# **'THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL December 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. AGENDA

# 1. <u>Call to Order</u>

- 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
- 3. <u>Public Meetings</u> Nil
- 4. <u>Deputations/Delegation</u> 4.1 Cobalt Golden Age Club – Community Ice Rink

#### 5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

#### DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated December 20, 2022 as presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

#### 6. <u>Approval of Previous Council Minutes</u>

#### **DRAFT MOTION**

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

Regular Meeting of Council – October 18, 2022 Inaugural Meeting of Council – November 15, 2022 Special Meeting – November 28, 2022 Special Meeting – November 30, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 6, 2022

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

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# 7. <u>Items for Council consideration</u>

# 7.1 Soup kitchen

#### **DRAFT MOTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives Staff report 2022.12.20.1 as presented and <u>declines</u> the request from Shannie Christo and Barb Dombroski to provide the following assistance with the operation of a soup kitchen:

- 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.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

#### DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives Staff report 2022.12.20.1 as presented and <u>approves</u> the request from Shannie Christo and Barb Dombroski to provide the following assistance with the operation of a soup kitchen:

1) Assist them with securing a place to host monthly – free of charge, further frequencies to be determined.

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2) Provide financial assistance on an ongoing basis.

Moved by: Seconded by:

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#### 7.2 Bank Signatories

#### DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** all financial transactions and banking instruments require two signatures on behalf of the Corporation and the Corporate account requires a file update for this term of Council;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize Mita Gibson and Steven Dalley as primary signatory and Doug Wilcox and Dale Taylor as alternate signatory.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

#### 7.3 Holiday Schedule

#### DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the Staff report as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting December 6, 2022 and approves the holiday schedule. Public notice to be given.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

### 7.4 Committee/Board Appointments

#### DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves of the following appointments/nominees:

Temiskaming Transit –	Councillor Anderson
Cobalt Public Library -	Councillor Wilcox
Cobalt Water Commission -	Councillor Cooper
DTSSAB -	Councillor Hunter (nominee for area representation)
Board of Health -	Councillor Anderson (nominee for area representation)

An ad seeking members at large for the Library Board and Water Commission will be posted.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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#### 7.5 Public Works vehicle

#### DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** Staff was requested to review options for adding an additional pickup truck to the Public Works Fleet;

**AND WHEREAS** 3 quotes were obtained from local auto dealers and reviewed with the Public Works Mechanic;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives Staff report 2022.12.20.2 as presented and approves the recommendation of the Ford F-150 lease quote and the reimbursement for use of personal vehicle as per policy until another vehicle is purchased.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

## 7.6 Public Works – additional staff

#### **DRAFT MOTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives Staff report 2022.12.20.3 as presented and approves the recommendation to hire a labourer for winter operations under Section 6.06 of the Collective Agreement – Temporary Employee/Seasonal Employee.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

#### 7.7 Parking Permits

#### **DRAFT MOTION**

**WHEREAS** at the Committee of the Whole meeting December 6, 2022 Council received a presentation from the Public Works and By-Law Enforcement Staff regarding the annual issuing of parking permits;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff and resident feedback is that the permits have caused confusion and that public education is a better tool to ensure residents comply with winter operations regulations;

AND WHEREAS Staff recommends that this practice be discontinued;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves of the recommendation and directs staff to eliminate the issuing of parking permits for residents effective immediately.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

#### 7.8 Ad-hoc Committee to review and amend Procedural By-Law

#### DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** at the Regular meeting of October 18, 2022 Council repealed By-Law No. 2018-36, a By-Law to establish the Rules of Procedure of Council which has served Councils for at least the preceding 30 years:

**AND WHEREAS** at the same meeting Council adopted By-Law No. 2022-25 a By-Law to Govern the Proceedings of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** By-Law No. 2022-25 is not reflective of the process necessitated by the current Council to govern their meetings and will require amendments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an Ad-hoc Committee of Council be formed with a mandate to review both Procedural By-Laws and recommend amendments to Council as they become available in order to prepare a more functional By-Law while adhering to the legislation within the Municipal Act and that the Committee complete its review prior to December 31, 2023;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council receives Staff report 2022.12.20.4 as presented.

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Moved by: Seconded by:

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7.9 NOHFC Wellness Centre Funding Agreement

#### DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** at the Committee of the Whole meeting December 6, 2022 Council was informed of the pending funding from NOHFC (Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation) for \$90,360.00 for a Wellness Centre at 24 Prospect Avenue (Fraser Building);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives Staff report 2022.12.20.5 as presented and the Town of Cobalt declines the signing of the Wellness Centre Funding Agreement;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council re-evaluates the project for consideration at a later date.

Moved by: Seconded by:

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#### 7.10 Community Dinner

#### DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** Mayor Gibson expressed an interest in the Municipality hosting a community dinner in mid-January 2023 at the Community Hall;

AND WHEREAS the Community Hall must meet the requirements for a public event;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives Staff Report 2022.12.20.6 as presented and directs Staff to have the required inspections completed before a commitment is confirmed.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

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# 7.11 Community Ice Rink

#### **DRAFT MOTION**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Gibson proposed the Municipality establish an Outdoor Community Ice Rink at the Golden Age Club Parking Lot;

**AND WHEREAS** Staff was directed to contact the Municipal Insurer for advice;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been brought forward from the Golden Age Club;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives Staff Report 2022.12.20.7 as presented and recommends discussions with the Golden Age Club continue in order for the Community Ice Rink to move forward.

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

### 7.12 Transit Agreement

#### DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** the current contract for Transit services was set to expire December 31, 2022 and an RFP for services was posted;

**AND WHEREAS** after review of the bids submitted, Temiskaming Shores awarded a 3-year Transit contract to 947465 Ontario Ltd. a/o Voyago as recommended by the Transit Committee;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves of the awarding of the contract and remains committed to the partnership with Temiskaming Shores to provide Transit Services.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

#### **Items for Council information**

7.13 Armande Lemoine – notice of resignation from the Library Board on December 31, 2022.

**7.14** Ministry of the Environment - Director's Order Amendment No.1 – ROGQN – Cobalt Constructed Wetland Assimilative Capacity Study

## DRAFT MOTION

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

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

## 8. <u>By-Laws and Agreements</u>

#### 8.1 By-Law to appoint a Deputy Mayor

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2022-26 being a By-Law to appoint Douglas Wilcox as Deputy Mayor be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022;

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

Moved by: Seconded by:

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# 8.2 By-Law to amend Traffic and Parking By-Law

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2022-27 being a By-Law to amend By-Law No. 2021-32 Traffic and Parking to add a designated municipal parking lot on the east side of Silver Street be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022;

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

Moved by: Seconded by:

DISCUSSION VOTE

### 8.3 By-Law Winter Operations Plan

#### **DRAFT MOTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2022-28 being a Winter Operations Plan be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022;

**AND THAT** By-Law No. 2014-47 being a 2014-2015 Winter Operations Plan, as amended, be repealed;

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

Moved by:

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Seconded by:

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# Unfinished Business

#### 10. <u>New Business</u> 10.1 Schedule of Accounts

#### DRAFT MOTION

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

Schedule No. 2022-20 in the amount of \$145,163.52. Schedule No. 2022-21 in the amount of \$115,078.06. Schedule No. 2022-22 in the amount of \$354,243.84. Schedule No. 2022-23 in the amount of \$267,948.12.

Moved by: Seconded by:

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#### 11. <u>Closed Meeting</u>

#### **DRAFT MOTION**

**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:

(3.1) Educational or training sessions – Council training

Moved by:

Seconded by:

#### DISCUSSION VOTE

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# 12. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

# 13. Confirmation By-Law

#### DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2022-29 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE

# 14. Adjournment

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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