

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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

Present:

Mayor George Othmer

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

Absent: A. Adshead (with notice)

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

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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. 2021-40
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated March 16, 2021 as presented.
CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2021-41
MOVED BY: B. Gabbani
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 2, 2021
CARRIED

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes**

None

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

None

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

None

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

None

9. **Correspondence for Council direction:**

9.1 Report provided with recommendation that Council meetings be streamed live in a webinar format on the Zoom Platform.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-42

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council meetings are to be streamed through a webinar on the Zoom platform including the services of a third-party meeting moderator to administer the delivery of the streaming services in accordance with rates established.

CARRIED

9.2 Statement of 2020 remuneration and expenses for Council Members

RESOLUTION No. 2021-43

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the annual statement of 2020 remuneration and expenses for Council members be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Position	Name	Remuneration	Expenses	Total
Mayor	Othmer, George	6,120.00	0.00	6,120.00
Councillor	Anderson, Patricia	3,060.00	0.00	3,060.00
Councillor	Dube, Joseph	3,060.00	0.00	3,060.00
Councillor	Ferguson, Angela	3,060.00	0.00	3,060.00
Councillor	Gabbani, William	3,060.00	0.00	3,060.00
Councillor	Johnson, Matthew	3,060.00	0.00	3,060.00
Councillor	Wilcox, Douglas	3,060.00	0.00	3,060.00

CARRIED

9.3 Remuneration rate setting for Council members for 2021.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-44
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The remuneration rates be set for Council members for 2021 in accordance with the 2020 budget recommendation for 2021 and based on the average of small municipalities in Temiskaming District from the 2018 AMO report. Remuneration rates to be adjusted annually in accordance with the Federal **Cost Price Index**.

RECORDED VOTE:
P. Anderson - F
J. Dube - F
D. Wilcox - F
M. Johnson - F
B. Gabbani - A
G. Othmer - F 5 – F 1 - A

CARRIED

9.4 Placement of an Ad in the Military Service Recognition Book honouring the Cobalt Legion Branch 44

RESOLUTION No. 2021-45
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the placement of a ¼ page ad in the Military Service Recognition Book honouring the Cobalt Legion Branch 44.

CARRIED

9.5 Canada Healthy Communities Initiatives Grant for outdoor passive and active recreation for the full age spectrum be approved for submission in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars to the Government of Canada.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-46
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt approach the Federal Government of Canada for a Grant under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.

CARRIED

9.6 The Town of Cobalt to seek Requests for Quotations for Real Estate Services.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-47
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to contact local real estate services and ask them for a quotation on what services they can provide in marketing surplus properties and available vacant building spaces.
CARRIED

Correspondence for Council information:

10. **By-laws**
 None

11. **General Business**

11.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2021-48
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the following Schedules as presented:

Schedule No. 2021-04 in the amount of \$191,816.22
 Schedule No. 2021-05 in the amount of \$132,602.50
CARRIED

12. **Motion for which prior notice has been given**
 None

13. **Mayor's Report**
 None

14. **Notices of Motion**
 None

15. **Councillor Updates**
 None

16. **Council Question and Answer**
 None

17. Closed Session

17.1 Discussion on the selection of new members to fill Library Board vacancies.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-49
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

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) (b) Personal Matter about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees.
(2) (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.
CARRIED

18. Business Arising from Closed Session

18.1 Appointment of new members to the Library Board.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-50
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following people be appointed to the Library Board:

Joanne Beeson
Victoria Starchuk
Reiner Mielke

CARRIED

19. Confirmation By-law

RESOLUTION No. 2021-51
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2021-11 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the 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 March 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. 2021-52
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.
CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer