

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

December 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer

Councillors: Pat Anderson
 Bill Gabbani
 Matthew Johnson
 Doug Wilcox (via zoom)
 Angela Adshead (via zoom)

Absent: Joe Dube (with notice)

Staff: S. Dalley, Town Manager
 J. Hodson, Clerk-Treasurer, Advisory (via zoom)
 D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
 C. Beaudoin, Administration Clerk
 D. Adshead, Working Foreman

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**
 None
3. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-214

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated December 7, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2021-215

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

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

Special meeting of Council – November 23, 2021

Regular meeting of Council – November 23, 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. **Items for Council direction:**

10.1 Date for January Committee of the Whole meeting.

Direction: The Committee of the Whole Meeting will be rescheduled to January 11, 2022.

10.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - request for Town of Cobalt to sign as a guarantor for DTSSAB re the Fraser Building.

Direction: a resolution will be presented at the next Regular Council Meeting. The Ministry has not yet forwarded the information requested by the Town with respect to the loan and terms remaining.

10.3 Brandon Ouellette – request to purchase vacant Municipal lot adjacent to 56 Jamieson Street.

Direction: a resolution will be presented at the next Regular Council Meeting as per the Property Disposal By-Law.

10.4 David Pinkney – proposal to rent Municipal space.

Direction: Council thanked Mr. Pinkney for his proposal. Due to ongoing renovations required the space will not be available for rental at this time.

10.5 OCWA – Annual Capital Letter and Major Maintenance 5-year plan.

Victor Legault, Senior Operations Manager with OCWA, reviewed the 2022 estimated capital expenditures for the Municipality's Water Plant and Wetlands with Council.

Direction: a resolution to receive the cost estimates will be presented at the next Regular Council Meeting. The estimates will be referred to the 2022 budget discussions.

Items for Council information:

10.6 FONOM – notice of Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund (NORDS).

Cobalt has access to \$73,013 annually for 5 years for expenses that are related to road maintenance and construction.

10.7 DTSSAB – 2021 Q3 K. Black, CAO report to DTSSAB Board.

Mayor Othmer called Council's attention to page 12 of the report "Overview of Client Type Applicants compared to 2020" and noted that the 2021 pie chart shows seniors are now the majority households on the Centralized Waitlist..

RESOLUTION No. 2021-216

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the items as presented:
CARRIED

11. Other Business

11.1 2022 Budget – Council goals and priorities discussion

Mayor Othmer asked that Council refer any budget considerations, in writing, directly to the Town Manager.

11.2 Draft Policy – Town of Cobalt Video Surveillance Policy

Direction: Policy will be presented in By-Law form at the next Regular Council Meeting.

11.3 Town of Cobalt Vaccination Policy - will be formalized with a By-Law at next Regular meeting.

Direction: Council requested the cost to the Municipality for the Rapid Antigen Testing. The Draft Policy will be referred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting for further discussion.

12. Closed Session

None

13. Business Arising from Closed Session

None

14. Confirmation By-law

RESOLUTION No. 2021-217

MOVED BY: A. Adshead

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2021-39 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 7th day of December 2021.

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

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2021-218

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:31 p.m.
CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk