

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL February 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor George Othmer

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

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

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. 2022-23

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated February 15, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-24

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 1, 2022.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from The Minutes

None

6. Inquiries – Members of the General Public

None

7. Delegations and Presentations

7.1 Cobalt Public Library - Kendra Lacarte, Librarian and Maggie Wilson, Board Chairperson (via zoom)

Kendra Lacarte presented the 2022 proposed revenue and expenses. The Board is requesting \$47,852.00 as a Municipal allocation for 2022. 2021’s Municipal allocation was \$40,000.00. Council requested further information on 2021 actuals and the number of patrons from Coleman Township.

7.2 Evan Franks, Municipal Intern

Evan reported on the activities he has been tasked with during the interim reporting period.

8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

None

9. Items for Council direction:

9.1 Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) Operations and Maintenance Services

RESOLUTION No. 2022-25

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached report entitled Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) Operations and Maintenance Agreement Proposal be received,

THAT Council hereby accepts the Proposed Agreement with OCWA for Operations and Maintenance Services of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems, and

THAT staff be directed to present a By-Law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency for a 10 year term.

Recorded Vote:

- A. Adshead F
- P. Anderson F
- J. Dube F
- B. Gabbani A
- M. Johnson F
- D. Wilcox A
- G. Othmer F

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CARRIED

9.2 Surplus lots

RESOLUTION No. 2022-26

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declare the following lots surplus to municipal needs and further that an appraisal be obtained for the property to proceed for sale once the requirements of By-Law 2014-06 Disposal of Real Property of the Corporation, have been met.

93 Cobalt Street (vacant lot)

Laird Ave lot next to 34 Ferland Street (vacant lot)

CARRIED

9.3 Procedures By-Law No. 2018-36

RESOLUTION No. 2022-27

MOVED BY: J. Dube

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff prepare a comprehensive review and recommendation with options for Council to provide input and consider a new and updated Procedures By-Law. Changes to include, but are not limited to, recent incremental changes to the By-Law.

CARRIED

9.4 Provincial review requires a new resolution to update Resolution No. 2021-224 for the Wellness Fitness Centre. The original resolution had a figure of \$9,400.00 this resolution has the revised amount of \$10,040.00

RESOLUTION No. 2022-28

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

WHEREAS at the December 21, 2021 Council passed a resolution that stated the Town of Cobalt confirm funding commitment towards the Cobalt Wellness and Fitness Centre, Project # 7500026, through an approved budget of 9.4k and further commit to funding any over-run in project costs under current municipal revenue and operating working reserves;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario requires a change in totals to \$10,040 to better reflect new information;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Cobalt confirm funding commitment towards the Cobalt Wellness and Fitness Centre, Project # 7500026, through an approved municipal portion budget of \$10,040 and further commit to funding any over-run in project costs under current municipal revenue and operating working reserves including a small recreation reserve of \$12,164.

CARRIED

9.5 In accordance with direction of Council, Special Council meetings for the Budget Process to be set.

Due to a conflict in dates the resolution was amended with a meeting date of March 3, 2022.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-29

MOVED BY: J. Dube

SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Special meeting of Council for Budget Process be set as follows:

- 1. Capital Budget - March 3, 2022 Community Centre at 2:00 p.m.

Subsequent meetings to be determined.

CARRIED

9.6 Council is looking to revise the agenda portion of the Procedures By-Law to allow for a section entitled Outstanding Business. Staff to provide a form to be populated at Council direction with items that they identify are outstanding. This change will only impact the Committee of the Whole meeting agendas.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-30

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a section entitled Outstanding Business be added to the Committee of the Whole meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

Items for Council information:

None

10. By-laws

10.1 By-Law No. 2022-04 - Borrowing By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2022-31

MOVED BY: M. Johnson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2022-04 being a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures for the year 2022 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of February 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT the By-Law be signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk.

CARRIED

10.2 By-Law No. 2022-05 – Interim Tax Levy

RESOLUTION No. 2022-32

MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2022-05 being a By-Law to provide for an interim tax levy for the year 2022 with two installments dated March 31, 2022 and April 29, 2022 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of February 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT the By-Law be signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk.
CARRIED

10.3 By-Law No. 2022-06 – Amendment to User Fee By-Law to add labour rate

RESOLUTION No. 2022-33

MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2022-06 being a By-Law to amend By-Law No. 2022-50 to add labour rate to Schedule C be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of February 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT the By-Law be signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk.
CARRIED

10.4 By-Law No. 2022-07 – Amendment to Traffic and Parking By-Law No. 2021-32

RESOLUTION No. 2022-34

MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: B. Gabbani

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2022-07 being a By-Law to adopt amendment No. 1 to the Traffic and Parking By-Law No. 2021-32 be taken as read a first and second time this 15th day of February 2022.
CARRIED

10.5 By-Law No. 2022-08 a By-Law to enter into a funding agreement with the Province of Ontario for a five year period re NORDS funding, a fund established to mitigate damage to infrastructure from resource industry impacts.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-35

MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2022-08 being a By-Law to authorize the entering into an Agreement between the Town of Cobalt and the Province Ontario for NORDS funding be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 15th of February 2022.
CARRIED

11. **General Business**
11.1 **Schedule of Accounts**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-36

MOVED BY: J. Dube
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the following Schedules as presented:
Schedule No. 2022-02 in the amount of \$305,569.03.
Schedule No. 2022-03 in the amount of \$109,902.79.

CARRIED

12. **Motion for which prior notice has been given**
None

13. **Mayor’s Report**
Mayor Othmer reported that EXP has been retained by the ONR (property owners) to complete discovery work on the Townsite Headframe in the next week.

14. **Notices of Motion**
None

15. **Councillor Updates**
None

16. **Council Question and Answer**
None

17. **Closed Session**
None

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

19. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-37

MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: J. Dube

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk