

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VIA ZOOM
May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor: G. Othmer

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

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

Audience: J. Shymko, media moderator

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**

Councillor Dube declared a conflict of interest with item 12.1 – Schedule of Accounts

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

RESOLUTION No. 2021-79
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated May 18, 2021 as presented.
CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-80
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

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

Regular meeting of April 27, 2021
Special meeting of May 4, 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**

9.1 Public Works

9.2 Animal Control – Councillor Anderson noted the Officer has an active cat trap and transport program in place.

9.3 By-Law Enforcement

9.4 Fire Chief - Councillor Dube repeated the notice regarding a 72 hour Emergency Kit and the By-law for Carbon Monoxide Detector and Smoke Alarms

RESOLUTION No. 2021-81

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Staff and Committee reports as presented.
CARRIED

10. **Correspondence for Council direction:**

10.1 Review of report on the pros and cons for reducing the Council numbers from six to four.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-82

MOVED BY: B. Gabbani

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the report and directs staff to seek public consultation on the matter prior to deciding on whether to proceed with changes to the Council composition.
DEFEATED

10.2 Intermunicipal Services Agreement for the administration of Provincial Offences allowing set fines to be transferred to individual property tax accounts.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-83

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Cobalt enter into an Agreement with the City of Temiskaming Shores that will allow any defaulted fine to be added to the Tax roll to any property owned by the defaulting property owners.
CARRIED

10.3 Establishment of an Adhoc Committee to review the Letter of Understanding between the Town and the Union Local for Working Foreman responsibilities and whether to maintain this position with the Union.

The motion was amended to have Councillor Dube as a designate in place of Mayor Othmer.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-84
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council designate Councillor Joseph Dube, Councillor Matthew Johnson and Councillor Doug Wilcox to establish an Adhoc Committee for the purposes of reviewing the Letter of Understanding attached to the Union Agreement.

CARRIED

Correspondence for Council information:

10.4 Review of correspondence to the Town of Englehart from DTSSAB.

1) Staff will forward a letter of support for Englehart's resolution regarding an internal audit of all OW cases for the district and the appropriate adjustment to each municipality without withdrawing from the DTSSAB reserve account.

2) J. Hodgson reported on a meeting with DTSSAB Administration and notice to them that a presentation will be made to the Board requesting the re-designation to a Seniors only building for one of the Cobalt DTSSAB apartment buildings in. A report will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

10.5 KL Opioid Poisoning Prevention Task Force.

Staff will forward a letter of support for this initiative.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-85
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

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

CARRIED

11. By-laws

11.1 By-Law being a bylaw to establish Tax Ratios.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-86
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2021-19 being a By-Law to establish Tax Ratios be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of May 2021.

CARRIED

11.2 By-Law to provide for the adoption of 2021 Tax Rates for Municipal and School Purposes.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-87
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2021-20 being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of 2021 Tax Rates for Municipal and School Purposes and to further provide penalty and interest for payments in default.
 CARRIED

11.3 By-Law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (“OILC”) for financing of the Public Works Garage.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-88
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2021-21 to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing of certain ongoing capital work of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt; to authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital work; and to authorize long-term borrowing for such capital work through the issue of debentures to OILC be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of May 2021.
 CARRIED

12. General Business

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

Councillor Dube did not participate in the vote.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-89
MOVED BY: A. Adshead
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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

Schedule No. 2021-08 in the amount of \$142,589.64
 Schedule No. 2021-09 in the amount of \$94,348.52
 CARRIED

13. Motion for which prior notice has been given

None

14. Mayor’s Report

None

15. Notices of Motion

None

16. Councillor Updates

Councillor Gabbani expressed his disappointment with the barriers placed on the Keevil Trail by the ONR. He reported that a WW2 Solider Memorial that had been stored at Public Works would be on placed on display for the public.

Councillor Anderson reported that the Legacy Funds have been distributed and noted that other Heritage Sites around the Province are also being threatened with dismantle.

Councillor Johnson attended a meeting of the Temiskaming Substance Use Disorder Support Task Force that is working at putting plans in place for programming with the Health Unit and Timiskaming Hospital. He has an upcoming meeting with the Timiskaming Health Unit Opioid Task Force and will bring all findings and information to Council for review.

17. Council Question and Answer

None

18. Closed Session

None

19. Business Arising from Closed Session

None

20. Confirmation By-law

RESOLUTION No. 2021-90
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021-22 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 18th day of May 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. 2021-91
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer