THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**COBALT COMMUNITY HALL**

**February 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor** George Othmer

**Councillors:** Bill Gabbani

Joe Dube (via zoom)

Angela Adshead (via zoom)

Doug Wilcox (via zoom)

Pat Anderson (via zoom)

Matthew Johnson (via zoom)

**Staff:** John Hodgson, Clerk-Treasurer

Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

# Call to Order:

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

# Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

# None

# Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14**

**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

dated February 2, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

# Approval of Minutes

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15**

**MOVED BY:** B. Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

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

Regular Council meeting of January 19, 2021.

CARRIED

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# Business Arising from The Minutes

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

**7. Delegations and Presentations**

**8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations**

**9.** **Staff & Committee Reports**

**10. Correspondence for Council direction:**

10.1 Consideration whether discussions should be entered into with the Library Board to have administrative responsibilities be carried out by the Town of Cobalt.

Direction – Council to have a Closed Meeting session discussion prior to discussions with the Library. Clerk to prepare report of discussion items.

10.2 Council to consider moving to one Council meeting every three weeks and eliminate the need for a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Direction – Bylaw to be brought to the next meeting for consideration. Clerk to confirm with Municipal Affairs that meeting every 3 weeks meets requirements.

10.3 Consideration of a Lease for the Bunker Military Museum.

Direction – Bylaw adopting Lease to be brought to the next Council meeting for consideration.

10.4 Consideration of a request for financial assistance from the Bunker Military Museum.

Direction – Clerk to prepare report on utility costs; determine whether there is an employee working while the building is closed due to COVID regulations; inquire whether the Board has investigated the grants available for small businesses. Financial assistance amount to be considered by Council.

10.5 Consideration of doing upgrades for the Head Frame and for the Fire Museum/Food Bank to be funded through an application for Gas Tax sourcing.

Direction – Council agreed to proceed with repairs to both buildings. Clerk is to inquire about the timbers from Larose Bridge to repurpose for Headframe repairs.

10.6 Review of the Surface Water Testing Project for the Cobalt Wetlands.

Direction – Clerk to bring report to Regular Meeting with a summary of costs. Project for sampling, to be presented with funding sources. Clerk to follow up on concerns relating to Provincial action.

10.7 Appointment Bylaw consideration for Councillor Mathew Johnson to be the Municipal Member for Member Municipalities on the Provincial Offences Act Committee.

Direction – Council is in favour of the appointment. Clerk to prepare resolution for next meeting.

10.8 Update on process to designate the Right of Way Headframe.

Direction – Council in is in favour of the designation. Clerk to prepare resolution for next meeting.

**Correspondence for Council information:**

10.9 Stay-at-Home Order to expire February 9, 2021. Council to consider sending a resolution to the Province of Ontario to lift the limitations on small businesses in Cobalt.

Direction – Any resolution pertaining to opening small businesses to be prepared with attention to COVID-19 restrictions.

10.10 Cassandra Beaudoin, Administration Clerk in the Water/Tax/Payroll department, has enrolled with Municipal Finance Officers Association’s *Municipal Finance 101, A Fundamentals Course* was noted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**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. 2021-17**

**MOVED BY:** A. Adshead

**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. 2021-05 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 February 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. 2021-18**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** B. Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer