

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

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

Press – 1 member Audience – 1 member

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 Schedule No. 2021-03 invoice no. 754.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2021-19

MOVED BY: B. Gabbani

SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting dated February 16, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2021-20

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following minutes as presented:
 Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 2, 2021.

CARRIED

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes**

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

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

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

9. **Correspondence for Council direction:**

9.1 **Consideration of a request for financial assistance from the Bunker Military Museum. A Leasehold Agreement is in the Bylaws Section.**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-21

MOVED BY: B. Gabbani
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council consider granting advance funding subject to the following requirements:

1. Board approved 2021 Budget
2. 2020 Post Grant Report (sent out previously)
3. Audited Statements for 2018 and 2019
4. Signed Lease
5. Governance structure confirmation with active Board Members and Board Minutes for 2020.

CARRIED

9.2 **Upgrades for the Willet Green Miller Head Frame and for the Fire Museum/Food Bank building, necessary because of structural issues.**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-22

MOVED BY: A. Adshead
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following sole sourced quotations:

1. TBK Construction Inc upgrade to Headframe \$15,000 plus HST
2. TBK Construction Inc upgrade to Fire Museum/Food Bank building \$13,000 plus HST

CARRIED

9.3 Wetlands Surface Water Testing/Sampling Project for the Cobalt Wetlands to be authorized subject to discussions with the Ministry of the Environment.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-23

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attached proposal to complete a sampling program leading to achieving a Certificate of Approval for the Cobalt Wetlands.

CARRIED

9.4 Resolution for Councillor Mathew Johnson to be the Municipal Appointee for Member Municipalities on the Provincial Offences Act Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-24

MOVED BY: A. Adshead
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Cobalt nominate Matthew Johnson for the position of member for the regional Provincial Offences Act Committee.

CARRIED

9.5 Consideration of the Franchise Agreement with Enbridge.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-25

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: This Council approves the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act.

AND FURTHER: This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act.

CARRIED

9.6 Resolution serving notice of intention to designate the Right of Way Headframe as a Heritage site.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-26

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Cobalt to serve Notice of Intention to designate the Right of Way Headframe as a Historic Site.

CARRIED

Correspondence for Council information:

10. By-laws

10.1 Bylaw 2021-06, a Bylaw to amend sections of 2018-36, a Procedural Bylaw. Amendments will bring into force a change in meeting dates and the pausing of Committee of the Whole meetings with the effect of having a regular meeting once every three weeks. This Bylaw to be reviewed on an annual basis for effectiveness.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2021-06 a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2018-36 be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 16th day of February 2021.

CARRIED

10.2 Bylaw to enter into a lease agreement with the Cobalt Bunker Military Museum

RESOLUTION No. 2021-28

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2021-07 a bylaw to authorise a lease between the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt and the Cobalt Bunker Military Museum Board of Directors be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 16th day of February 2021.

CARRIED

10.3 Bylaw to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt and Enbridge Gas Inc.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-29

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2021-08 a bylaw to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt and Enbridge Gas Inc. be given first and second reading.

CARRIED

**11. General Business
11.1 Schedule of Accounts**

Councillor Dube left the meeting and did not participate in the vote.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-30

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the following Schedules as presented:
Schedule No. 2021-02 in the amount of \$123,194.18
Schedule No. 2021-03 in the amount of \$112,811.80

CARRIED

12. Motion for which prior notice has been given

13. Mayor’s Report

14. Notices of Motion

15. Councillor Updates

16. Council Question and Answer

17. **Closed Session**

17.1 **RESOLUTION No. 2021-31**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene in Closed Session as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to subsection: 2(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

18. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

19. **Confirmation By-law**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-32

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2021-09 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 16th 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

20. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-33

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer