

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

January 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor George Othmer

Councillors: A. Adshead (via zoom)
 P. Anderson (via zoom)
 J. Dube (via zoom)
 B. Gabbani (via zoom)
 D. Wilcox (via zoom)

Absent: M. Johnson (with notice)

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

Media Moderator

1. **Call to Order:**
 Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6.40 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
 None
3. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-01

MOVED BY: B. Gabbani

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated January 11, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

Mayor Othmer noted that Councillor Wilcox has requested time to speak under Other Business.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-02

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

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

Regular meeting of Council – December 21, 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**

9.1 **Public Works** - December 2021 report

D. Adshead reported there are many repeat offenders with respect to parking issues. The next step is the issuance of tickets for violations through the By-Law Department.

9.2 **Animal Control** – October and November 2021 reports

Councillor Anderson reported that volunteers fundraise to assist with spay/neuter/vaccine clinics and are not charged to the Municipality.

9.3 **By-Law Enforcement** – December 2021 report

RESOLUTION No. 2022-03

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

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

CARRIED

10. **Items for Council direction:**

10.1 **Draft Vaccination Policy**

Direction: under additional requirements - add “option to work from home, if applicable, with a deadline of April 30, 2022”.

10.2 Animal Control Contract

Direction: staff is to send out a Request for Quotations for the provision of animal control services.

10.3 OPP charges into tax levy

Direction: defer to next Committee of the Whole meeting with a staff report and recommendations.

10.4 By-Law 2002-004 Purchasing Policy

Direction: staff to bring an updated policy to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for Council review. The current By-Law is to be followed.

10.5 Amendment to Traffic and Parking By-Law 2021-32

Direction: defer to the next Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

10.6 DTSSAB Q3 report

Councillor Wilcox spoke on the report and noted that the stats have changed indicating seniors are now the largest group seeking affordable housing.

Direction: allow additional 4 weeks for other Municipalities to comment, Councillors Gabbani and Anderson to gather letters of testimonies from residents affected, staff will prepare package to request DTSSAB reconsider their decision, noting the stats have changed in favour of seniors seeking housing. Copy MPP and Minister of Housing on all correspondence.

Items for Council information:

10.7 Township of James – letter to DTSSAB re concerns for seniors housing

10.8 Township of Harley – resolution of support for Cobalt's request for redesignation of the Ferland Building

10.9 Ministry of Northern Development & Mines – Cobalt area mining hazards preliminary findings EXP – Townsite #1 report

RESOLUTION No. 2022-04

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the items as presented.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

Mayor Othmer gave Councillor Wilcox the opportunity to speak on the following items:

1. Paving of medians that took place this summer.
2. Purchase of winter sand.
3. Snow removal.
4. Implementation of an OLD BUSINESS section in the Procedural Bylaw.

Staff has provided a response to each item. Direction to staff included a review of the Purchasing Bylaw and the Procedural Bylaw with a report back to Council at the end of the second quarter. Council Wilcox will bring forward a notice of motion at the next meeting dealing with budget matters.

12. Closed Session

None

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

14. **Confirmation By-law**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-05

MOVED BY: B. Gabbani

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2022-01 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 11th day of January 2022.

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. 2022-06

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk