

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL May 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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### PRESENT:

**Mayor** George Othmer

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

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

### 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**  
Councillor Johnson declared a conflict of interest with item 11.1 - Schedule of Accounts.
3. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

#### RESOLUTION No. 2022-89

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated May 17, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-90**

**MOVED BY:** J. Dube

**SECONDED BY:** A. Adshead

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 3, 2022  
Special Meeting – May 5, 2022

CARRIED

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes**

None

6. **Inquiries – Members of the General Public**

None

Mayor Othmer explained the procedure for inquiries from members of the public and that questions are to be limited to current agenda items as per the Procedural By-law.

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

**7.1 Gary Hughes – candidate for vacant Council seat (via zoom)**

Mr. Hughes addressed Council on his desire to fill the vacant Council seat.

8. **Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-91**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**WHEREAS** as a result of a vacant Council seat, Council passed resolution 2022-70 inviting individuals to submit their applications;

**AND WHEREAS** Council received interest from 2 candidates, with 1 candidate deciding to withdraw;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt Council appoints Gary Hughes to fill the Council vacancy effective June 7, 2022 at which time he will complete his Declaration of Office as per Section 232 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

CARRIED

**9. Items for Council direction:**

**9.1 Appointment of Steven Dalley as FOI Coordinator**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-92**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**WHEREAS** Municipal Councils must appoint a head who is responsible to review, analyze and respond to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act (MFIPPA) from the general public and justice staff sector;

**AND WHEREAS** this appointment has been delegated to the Municipal Clerk;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council appoints Town Manager, Clerk-Treasurer Steven Dalley as FOI Coordinator for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

**9.2 Update to Corporate Signing Authority**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-93**

**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**WHEREAS** all financial transactions and banking instruments require two signatures on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt;

**AND WHEREAS** the Corporation account requires an update to the authorizations on file;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council authorizes the following as signing authorities on behalf of Administration:

Steven Dalley - Primary

Dale Taylor and Cassandra Beaudoin - Alternates

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council authorizes the following as signing authorities on behalf of Council:

George Othmer - Primary

Doug Wilcox - Alternate

CARRIED

**Items for Council information:**

None

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-94**

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

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

CARRIED

**10. By-Laws**

**10.1 By-Law to establish Tax Ratios for 2022**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-95**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2022-12 being a By-Law to establish Tax Ratios for the taxation year 2022 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022;

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

CARRIED

**10.2 By-Law to adopt the Tax Rates for 2022**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-96**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2022-13 being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of 2022 Tax Rates for Municipal and School Purposes and to further provide penalty and interest for payments in default be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022;

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

CARRIED

**10.3 By-Law 2022-14 an amendment to By-Law 2021-25 Licensing and Regulation of Residential Rental Units in the Town of Cobalt**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-97**

**MOVED BY:** A. Adshead  
**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2022-14 being a By-Law to adopt amendment No. 1 to the Residential Rental Unit License By-Law 2021-25 be taken as read a first and second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

No vote was taken

Council discussed:

- 1) Part 2 Section 2.1 – consider the Appeal Committee to comprise 3 members
- 2) Part 6 Section 6.3 - Authority of Health Unit, CBO etc
- 3) Part 10 Section 10.6 – Authority to retrieve a licence that has not been returned

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-98**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the amendment to By-Law 2021-25 be deferred until further discussion to be held at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

**11. General Business**

**11.1 Schedule of Accounts**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-99**

**MOVED BY:** J. Dube

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the following Schedules as presented.

Schedule No. 2022-08 in the amount of \$136,619.29.

Schedule No. 2022-09 in the amount of \$227,139.15.

CARRIED

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

None

**13. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Othmer reported there are 2 new businesses hosting their Grand Openings on Friday May 20, 2022 and invites all of Council and the public to attend in support.

Fresh as Farm Market – 12:30 p.m.

The Olde Barber Cannabis Co – 1:00 p.m.

**14. Notices of Motion**

None

15. **Councillor Updates**

15.1 Councillor Anderson – Cobalt Historical Society

Councillor Anderson reported on the recent activities of the Cobalt Historical Society including:

- Larose Black Smith Shop – getting stabilized
- Puzzle and books - sales are going well
- Walking Trail and signs – discussions to be had with the Town

16. **Council Question and Answer**

None

17. **Closed Session**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-100**

**MOVED BY:** M. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**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) (f) The receiving of advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

18. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

Staff was directed to continue with the current process on the building as discussed.

19. **Adjournment**

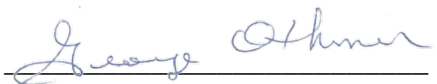
**RESOLUTION No. 2022-101**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** J. Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk