THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL AUGUST 31, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. AGENDA

1. <u>Call to Order</u>

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated August 31, 2021 as presented.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

4. Approval of Minutes

DRAFT MOTION

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

Regular Meeting of Council – August 10, 2021

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

5. Business Arising from The Minutes

6. Inquiries – Members of the General Public

7. <u>Delegations and Presentations</u>

Jim Dyment – update on the Official Plan Review that the Town is in the process of undertaking.

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the delegation as presented.

Moved by:

VOTE

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

9. <u>Staff & Committee Reports</u>

- 9.1 By-Law Enforcement
- 9.2 Public Works

DRAFT MOTION

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

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Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

10. <u>Items for Council direction:</u>

10.1 Establishing a new signing authority responsibility.

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS all financial transactions and banking instruments require two signatures by the Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Cassandra Beaudoin to become an alternate signing authority for all banking instruments. Council confirms that John Hodgson, Clerk-Treasurer remains the primary signing authority and Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer remains as an alternate signing authority.

AND FURTHER THAT: Council confirm that George Othmer, Mayor remains the primary signing authority and Doug Wilcox, Deputy Mayor remains the alternate on behalf of Council.

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Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

10.2 Altering office hours and admin staff hours.

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the report on altering of Municipal Office hours and Admin Staff hours. The Municipal Office hours will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Lunch hour will now be reduced by one/half hour and will go from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm while remaining closed. Office staff working hours will go from 35 hours per week to 37.5 hours. This will be effective as of September 1, 2021.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

10.3 Report prepared by staff on ongoing changes to vaccine protocols.

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Staff report as presented and further direct staff to adapt and implement Temiskaming Health Unit directives and the Province of Ontario's soon to be released template for municipal vaccine protocols implementation. In the interim the Council meetings will be open to the public with appropriate and current COVID 19 protocols.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

10.4 Trailer Park Fee Consolidation

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to consolidate the current 3 billing fee structure into one monthly bill for Trailer Park tenants. This fee structure would be implemented as of January 1, 2022. A 90-day notice to tenant is required.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

10.5 Requests for Community Hall rentals to be considered in light of COVID Protocols.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt defer approving all Community Hall rental applications, as the evolving and unpublished protocols around COVID mandates including vaccination requirements make it difficult for the Town, as the building owner, to establish rules and protect itself from liabilities associated with this matter. This decision will be reviewed in early 2022. The exception is that the Community Hall will continue to hold Council meetings.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

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Items for Council information:

11. <u>By-laws</u> 11.1 By-Law No. 2021- 29 authorizing the debenture for Public Works Garage new build.

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached By-Law 2021-29, being a By-Law to authorize the borrowing upon amortization debentures in the principal amount of \$800,000 towards the cost of the community public works facility for the Town of Cobalt be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 31st day of August 2021

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

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11.2 Amendment to By-Law 2021-12 (Clean Yards) that will allow a limit for the court's consideration when ruling on By- Law infractions, not addressed through ticketing.

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 5.4 of By-Law 2021-12 (Clean Yards) be amended to state: Pursuant to section 429(1) of the Municipal Act, a person convicted of an offence contrary to a provision of this By-Law in a proceeding commenced under Part III of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, is liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000.

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12. <u>General Business</u>

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

DRAFT MOTION

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

Schedule No. 2021-15 in the amount of \$167,460.17

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

- 13. Motion for which prior notice has been given
- 14. <u>Mayor's Report</u>
- 15. Notices of Motion
- 16. Councillor Updates
- 17. <u>Council Question and Answer</u>

18. <u>Closed Session</u>

DRAFT MOTION

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) (b) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or school board employees.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

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19. <u>Business Arising from Closed Session</u>

20. Confirmation By-law

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2021- 30 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 31st day of August 2021

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE

21. Adjournment

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE