

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

May 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

### MINUTES

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#### PRESENT:

**Deputy Mayor:** Doug Wilcox

**Councillors:** Angela Adshead  
Pat Anderson  
Joe Dube  
Matthew Johnson

**Absent:** George Othmer (with notice)

**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

#### 1. Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Wilcox allowed Councillor Adshead to make a brief statement in response to a concern brought to Council from a resident who alleged disrespectful behaviour.

Councillor Adshead stated - I understand there has been some criticism about my crocheting at Council meetings and I wanted to let you know you will continue to see me crocheting at meetings. I believe the last three years have proven that I have an ability to multitask and am fully engaged in the meetings. Crocheting is my way of dealing with stress which helps with managing my multiple sclerosis and no disrespect is meant.

#### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-77**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated May 3, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-78**

**MOVED BY:** J. Dube

**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**

9.1 Public Works – David Adshead, Working Foreman reviewed the April 2022 Report with Council and gave an update on the progress of the new garage building.

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-79**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**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 2022 Budget

The 2022 Capital and Operations Budget was presented to Council. There was general support for the contents of the presentation with the following direction to Staff:

#### Capital Budget:

- 1) Provide a quote on paving Laird Laneway.
- 2) If there are cost savings in a project submission, Council will identify the next priorities.

#### Operations Budget:

- 1) Provide the Budget Summary using a 1.5% tax levy increase.
- 2) Provide information on the Library surplus from 2021.
- 3) Add \$5,000.00 for Public Works Supervisory Training.

Direction: Provide a staff report on leases that are occupying Municipally owned commercial spaces and that are generating a revenue.

Further budget discussions will be held at a Special Meeting of Council on May 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

### 10.2 Vacant Council

Deputy Mayor Wilcox reported that Mita Gibson and Gary Hughes were the two applicants interested in filling the vacant seat. As no requests to present to Council were received for the Committee of the Whole meeting, the applicants were invited to make a presentation at the next Council meeting on May 17, 2022.

### 10.3 Spring/Fall Clean-up

David Adshead, Working Foreman, provided a report to Council on the merits and flaws of reinstating a Spring/Fall Clean-up for residents.

Direction: Council requested Mr. Adshead report back to Council on costs and make a recommendation on which category of items should be considered for pickup in the Spring vs the Fall.

### 10.4 Surplus lots

Steven Dalley, Town Manager, reported that two bids had been received within the advertised timeline with a third bid coming in after the timeline.

Direction: Council accepted the bids submitted within the timeline for the advertised lots on Jamieson Street and Laird Crescent and directed Staff to begin purchase discussions with the successful bidders. Council further directed that the lot at 93 Cobalt Street be readvertised for an additional month.

**Items for Council information:****10.5 Canada Summer Jobs**

Evan Franks, Municipal Intern, reported that approval had been received for 4 students for an 8-week work term with the Federal Government Grant providing 50% funding. The following positions will be advertised:

- 2 – General Labourers
- 1 – Landscape Labourer
- 1- Teck Park Attendant

**10.6 By-Law 2021-25 Licensing and Regulation of Residential Rental Units**

Council discussed Sections contained in the By-law that they would like to see clarified.

- Section 8.7 - Required period of time
- Section 10.4 – Decision of Clerk is final
- Section 12.3 – Identify Town fine vs Court fine

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-80**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** A. Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the items for Council direction and information as presented.

CARRIED

**11. Other Business**

None

**12. Outstanding Business**

There were no questions on the outstanding list provided to Council in the Town Manager's report.

**13. Closed Session****RESOLUTION No. 2022-81**

**MOVED BY:** J. Dube

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**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) (a) Security of the property of the Municipality or Local Board

(2) (d) Labour relations or employee negotiations

CARRIED

14. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

Staff received direction from Council on two closed session matters.

15. **Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-82**

**MOVED BY:** J. Dube

**SECONDED BY:** A. Adshead

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

CARRIED

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Deputy Mayor

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Clerk