

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

November 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

### Minutes

**Present:**

**Mayor** G. Othmer  
**Councillor** P. Anderson  
 J. Dube  
 M. Johnson  
 D. Wilcox

**Absent:** A. Adshead (with notice)  
 B. Gabbani (with notice)

**Staff:** J. Hodgson Interim Clerk/Treasurer  
 D. Taylor Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

**Press** Temiskaming Speaker

There were two people in the audience.

1. **Call to Order:**

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

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

There was no disclosure made.

3. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

**Res No. 2020-217**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated November 3, 2020 as presented.

Moved by: D. Wilcox                      Seconded by: P. Anderson

Carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**Res No. 2020-218**

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

Regular Meeting of Council – October 20, 2020

Moved by: M. Johnson                      Seconded by: J. Dube

Carried.

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes**

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

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

Mita Gibson presented on drug and mental health issues impacting on the quality of life in the community.

Mayor G. Othmer thanked Mita Gibson for the presentation and spoke to the issues raised and how the Town is working with different agencies on this matter. Several Councillors also commented on the matter. Both DSSAB and the Health Unit, who have direct involvement on these matters, will be approached by staff to discuss solutions.

**Res No. 2020-219**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council accept the presentation as presented.

Moved by: D. Wilcox                      Seconded by: M. Johnson

Carried.

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

**9. Staff & Committee Reports**

9.1 By-Law Enforcement – October Report

9.2 Interim Clerk-Treasurer reported on:

1) Boil Water advisory incident was reviewed. Mayor Othmer recognized the professional and quick response provided by the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Public Works, Staff and OCWA.

2) Alleged sandpile incident was reviewed.

3) Council reviewed the notice process for combining water and tax billings.

Res No. 2020-220

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

Moved by: J. Dube

Seconded by: M. Johnson

Carried.

**10. Correspondence for Council direction:**

10.1 Pet Smart Adoption Partner Agreement. Council to re-consider the existing resolution supporting this Agreement.

10.2 There have been two requests to rename existing street names. Council discussed matters relating to historical context, proponents for and against and will decide on action.

10.3 Holiday schedule – request to close office received Council support to be forwarded for approval.

10.5 David Brydges – request for formal partnership agreement for Dr. Drummond Memorial Park. Council to budget for some repair work and is prepared to support an application for funding for an upgrade.

10.6 Residents – request to re-open Municipal Office during COVID Provincial regulations was considered. Municipal Buildings to remain closed to the public (with exceptions for appointments) with COVID restrictions and protocols as set by the Province and Health Unit.

10.7 Ontario Government Transportation Survey was discussed. The Survey will be shared on our Facebook Page and a resolution will be structured to state support for passenger rail services including the possible use of Bud-Car system.

**Res No. 2020-221**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council accept the Correspondence items as presented.

Moved by: P. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Wilcox

Carried.

11. **Other Business**

12. **Closed Session**

13. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

14. **Confirmation By-law**

**Res No. 2020-222**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** *By-law No. 2020-47 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 3rd day of November 2020.*

**AND FUTHER THAT:** *the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the By-law book.*

*Moved by:* P. Anderson  
Carried.

*Seconded by:* J. Dube

15. **Adjournment**

**Res No. 2020-223**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:24 pm.

*Moved by:* D. Wilcox  
Carried.

*Seconded by:* M. Johnson