

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL November 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer

Councillors: Pat Anderson
Matthew Johnson
Joe Dube
Doug Wilcox (via zoom)

Absent: Bill Gabbani (with notice)
Angela Adshead (with notice)

Staff: John Hodgson, Clerk-Treasurer (via zoom)
Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Cassandra Beaudoin

Media Moderator

Audience One

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**

None

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

Councillor Wilcox requested Motion 10.5 be considered in two motions rather than one motion.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-181
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated November 2, 2021, as amended.
CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-182
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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

Regular Meeting of Council October 12, 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 to hire a Town Manager effective November 8, 2021.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-183
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt hire Steve Dalley as the Town Manager effective November 8, 2021, and that the appropriate By-Law be heard to assign statutory responsibilities as the Clerk and Treasurer, be read in the By-Law section of this meeting.
CARRIED

10.2 Consideration of Vaccination Policy for the Town of Cobalt

RESOLUTION No. 2021-184
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attached Town of Cobalt Vaccination Policy to be presented to the CUPE Local 127 at the November negotiations for a proposed implementation date of November 30, 2021.
 CARRIED

Councillor Anderson suggested that all Municipal Staff be fully vaccinated.

10.3 Reopening of the Town Office to public traffic.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-185
MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to bring a report on the reopening of the office protocols for the meeting of November 23, 2021.
 CARRIED

Councillors Johnson and Wilcox requested a thorough report and that any re-opening be managed in a careful and comprehensive way.

10.4 Consideration for partnering with FedNor in hiring a Municipal Intern for an 18-month period.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-186
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of a Municipal Intern for an 18-month period.
 CARRIED

10.5 Consideration on the status of the Heritage Trail as it relates to insurance and municipal support and partnership.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-187
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt support the Historical Society through a grant of \$1,300 for securing insurance coverage.
 CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2021-188
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town entertain discussions with the Township of Coleman and the Historical Society once the outcomes and impacts of the ONR led evaluation are made public.
CARRIED

Councillor Anderson would like the discussions with Coleman on who does what to begin now rather than wait for the outcome of the ONR report.

10.6 Consideration of a greening proposal for the connecting link portion of the road system in Cobalt.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-189
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS the United Nations has cautioned the world that global heating may not be reversed in the near term, but that effective measures may still be able to moderate climate change; and

WHEREAS recent data indicates that greenhouse gases are continuing to accumulate at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to ensure our community's environment remains as hospitable as possible for our residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council undertake measures to aid in offsetting the approaching and very dangerous effects of these changes to our local climate by adopting such green measures that present themselves from time to time and which shall include but not be limited to the strategic planting of trees throughout our community, including the Highway 11B corridor and all parks and green spaces; and,

THAT Council consult with an arborist to assist with the species and spacing of said trees and prepare a plan and a budget for the planting of said trees beginning in the spring of 2022.

CARRIED

Councillor Wilcox agreed to spearhead the project in the spring.

Correspondence for Council information:

10.7 Ontario Provincial Police 2022 Annual Billing package was noted.

10.8 Letter to Heads of Council for the 2022 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) with the funding details.

10.9 Copy of letter from Mayor Othmer to District of Temiskaming Social Services Board communities on the Town's effort to seek a designated Seniors Complex. Included is the response from DTSSAB on the Town's request was noted.

Council is in support of continuing to pursue this designation and is hopeful for full support from the other member municipalities who are experiencing similar concerns. Council would like to request a representative from DTSSAB attend Council for further explanation of their decision.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-190
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

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

11. By-Laws

11.1 Appointment By-Law for Town Manager Steve Dalley.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-191
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021- 35 being a By-Law to appoint a Town Manager be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 2nd day of November 2021.
CARRIED

11.2 By-Law 2021-32 to regulate traffic and parking of vehicles in the Town of Cobalt.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-192
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021- 32 being a By-Law to regulate traffic and parking of vehicles within the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of November 2021.
CARRIED

11.3 By-Law 2021-33 to regulate the removal and relocation of snow within the Town of Cobalt (repeals By-Law 2008-12)

RESOLUTION No. 2021-193
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021- 33 being a By-Law to regulate the removal and relocation of snow within the Town of Cobalt, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 2nd day of November 2021.
CARRIED

12. **General Business**

12.1 **Schedule of Accounts**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-194
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

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

Schedule No. 2021-19 in the amount of \$162,033.90
Schedule No. 2021-20 in the amount of \$171,692.33
CARRIED

13. **Motion for which prior notice has been given**

None

14. **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Othmer commended David and Dwight Brydges for the excellent job they did on the Dr. William Henry Drummond Memorial Park installation next to the Cobalt Public Library.

15. **Notices of Motion**

Councillor Wilcox requested that the following motion be tabled at this meeting for Council consideration.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-195
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resume the regular schedule of meetings as per our Policies and Procedures, commencing on December 1, 2021.
CARRIED

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. 2021-196
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021-36 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 2nd day of November 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. 2021-197
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer