

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL December 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Minutes

Mayor George Othmer

Councillors: Pat Anderson
Bill Gabbani
Matthew Johnson
Doug Wilcox

Absent: Angela Adshead (with notice)
Joe Dube (with notice)

Staff: John Hodgson, Interim Clerk-Treasurer
Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Media: Temiskaming Speaker

There was one person in the audience

1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Dube submitted a conflict-of-interest declaration form that dealt with the schedule of accounts.
Councillor Dube not present at the meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2020-244

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated December 15, 2020 as presented.
Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2020-245

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following minutes as presented:
Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 1, 2020
Carried.

5. Business Arising from The Minutes

6. Inquiries – Members of the General Public

7. Delegations and Presentations

7.1 Cobalt Public Library – Presentation of 2021 Budget

Georgette Saxton, Library Treasurer, presented the Library Budget request for 2021 funding. A brief review of the highlights of the past year and upcoming year took place. Mrs. Saxton took questions from the Council. Brief will now be referred to the Budget Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-246

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the presentation as presented.
Carried.

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

9. Correspondence for Council direction:

10. Correspondence for Council information:

10.1 Sharon Tysick, Acting Crown, District of Temiskaming, response to Cobalt concerns was discussed. There was general disappointment in the Crown's response on the OPIOID impact on communities. Council agreed to have Councillor Matthew Johnson attend area municipalities to discuss the crisis to come together with a strategy to normalize our municipalities once again.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-247

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Correspondence item as presented.
Carried.

11. By-laws

11.1 By-law 2020-50 User Fee By-law

RESOLUTION No. 2020-248

MOVED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Bylaw No. 2020-50, being a By-Law to establish user fees for the Town of Cobalt facilities and services, be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 15th day of December 2020.
Carried.

11.2 By-law 2020-51 Cobalt and Coleman Water Agreement

RESOLUTION No. 2020-249

MOVED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Bylaw No. 2020-51, being a bylaw to authorise the execution of an agreement with the Township of Coleman for the sale of potable water be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 15th day of December 2020.
Carried.

11.3 By-law 2020-52 Pharmacy Lease Agreement

RESOLUTION No. 2020-250

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Bylaw No. 2020-52 being a bylaw to enter into a lease agreement with 9723765 Canada Inc. for establishing a Pharmacy on the main floor of 24 Prospect Avenue be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 15th day of December 2020, and further that costs for the portion of the main floor occupied by the Pharmacy by apportioned out at 39% of the main floor area.

Carried.

12. General Business

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2020-251

MOVED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

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

Schedule No. 2020-22 in the amount of \$100,993.25

Schedule No. 2020-23 in the amount of \$181,789.10

Carried.

Note Joe Dube declared (written form sent in) a conflict of interest in the line item that dealt with an invoice from his company

12.2 Provincial Waterworks Licensing requirements – Five (5) year Financial Plan

RESOLUTION No. 2020-252

MOVED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the attached five (5) year Financial Plan for the Town of Cobalt Waterworks.

Carried.

13. Motion for which prior notice has been given

14. Mayor's Report

Mayor George Othmer informed Council about plans by St. Patrick School to decorate the Keevil walking trail for the holidays. This effort got Council's support.

15. Notices of Motion

16. Councillor Updates

17. Council Question and Answer

Councillor Gabanni asked if there are any provisions being made for an alternate walking arrangement when the bridge is out of commission. The Interim Clerk Treasurer noted that there is a walking trail and the school is sourcing a volunteer to groom it this winter.

18. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2020-253

MOVED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor P. Anderson

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) (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, and

(2)(f) The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried.

19. Business Arising from Closed Session

A brief report was given on the Closed Session. The Council were given an update by the Interim Clerk Treasurer on human resource litigation.

20. Confirmation By-law

RESOLUTION No. 2020-254

MOVED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2020-53 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 15th day of December 2020.

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. 2020-255

MOVED BY: Councillor D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Mayor

Interim Clerk/Treasurer