

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL October 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: George Othmer

Councillors: Angela Adshead
Pat Anderson
Gary Hughes
Matthew Johnson
Doug Wilcox

Absent: Joe Dube (with notice)

Staff: S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer
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**
Nil
3. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

S. Dalley requested an amendment to Section 9 – Items for Council information – Temiskaming Transit.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-166

MOVED BY: A. Adshead

SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated October 18, 2022 as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-167

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following minutes as presented:
Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 12, 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:**

Nil

Items for Council information:

9.1 Temiskaming Transit Committee

Mayor Othmer read a letter from the Transit Committee noting the current Transit Agreement is set to expire December 31, 2022 and that an extension to the current contract was not achievable. A Request for Proposal and supply options for a new Transit Agreement will be posted by the Committee. There is no expected interruptions in service and operations remain status quo.

10. **By-Laws**

10.1 By-Law 2022-17 Asset Management Plan

RESOLUTION No. 2022-168

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Cobalt deems it desirable to have an Asset Management Plan;

AND WHEREAS a draft Asset Management Plan was presented to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting October 12, 2022 and staff was directed to prepare the necessary By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby enacts as follows:

That By-Law No. 2022-17 being a By-Law for an Asset Management Plan for the Town of Cobalt and Appendix "A" be adopted as presented;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of October 2022;
AND FURTHER THAT the said By-Law be signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk.
CARRIED

10.2 By-Law 2022-21 Amendment to Property Standards

RESOLUTION No. 2022-169
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

WHEREAS the Official Plan for the Town of Cobalt includes provisions relating to property conditions;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt enacts as follows:

That the sentence in Form PS-A-03 “The violation(s) as set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto, and forms part of this order” shall be replaced with “Schedule “A”, attached hereto, sets out the work required to remedy such violation and to bring the property into compliance with the By-Law”;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of October 2022;
AND FURTHER THAT the said By-Law be signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk.
CARRIED

10.3 By-Law 2022-22 Amendment to User Fees

RESOLUTION No. 2022-170
MOVED BY: G. Hughes
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 Section 391, allows Municipalities to set user fee By-Laws to recover costs for providing certain services or facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality deems it expedient to pass a By-law to adopt rates for users of its facilities and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt enacts as follows:

- 1. Amending Schedule “A” – Environmental Services to include Appendix “A” to Schedule “A” defining business classes for Commercial Rate #1, #2 and institutional
- 2. Amending Schedule “C” – Administration rates with the following rate updates:
 - i) Duplicate copy of Property Tax Billing \$10.00
 - ii) Property Tax Statement of Account \$10.00
- 3. That the said By-Law will come into force and effect on the day of its final passing;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of October 2022;

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

CARRIED

10.4 By-Law No. 2022-25 Procedural By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2022-171

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

WHEREAS subsection 238 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requires every Council and local board to adopt a Procedure By-Law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of Meetings;

AND WHEREAS subsection 11 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that upper and lower tier municipalities may pass By-Laws respecting accountability and transparency of the municipality and its operations and of its local boards and their operations;

AND WHEREAS it is Council’s desire to follow a process of municipal governance that reflects an open, transparent government;

AND WHEREAS Council, in the interest of good governance, recognizes a Procedure By-Law as a hallmark of accountability and transparency;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-Law 2022-25 being a By-Law to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee meetings in the Town of Cobalt;

AND FURTHER THAT Procedural By-Law No. 2018-36, as amended be repealed;

TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of October 2022;

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

Recorded Vote

A. Adshead	F
P. Anderson	F
G. Hughes	F
M. Johnson	F
D. Wilcox	A
G. Othmer	F

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CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION No. 2022-172
MOVED BY: M. Johnson
SECONDED BY: A. Adshead

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

Schedule No. 2022-18 in the amount of \$174,161.91.
Schedule No. 2022-19 in the amount of \$190,395.48.

CARRIED

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

13. **Mayor’s Report**
Mayor Othmer suggested the Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for November 1, 2022 be cancelled and Council agreed with his recommendation. If required, a Special meeting can be called.

Mayor Othmer thanked his fellow Councillors for working for the residents of Cobalt for the past 4 years, Staff and Public Works for their hard work and wished the new Council the best of luck.

14. **Notices of Motion**
Nil

15. **Councillor Updates**
Nil

16. **Council Question and Answer**
Nil

17. **Closed Session**
Nil

18. **Business Arising from Closed Session**
Nil

19. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-173
MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: M. Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:49 p.m.
CARRIED

Original on File
Mayor

Original on File
Clerk