

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL August 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor: G. Othmer

Councillors: Pat Anderson
Angela Adshead
Gary Hughes
Doug Wilcox

Absent: M. Johnson (with notice)
J. Dube (with notice)

Staff: S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer
J. Hodgson, Clerk-Treasurer Advisory (via zoom)
D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
C. Beaudoin, Administrative Clerk
A. Williams, Public Works Superintendent

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

RESOLUTION No. 2022-133

MOVED BY: A. Adshead

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated August 16, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-134

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting – August 2, 2022

CARRIED

5. **Business Arising from The Minutes**

Nil

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

Nil

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

Nil

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

Nil

9. **Items for Council direction:**

9.1 Motion to authorize funds for Cobalt Fire Department to put towards possible purchase of used Fire Truck.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-135

MOVED BY: A. Adshead

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

Be it Resolved That a designated reserve be set up for replacement fire equipment by reallocating \$50,000.00 from the \$181,732.00 2021 Working Reserves and that the funds be made available to the Fire Chief or designate for immediate purchase.

CARRIED

9.2 Motion to discuss proceeding with Contribution Agreement with NOHFC for funding for Cobalt Wellness Centre given recent increases in projected expenditures for 2022.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-136

MOVED BY: A. Adshead

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

Be it Resolved That the Town of Cobalt forgoes the signing of commitment contract documents for the Wellness Project, and that the Province be petitioned to set aside final decision pending direction from the next term of Council for their 2023 consideration.

CARRIED

9.3 Motion for support of FONOM's concern re Justice System

RESOLUTION No. 2022-137

MOVED BY: A. Adshead

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports FONOM's creation of a Northern Working Group to focus on the issue of catch and release justice and supports the group bringing these concerns to the province during the upcoming AMO conference in August;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to FONOM.

CARRIED

9.4 Motion to fill vacancy to the Cobalt Public Library Board (Paul Penna Library)

RESOLUTION No. 2022-138

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

WHEREAS a vacancy became available on the Cobalt Public Library Board;

AND WHEREAS individuals were asked to submit their interest to the Cobalt Public Library Board for review;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of the recommendation from the Cobalt Public Library Board (Paul Penna Library) and appoints Helene Culhane to the Cobalt Public Library Board.

CARRIED

9.5 Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy – International Overdose Awareness Day August 31, 2022

RESOLUTION No. 2022-139

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose;

AND WHEREAS we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths;

AND WHEREAS we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of over 4,000 Ontarians in 2021 together with countless more affected forever;

AND WHEREAS from January to June of 2022 there have been 7 suspected drug-related deaths compared to 4 deaths during the whole of last year in the Timiskaming Health Unit region;

AND WHEREAS we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our friends, and deserving of our love, compassion and support;

THEREFORE I, George Othmer, Mayor, do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2022, as Overdose Awareness Day in the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

Items for Council information:

None

10. By-Laws

10.1 By-Law 2022-16 - Amendment to User Fee By-Law re Tax Registration files

RESOLUTION No. 2022-140

MOVED BY: G. Hughes

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

WHEREAS By-Law 2020-50 being a By-Law to establish user fees for the Town of Cobalt facilities and services includes Schedule "C" - Administration rates;

AND WHEREAS costs associated with Tax Registration files are not currently included;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2022-16 being a By-Law to amend By-Law 2020-50 Schedule "C" to include Administration costs associated with Tax Registration files be taken as read a third time and finally passed this 16th day of August 2022;

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

CARRIED

10.2 By-Law 2022-19 Swimming pools and Fences

RESOLUTION No. 2022-141

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2022-19 being a By-Law to provide for the owners of privately owned outdoor swimming pools to erect and maintain fences be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 16th day of August, 2022;

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

CARRIED

10.3 By-Law 2022-18 – Amendment to Agreement with Pete Gilboe for the Provisions of By-Law Enforcement Services for the Town of Cobalt to include the Title of Property Standards Officer.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-142

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

WHEREAS under Section 8 of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the powers of a municipality under this or any other Act shall be interpreted broadly to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality’s ability to respond to municipal issues.

AND WHEREAS under Section 9 of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS under Section 10 (1) of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a single tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of Town of Cobalt enacts as follows:

- 1. Pete Gilboe’s title be amended to include “Property Standards Officer” in the original By-Law including Schedule “A”.

be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 16th day of August 2022.

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

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION No. 2022-143
MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the following Schedules as presented:

Schedule No. 2022-14 in the amount of \$174,092.33.
Schedule No. 2022-15 in the amount of \$262,971.68.

CARRIED

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

Nil

13. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Othmer reported that last week the Water Plant was hit by lightning causing significant damage to several important components. He reported that the quick and diligent action on the part of OCWA prevented the Town from a boil water order.

14. **Notices of Motion**

Nil

15. **Councillor Updates**

Nil

16. **Council Question and Answer**

Nil

17. **Closed Session**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-144

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene in Closed Session as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, in order to address matters pertaining to subsection:

(2) (d) Labour relations or employee negotiations

CARRIED

18. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

Direction was given to staff on a transit matter and an HR matter.

19. **Adjournment**

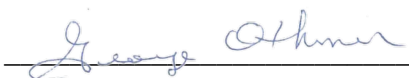
RESOLUTION No. 2022-145

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk