

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL September 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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### Present:

**Mayor** George Othmer  
**Councillors:** Pat Anderson  
 Joe Dube  
 Bill Gabbani  
 Matthew Johnson  
 Angela Adshead (via zoom)  
 Doug Wilcox (via zoom)

**Staff:** John Hodgson, Clerk-Treasurer  
 Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
 Cassandra Beaudoin

### Media Moderator

**Audience** One

1. **Call to Order**  
Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**  
None
3. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-154**  
**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated September 21, 2021 as presented.  
 CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-155**  
**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

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

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 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. **Items for Council direction:**

**10.1 Survey Monkey for Recreation Planning.**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-156**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt send out a survey to get public feedback to assist with the development of a Recreation Master Plan for the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

Staff was directed to revise the draft survey and then submit to Council for final approval.

**10.2 CUPE Letter of Understanding re COVID 19.**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-157**

**MOVED BY:** J. Dube

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Letter of Understanding dated March 2020 with the CUPE Local Union 127 and the Town of Cobalt concerning a COVID-19 Response be removed as the protocols are no longer current with the Province and Temiskaming Health Unit's directives.

DEFERRED

Council deferred review of the Letter Of Understanding to a date closer to negotiations.

**10.3 Timmins Police Service – renewal of Fire Dispatch contract, as our current contract expires December 31, 2021.**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-158**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt agree to enter into a new contract with the City of Timmins for the provision of a Twenty-Four-hour Emergency Fire Call Responses System that will go from 2022 to 2026.

CARRIED

**10.4 Property Information Certificate change to keep current with legal billings normally associated with real estate property sales.**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-159**  
**MOVED BY:** B. Gabbani  
**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the current Tax Certificate (\$50.00 per roll number) and Departmental Compliance Letter (\$50.00 per roll number) be consolidated into one **Property Information Certificate** at a fee of \$100.00 per Roll Number;

**AND FURTHER THAT** By-Law 2020-50 - To Establish User Fees, be amended to add

- a. Duplicate Copy of Property Tax Billing at a rate of \$50.00 per roll number and
- b. Statement of Account at a rate of \$20.00 per roll number

CARRIED

**10.5 Decision to proceed with an application to renovate an area at the Fraser to provide a replacement for the Hoist Room, or at the former Medical Centre as recommended by an AdHoc committee in 2020.**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-160**  
**MOVED BY:** J. Dube  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Gabbani

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council support an application to Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation Corporation to alter and renovate an area adjacent to the common room of the Fraser Building to accommodate a Wellness Centre with a passive and active exercise and wellness facility.

CARRIED

**10.6 Consideration given to the Fire Museum Building its contents, tenant, and whether a fix is in order or should the building be demolished.**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-161**  
**MOVED BY:** J. Dube  
**SECONDED BY:** M. Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Food Bank be approached with an offer to relocate to a 60% portion of the former medical centre or alternatively for the Food Bank Executive to seek another location on their own for their services brought about because of the structural issues at the former Fire Museum.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the contents of the Fire Museum be removed and stored temporarily until disposed of either through returns to donators, sale, or outright disposal.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Engineer's report and recommendation of options be received, and staff prepare a response to the report for Council consideration at the next council meeting.

CARRIED

**Items for Council information:**

10.7 EXP – Lang Street Bridge Inspection report

10.8 DTSSAB – response to June 12, 2021 delegation

Council directed Staff to forward a letter to all the DTSSAB member Municipalities asking them to re-direct the attention of their Board representatives to a better conclusion with respect to Cobalt's request to have DTSSAB designate their building on Ferland Avenue, Cobalt to a Seniors only residence.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-162**  
**MOVED BY:** A. Adshead  
**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

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

11. **By-laws**  
 None

12. **General Business**

12.1 **Schedule of Accounts**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-163**  
**MOVED BY:** A. Adshead  
**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the following Schedules as presented:  
 Schedule No. 2021-16 in the amount of \$119,819.14  
 Schedule No. 2021-17 in the amount of \$95,140.28  
 CARRIED

Note – Councillor Adshead excused herself from the meeting briefly.

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 on a meeting she attended with the Historical Society. A delegation from the Committee will come to Council for a discussion on the Heritage Trail.

17. **Council Question and Answer**  
 Councillor Wilcox spoke on the need for maintenance on the handrails and strategic planting of trees for next Spring. These items will be brought to next year's budget and Councillor Wilcox asked for Council input on the matter prior to budget deliberations for 2022.

18. **Closed Session**

**RESOLUTION No.** 2021-164  
**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**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.  
 CARRIED

19. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

20. **Confirmation By-law**

**RESOLUTION No.** 2021-165  
**MOVED BY:** B. Gabbani  
**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. 2021-31 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 21st day of September 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.** 2021-166  
**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson  
**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.  
 CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer