

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

SPECIAL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL January 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:**

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

3. **Approval/Amendment of the Agenda**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Special Meeting dated January 25, 2023 as presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE

4. **Closed Session**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene in Closed Session 2001 as amended, in order to address matters pertaining to the Town of Cobalt Public Library in accordance with Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*, subsections:

- i. (2)(f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- ii. (3.1) Education or training session – Council training

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE

5. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

Council will move into Open Session and report the nature of the discussion in Closed Session.

6. **Special Business**

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt established a Public Library by adopting By-Law 1148 in 1961 in accordance with the *Public Libraries Act* which was amended by By-Law 89-18 to establish the composition of the Library Board;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act* and the *Public Libraries Act* have been updated since the establishing provisions were set;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt has adopted a By-Law endorsing a Move Forward Strategy having determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to modernize in an effort to become more effective and efficient in its delivery of service;

AND WHEREAS Council believes it is in the best interest of the Town to update the By-Law establishing the Library Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Cobalt directs as follows:

1. That the Town Manager draft an updated By-Law establishing a Library to be presented to Council at the February Committee of the Whole meeting which shall include:
 - i. The composition of the Library Board be an odd number (minimum of 5, maximum of 9) members, up to three (3) of whom shall be members of Council;
 - ii. All services the Town will provide to the Library;
 - iii. Ethical and administrative practices required of the Board and the employees and volunteers of the Library;
 - iv. Reporting relationship between the Library and the Town; and
 - v. The process Council will undertake to appoint Library Board members.
2. That the Library Board appointed for the 2018-2022 term of Council remain in place until the new Library Board is struck and that this will be a period of transition;
3. That the Library Board Chair prepares a report for Council outlining all urgent matters currently under consideration by the Library Board;
4. That Council will undertake the following process for the appointment of the new Library Board:
 - i. Candidates who have already submitted their name will be interviewed by Council at an open meeting using predetermined questions;

- ii. Questions will be circulated to Candidates prior to the meeting for them to prepare their responses;
- iii. Candidates will be rated on their response to each question by each member of Council;
- iv. The Town Manager shall record each of the ratings and then calculate the average for each Candidate; and
- v. The top Candidates will be appointed as the Library Board for the 2022-2026 Council Term.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

7. Adjournment

DRAFT MOTION

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE