

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL via ZOOM June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor G. Othmer

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

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

Municipal Auditor: Danielle Girard - by Zoom

Media Moderator: One

Audience: There were two people in the audience

1. Call to Order

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and then asked for a moment of silence for the children of the residential schools.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2021-105

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated June 29, 2021 as amended to include item 10.5 – Canada Day.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2021-106

MOVED BY: A. Adshead

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

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

Regular Meeting of Council – June 8, 2021

CARRIED

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes**

None

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

None

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

7.1 2020 Financial Statements. Danielle Girard, municipal auditor, presented the 2020 Financial Statements and Management Letter.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-107

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the 2020 Financial Statements as presented by Kemp, Elliott & Blair, Professional Chartered Accountants.

CARRIED

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

None

9. **Staff & Committee Reports**

9.1 Public Works – monthly report

Discussion: Clerk reported that issues at the Water Plant identified in the report have now been resolved.

9.2 Animal Control – monthly report

RESOLUTION No. 2021-108

MOVED BY: J. Dube

SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

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

CARRIED

10. **Correspondence for Council direction:**

10.1 Intermunicipal Services Agreement – POA approval and the repealing of Temiskaming Shores By-Law 2000-065 be considered.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-109

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the correspondence from the City of Temiskaming Shores that sets out the new grouping of municipal membership and repeals the current By-Law.

CARRIED

10.2 Housekeeping resolution to amend the Solid Waste Management Schedule that allows ticketing for garbage that is deposited on public lands.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-110
MOVED BY: B. Gabbani
SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2015-016 Solid Waste Management, Schedule "A", Section 8.1.5 will be amended to add "i. Pursuant to Section 429 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, Section 8.1.5 of this By-Law is designated as a continuing offence".

CARRIED

10.3 Renewal of the contract for the By-Law Enforcement services

RESOLUTION No. 2021-111
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council renew the contract for a three-year period at the existing rate, with an annual review of mileage rates.

CARRIED

Correspondence for Council information:

10.4 Correspondence from DTSSAB concerning municipal concerns on their use of reserve funds.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-112
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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

CARRIED

10.5 Resolution re Canada Day

RESOLUTION No. 2021-113
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Canada Day Celebrations planned for Thursday, July 1, 2021 be held over for a year and that July 1st, 2021 instead be a day of mourning, reflection and show of unity, solidarity and support for the First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples across Canada in light of the unfolding events involving the discovery of Indigenous Children's remains at numerous residential school sites across Canada;

AND THAT the Town of Cobalt Council release a statement stating their support for Indigenous Peoples as they endure this tragedy alongside them.

Recorded Vote

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

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION No. 2021-114
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Canada Day Celebrations planned for Thursday, July 1, 2021 be held and that July 1, 2021 also be a day of mourning, reflection and show of unity, solidarity and support for First Nations, Metis and Inuit People across Canada in light of the unfolding events involving the discovery of Indigenous Children's remains at numerous residential school sites across Canada;

AND THAT the Town of Cobalt Council release a statement stating their support for Indigenous Peoples as they endure this tragedy alongside them. In addition, the Town of Cobalt will also lower flags to half-mast and do what we are able with time remaining prior to July 1st.

CARRIED

11. **By-laws**

11.1 Consideration of a By-Law for the Licensing and Regulation of Residential Rental Units in the Town of Cobalt.

Discussion: Clerk will take Council comments under consideration prior to third reading.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-115
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021-25 being a By-Law for the Licensing and Regulation of Residential Rental Units in the Town of Cobalt be given first and second reading.

CARRIED

12. **General Business**

12.1 **Schedule of Accounts**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-116
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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

Schedule No. 2021-11 in the amount of \$147,252.21

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 Anderson – reported that the Golden Age Club will require a letter of support from the Town for a funding application they are interested in.

17. **Council Question and Answer**
Councillor Adshead – requested information on the contract renewal for Davis Property Management for the next meeting.

18. **Closed Session**
None

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

20. **Confirmation By-law**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-117
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: _ A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2021-26 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 29th 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.

21. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-118
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer