

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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

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### PRESENT:

Mayor: George Othmer

Councillors: J. Dube  
B. Gabbani  
A. Adshead (via zoom)  
P. Anderson (via zoom)  
M. Johnson (via zoom)  
D. Wilcox (via zoom)

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

Audience: J. Shymko, media moderator  
M. Wilson, delegation (via zoom)

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. 2021-53

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated April 6, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

#### RESOLUTION No. 2021-54

MOVED BY: B. Gabbani

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the following minutes as presented:  
Regular Council meeting dated March 16, 2021.

CARRIED

**5. Business Arising from The Minutes**

None

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

Clerk-Treasurer Hodgson reported that there were no inquiries from the Public.

**7. Delegations and Presentations**

7.1 Maggie Wilson, Chair of the Cobalt Historical Society, spoke on the temporary banning of entry to the Townsite and Right of Way Mine sites by the ONR.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-55**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

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

CARRIED

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

1. Council agreed that Councillor Anderson would be the liaison with the Historical Society on the issue of the Headframe sites and the ONR.

2. Council to write a letter to the ONR requesting information on the structural stability.

**9. Staff & Committee Reports**

9.1 Public Works Report was reviewed. Councillor Dube asked about the MOE water report.

9.2 Animal Control Report was reviewed.

9.3 By-Law Enforcement was reviewed.

9.4 Fire Chief Report was reviewed. The Mayor to send a letter to the Attorney General's Office about Bunker replacement regulations.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-56**

**MOVED BY:** J. Dube

**SECONDED BY:** B. Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the Staff and Committee reports as presented.

CARRIED

**10. Correspondence for Council direction:**

10.1 Council reviewed the 2021 Draft Capital Budget for the Town of Cobalt and agreed to defer further discussions to the Operating Budget meeting. Clerk Treasurer noted that it was to receive draft approval and to finalized in conjunction with the Operations Budget.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-57**

**MOVED BY:** J. Dube

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopts the 2021 Draft Capital Budget as presented.

CARRIED

10.2 Council reviewed the recent decision by ONR to restrict access to two mine headframes on the Silver Heritage Trail.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-58**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** B. Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approach Ontario Northland to support the designation of the Right of Way Head Frame once the assessment has been completed.

CARRIED

10.3 Approval of a Fire Safety Grant Program Transfer Payment Agreement in the amount of \$4,800 for increased training opportunities and the establishment of virtual inspection program.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-59**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** M. Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario in the amount of \$4,800.

CARRIED

**Correspondence for Council Information:**

10.4 Clerk Treasurer to provide an update on the upcoming Vivian Hylands Art Tour - Cobalt's Art History Shines. Clerk Treasurer outlined the proposed locations for plaques recognizing Artists.

10.5 Report on the Fire at 1 Prospect was provided by the Clerk Treasurer. The upper floor sustained significant damage and the building is uninhabitable until repaired under the guidance of an engineer or architect.

10.6 Update was given on the two upgrade projects located at the Fire Museum Building and Willet Green Miller Headframe.

10.7 Provincial Offences Act reporting for 2020 and budget for 2021 was reviewed.

10.8 Notice Provisions from Ontario Energy Board about the Enbridge Franchise Application was noted.

10.9 Mining Museum financial statements and 2021 budget were reviewed.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-60**

**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** M. Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the correspondence for Council Information.

CARRIED

**11. By-Laws**

11.1 By-Law 2021-12 for requiring the cleaning and clearing of yards.

Council did not come to a consensus on how to address issues such as lawn appearances and the number of hobby cars. Direction given that the two readings of this By-Law be deferred.

11.2 By-Law 2021-13 to provide for the prevention of backflow to the water supply of the Town of Cobalt.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-61**

**MOVED BY:** A. Adshead

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council adopts By-Law 2021-13 to provide for the Prevention of Backflow and Cross Connection Control to the Water Supply of the Town of Cobalt.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.  
CARRIED

**12. General Business**

None

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

None

**14. Mayor's Report**

None

**15. Notices of Motion**

None

**16. Councillor Updates**

16.1 Councillor Wilcox provided a report on Library Board activities and informed Council on the new make-up of the Library Board.

16.2 Councillor Johnson provided a report on the Provincial Offences Committee's activities in 2020 and plans for 2021.

**17. Council Question and Answer**

None

**18. Closed Session**

None

**19. Business Arising from Closed Session**

None

**20. Confirmation By-law**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-62**

**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** A. Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2021-14 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 6th day of April 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. 2021-63**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** M. Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:56 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk Treasurer