for applicants to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of the Board Chair and Treasurer.

10.4 Canada Healthy Communities Initiatives grant request discussion.
Direction – Staff will submit a funding application for the Teck Park revitalization based on the approved concepts and including an upgrade to the electrical system if required.

10.5 Discussion of putting out a tender request for real estate purposes.
Direction – Council agreed to have staff prepare a request for quotation and will prepare a report outlining the Surplus Policy to ensure a fair process is followed for disposal.

- 10.6 Direction required as to whether Council desires to have regular meetings streamed on a platform such as Facebook.

Direction – Council is not in favour of direct streaming to Facebook and prefers a Zoom platform followed by a link to Facebook and the website. Staff to check with Municipal Affairs on whether a Committee structure can act as moderator. Clerk Treasurer Hodgson indicated it is staff's desire to employ a third-party moderator.

Correspondence for Council information:

- 10.7 Mining Museum Post Budget Report and annual request for support.
Direction: Staff will request additional financial information for review.
- 10.8 DSSAB Budget Package for 2021. It was noted that there was a \$4,000 decrease in our billing for 2021.
- 10.9 District School Board Ontario North East Community Planning and Partnerships Policy and Procedure was noted.
- 10.10 Lake Temiskaming Draft Tour Guide was reviewed and commented on.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-37

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Correspondence items as presented.
CARRIED

11. **Other Business**

12. **Closed Session**

13. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

14. **Confirmation By-law**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2021-10 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 2nd day of March 2021.

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. 2021-39

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:29 p.m.
CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER