

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL April 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor: George Othmer

Councillors: P. Anderson (via zoom)
A. Adshead (via zoom)
J. Dube (via zoom)
B. Gabbani (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 (via zoom)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Dube declared a conflict of interest with item 12.1 Schedule of Accounts 2020-07.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2021-64

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated April 27, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2021-65

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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

Regular Council meeting dated April 6, 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. **Staff & Committee Reports**
None

10. **Correspondence for Council direction:**

10.1 A resolution to amend Schedule “A” to By-Law 2017-047 between the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt and Davis Properties Inc. to manage the property services for the Fraser Building.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-66
MOVED BY:
SECONDED BY:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2017-047 be amended to commence a new three-year term with an adjustment of 8% for cleaning services.
CARRIED

10.2 A resolution to amend the Schedule A to the User Fee By-Law to allow for an administrative charge.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-67
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT. Schedule “C” to By-Law 2020-50 is hereby amended to include the following statement of fees under Administrative Rates: “Unpaid charges added to the Tax Roll for collection \$25.00”.

RECORDED VOTE

A. Adshead F
P. Anderson F
B. Gabbani F
J. Dube F
D. Wilcox F
M. Johnson F
G. Othmer F

CARRIED F- 7 A - 0

Correspondence for Council information:

10.3 Ministry of the Environment – 2020-2021 Annual Report on the Cobalt Drinking Water System

10.4 Consideration to update the Official Plan. Review of Proposal by James Dyment Municipal Planning Consultants.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-68
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Correspondence items as presented. Item 10.4 to be referred to the budget process for consideration.
 CARRIED

11. By-laws

11.1 An updated By-Law to provide for maintaining land in a clean and clear condition.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-69
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021-012, being a By-Law to provide for maintaining land in a clean and clear condition, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of April 2021

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 2011-029 be repealed.
 CARRIED

11.2 An updated By-Law to regulate and establish procedures for Open-Air Burning.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-70
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021-015, being a By-Law to regulate and establish procedures for Open-Air Burning, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of April 2021.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 2011-020 be repealed.
 CARRIED

11.3 An updated By-Law to prohibit and regulate certain noises within the Town of Cobalt.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-71
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021-016, being a By-Law to prohibit and regulate certain noises within the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of April 2021.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 1984-019 be repealed.
 CARRIED

12. General Business

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

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

RESOLUTION No. 2021-72
MOVED BY: B. Gabbani
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the following Schedules as presented:
 Schedule No. 2021-06 in the amount of \$139,768.67
 Schedule No. 2021-07 in the amount of \$162,541.89
 CARRIED

13. Motion for which prior notice has been given

14. Mayor's Report

15. Notices of Motion

15.1 Councillor B. Gabbani would like to have staff prepare a report for the next Council meeting on the option of reducing the number of Council members from six to four for the next term of Council.

15.2 Scheduling a Council meeting to review and adopt a budget for the 2021 fiscal year, in the first week of May 2021.

Council agreed to schedule a Budget Meeting for Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom.

16. Councillor Updates

Councillor Anderson provided an update on the Headframe sites and the assessment to be completed by the ONR. She reported that TVO is producing a film series on small towns boom, bust and boom and Cobalt is scheduled to be the first episode.

Councillor Wilcox provided an updated on the Library and noted funding had been received for four summer student positions.

17. **Council Question and Answer**
None

18. **Closed Session**
None

19. **Business Arising from Closed Session**
None

20. **Confirmation By-law**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-73
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021- 017 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 27th 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. 2021-74
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:14 p.m.
CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer