

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL VIA ZOOM June 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor: G. Othmer

Councillor: A. Adshead
P. Anderson
J. Dube
B. Gabbani
M. Johnson
D. Wilcox

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

Media Moderator: J. Shymko

1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2021-92
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated June 8, 2021, as presented.
CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2021-93
MOVED BY: B. Gabbani
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

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

Regular Meeting of Council – May 18, 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 Resolution authorizing a Letter of Acceptance on the quote from Pederson Construction Inc. For the erection of a building to house the Public Works Garage in the amount of \$528,800 plus HST. This quote does not include electrical, mechanical, or plumbing.

Discussion: Budget for electrical, plumbing, partitions to be sub-contracted.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-94
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to prepare and sign a Letter of Acceptance with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. for the upset fee of \$528,800 plus HST to erect a metal building, including foundation for the Public Works Garage.
CARRIED

10.2 Resolution to OPT-IN to the framework of an OPP Detachment Board for the area served by the Temiskaming Detachment.

Discussion: Municipal representative on Board important to Council after Board framework is set.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-95
MOVED BY: A. Adshead
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt adopt the following OPT-IN resolution in full:
 Whereas the Ministry of the Solicitor General has developed a framework for the creation of an OPP Detachment Board(s) for those municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);

AND WHEREAS under the framework, municipalities and First Nations receiving services from the OPP are being asked to submit one proposal per detachment indicating the composition of their board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has further indicated that municipalities and First Nations working on a joint proposal shall select one municipality or First Nation to complete and submit the proposal;

AND WHEREAS the Temiskaming Detachment of the OPP serves 19 municipalities and one First Nation;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has requested that municipalities and First Nations within a detachment work together to determine the composition of their board(s) as well as the manner in which they will submit their proposal to the Ministry; and

AND WHEREAS representatives of each municipality and the Temagami First Nation met on May 20, 2021 to discuss a proposal for the establishment of three Police Services Boards for the Temiskaming Detachment;

AND WHEREAS in order to finalize the composition of the three Police Services Boards, it is imperative to have formal indication from each municipality and First Nation regarding their willingness to participate;

WHEREAS a municipality or First Nation that chooses not to participate on a detachment board, and forfeits their seat, must provide formal notification so it can be included as part of the proposal to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt hereby agrees to participate in the establishment of three Police Services Boards for the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobalt hereby agrees that the City of Temiskaming Shores shall be responsible for the coordination and submission of a joint proposal on behalf of all 19 municipalities and the Temagami First Nation to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

CARRIED

10.3 Resolution to renew the contract for Animal Control for an additional year.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-96
MOVED BY: B. Gabbani
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

Discussion: review contract terms with Provider for more extensive coverage.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt renew Contract for Animal Control for an additional year with Animals First – Temiskaming Shores & Area Animal Services Roxanne St. Germain.

CARRIED

10.4 Council to consider transferring its 51% shares to Solaire Cobalt Solar Inc. for the Solar Farm and further the Town will charge ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) yearly for the lease of land to Solaire Cobalt Solar Inc.

Discussion: Continue discussions with Solaire re land valuation and lease length.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-97
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer be authorized to affix their signatures to the documents required to transfer our ownership shares and responsibilities for the Solar Farm to Solaire Cobalt Solar Inc. and further that a property rental fee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be paid to the Town yearly be set for the rental of land.

CARRIED

10.5 Fire Department Staff Hiring recommendation

RESOLUTION No. 2021-98
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt supports the hiring of Grant Breault-Neddo as a Volunteer Fire Fighter.

CARRIED

Correspondence for Council information:

10.6 Council to review the Cobalt Constructed Wetland Strategy Session Summary Report.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-99
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached Strategy Summary Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

11. By-laws

11.1 Final Reading of By-Law 2021-08 for the Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-100
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: A. Angela

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2021-08 that was given first and second reading on February 16th, 2021, be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

11.2 Consideration of By-Law 2021-23 a By-Law that gives administration guidelines, through Policy, on Indigent Funeral, Cremation and Burial rights.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-101
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2021-23 being a By-Law to adopt an Indigent Funeral, Cremation and Burial Policy be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of June 2021.
CARRIED

12. General Business
12.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2021-102
MOVED BY: A. Adshead
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

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

Schedule No. 2021-10 in the amount of \$243,313.15
CARRIED

13. Motion for which prior notice has been given
None

14. Mayor’s Report
None

15. Notices of Motion

15.1 Consideration for passage at the next Council meeting is a By-Law to regulate the renting of residential premises for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of the persons residing in the residential rental premises by ensuring that certain regulations are met, that the required essentials such as plumbing, heating and water are provided for ensuring that the residential rental premises do not create a nuisance to the surrounding properties and neighborhood and to protect the residential amenity, character and stability of residential areas.

Discussion: Councillors were encouraged to send comments into staff for review.

16. Councillor Updates
None

17. Council Question and Answer
None

18. Closed Session
None

19. Business Arising from Closed Session
None

20. **Confirmation By-law**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-103
MOVED BY: B. Gabbani
SECONDED BY: _ P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021- 24 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 8th day of June 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. 2021-104
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: _ J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:17 p.m.
CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer