

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL December 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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### Present:

**Mayor:** Mita Gibson

**Councillors:** Pat Anderson  
Harry Cooper  
Gary Hughes  
Angela Hunter  
Jim Starchuk  
Doug Wilcox

**Staff:** S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer  
D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
M. Takacs, Administrative Clerk  
A. Williams, Public Works Superintendent  
P. Gilboe, By-Law Enforcement Officer  
E. Franks, Municipal Intern

### Media Moderator

1. **Call to Order:**  
Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**  
Nil
3. **Deputations/Delegation**  
3.1 Shannie Christo and Barb Dombroski addressed Council with a proposal to operate a soup kitchen. They propose to operate the kitchen one day a month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., serving a lunch of soup/bun/coffee/tea/water. The lunch would be free of charge and open to everyone. They plan to approach local businesses for donations to offset the costs.  
  
They are requesting support from Council with the following:
  - 1) Assist them with securing a place to host monthly – free of charge, further frequencies to be determined.
  - 2) Provide financial assistance on an ongoing basis.
  - 3) Offer volunteer help.

**Recommendation:** Council requested a Staff report.

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

Councillor Wilcox requested an amendment to the agenda under item #6 to add #6.17 - Library report.

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-181**

**MOVED BY:** H. Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated December 6, 2022, as amended.

CARRIED

**5. Staff Reports**

5.1 Public Works – October/November report

A. Williams reviewed his report with Council.

5.2 Animal Control – October report

5.3 By-Law Enforcement – October/November report

P. Gilboe reported that the order he had placed on a property this summer for the demolition of a burnt structure has now been complied with by the owner and the order is closed.

5.4 Municipal Intern – Update

E. Franks updated Council on:

Teck Park – completed for the season, lighting will be installed in the Spring with the remaining funds.

Asset Management, Emergency Management – completing updates to the plans.

Summer Student grants – applications are being submitted.

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-182**

**MOVED BY:** G. Hughes

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the Staff reports as presented.

CARRIED

**6. Items for Council consideration:**

**6.1 Direction to Staff to update the corporate bank signatory at CIBC**

Primary - M. Gibson, S. Dalley

Alternate – D. Wilcox, D. Taylor

Mayor Gibson gave notice of the appointments for the signatories.

**6.2 2022 Holiday Schedule – information report**

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular meeting in support of the request.

**6.3 2023 Council meeting schedule** – notice of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise posted.

Mayor Gibson gave notice of frequency of the 2023 Council meetings.

#### 6.4 Mayor Gibson – **Committee/Board appointments**

Temiskaming Transit Committee -

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular meeting in support of Councillor Anderson as the Council representative.

Cobalt Public Library Board –

Recommendation: Staff will advertise for members at large; a motion will be presented at the Regular meeting in support of Councillor Wilcox as the Council representative.

Cobalt Water Commission –

Recommendation: Staff will advertise for members at large; a motion will be presented at the Regular meeting in support of Councillor Cooper as the Council representative.

DTSSAB –

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular meeting in support of Councillor Hunter as a nominee.

Timiskaming Health Unit/Board of Health –

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular meeting in support of Councillor Anderson as a nominee.

#### 6.5 Discussion - **Public Works vehicle**

Recommendation: Council requested a Staff report.

#### 6.6 Discussion - **Hiring a Full Time or Part Time Public Works shoveler**

Recommendation: Council requested a Staff report.

#### 6.7 Draft By-Law - **Appointment of Doug Wilcox as Deputy Mayor**

Recommendation: A By-Law will be presented at the next Regular meeting (to adopt in 1 reading).

#### 6.8 Draft By-Law - **Amendment No.2 to By-Law 2021-32 Traffic and Parking**

Recommendation: A By-Law to amend By-Law 2021-32 Traffic and Parking to add a designated municipal parking lot on the east side of Silver Street will be presented at the next Regular meeting. (to adopt in 1reading).

#### 6.9 Discussion – **Parking permits**

A. Williams, Public Works Superintendent and P. Gilboe, By-Law Enforcement Officer discussed the permit process and the issues resulting from this practice which has caused confusion for residents. They feel education is the best tool to achieve compliance with winter parking issues and would like the permit system eliminated.

Recommendation: A motion will be presented at the next Regular meeting to discontinue issuing parking permits.

#### 6.10 Draft By-Law – **Winter Operations Plan**

Recommendation: A By-Law to adopt an updated Winter Operations plan and to repeal By-Law 2014-47 Winter Operations Plan will be presented at the next Regular meeting.

6.11 Councillor Wilcox – **Notice of Motion** of re: establishment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review and amend the Procedural By-Law as required.

Recommendation: A motion will be presented at the next Regular meeting of Council.

#### 6.12 NOHFC - **Wellness Centre Application**

Discussion - accept or decline funding agreement for \$90,360.00

Recommendation: Council requested a staff report.

#### 6.13 Mayor Gibson - **mural at Cobalt Public Library**

Mayor Gibson reported that the mural concept was approved by the Library Board and will be completed by a group of volunteer local artists.

Recommendation: approval was granted to move forward with the project.

#### 6.14 Mayor Gibson – **Community Dinner**

Mayor Gibson expressed that she would like the Town to host a community dinner.

Recommendation: Council agreed to defer a dinner to mid-January and requested a Staff report.

#### 6.15 Mayor Gibson – **Community ice rink**

Mayor Gibson provided a sketch of the proposed outdoor rink at the Golden Age Club with an anticipated opening date of New Year's. She will approach the Golden Age Club for their input.

Recommendation: Council requested a Staff report.

#### 6.16 **Transit Update**

Councillor Anderson reported that the RFP's have been reviewed and Temiskaming Shores would be awarding the successful bidder with a 3-year contract, more information to be released soon.

Recommendation: a motion in support will be presented at the next Regular meeting.

#### 6.17 **Library Report**

Councillor Wilcox reported on some of the activities taking place in December at the Cobalt Paul Penna Library including EarlyOn, Family Game Night, Story Time, Santa's Workshop, Movie Night.

### 7. Items for Council information:

7.1 Notice of 2023 OMPF allocation – same allocation as 2022 \$899,300.00

7.2 FONOM – New Highway Safety Standard

7.3 David Brydges – Drummond Memorial Park Grand Opening scheduled for Spring 2023

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2022-183**

**MOVED BY:** H. Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

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

CARRIED

### 8. Unfinished Business

Nil

### 9. New Business

Nil

10. **Closed Meeting**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-184**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox

**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) (d) Labour relations or employee negotiations re outstanding Human Resources matter.

CARRIED

11. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

Nil

12. **Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-185**

**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Original on File  
Clerk