

'THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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

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
C. Beaudoin, Administrative Clerk

Media Moderator

1. **Call to Order**
Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
Councillor Anderson declared a conflict of interest with item #7.11 Community Ice Rink as she is on the executive of the Golden Age Club.
3. **Public Meetings**
Nil
4. **Deputations/Delegation**
4.1 Cobalt Golden Age Club – Community Ice Rink
No delegation attended. A written statement from the Golden Age Club was submitted for Council's review.
5. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**
S. Dalley requested an amendment to item No. 11 Closed Session to include Section (2) (d) Labour relations or employee negotiations.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-186

MOVED BY: H. Cooper
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Council Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2022-187

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

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

CARRIED

6. Items for Council consideration

7.1 Soup kitchen

RESOLUTION No. 2022-188

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: J. Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Staff report 2022.12.20.1 as presented and declines 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.

And instead directs Staff to review the costs for renting the space and re-evaluate the request under 2023 budget considerations.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote

H. Cooper	F	
P. Anderson	F	
G. Hughes	F	
A. Hunter	F	
J. Starchuk	F	
D. Wilcox	F	
M. Gibson	F	F -7

7.2 Bank Signatories

RESOLUTION No. 2022-189

MOVED BY: H. Cooper

SECONDED BY: A. Hunter

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.

CARRIED

7.3 Holiday Schedule

RESOLUTION No. 2022-190

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

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 to include the Municipal Office and Public Works. Public notice to be given.

CARRIED

7.4 Committee/Board Appointments

RESOLUTION No. 2022-191

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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.

CARRIED

7.5 Public Works vehicle

RESOLUTION No. 2022-192

MOVED BY: G. Hughes

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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.

DEFERRED

7.6 Public Works – additional staff

RESOLUTION No. 2022-193

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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.

CARRIED

7.7 Parking Permits

RESOLUTION No. 2022-194

MOVED BY: H. Cooper

SECONDED BY: J. Starchuk

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.

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION No. 2022-195

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: H. Cooper

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.
CARRIED

Council agreed to appoint the following members:
Doug Wilcox
Harry Cooper
Mita Gibson
Peggy Young-Lovelace, Integrity Commissioner
1 staff member

7.9 NOHFC Wellness Centre Funding Agreement

RESOLUTION No. 2022-196

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

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.
CARRIED

7.10 Community Dinner

RESOLUTION No. 2022-197

MOVED BY: J. Starchuk
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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. **CARRIED**

7.11 Community Ice Rink

RESOLUTION No. 2022-198

MOVED BY: J. Starchuk
SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

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.

Council agreed to have Mayor Gibson designated as Project Manager. **CARRIED**

7.12 Transit Agreement

RESOLUTION No. 2022-199

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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. **CARRIED**

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.

Council directed Staff to invite Story Environmental attend a Council meeting for an update.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-200

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. By-Laws and Agreements

8.1 By-Law to appoint a Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION No. 2022-201

MOVED BY: J. Starchuk

SECONDED BY: H. Cooper

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 20th day of December, 2022;

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

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION No. 2022-202

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

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 20th day of December, 2022;

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

CARRIED

8.3 By-Law Winter Operations Plan

RESOLUTION No. 2022-203

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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 20th 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.
CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business
Nil

10. New Business
10.1 Schedule of Accounts

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.

11. Closed Meeting

RESOLUTION No. 2022-204

MOVED BY: G. Hughes
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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
- (3.1) Educational or training sessions – Council training

CARRIED

12. Business Arising from Closed Meeting
Nil

13. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2022-205

MOVED BY: P. Anderson
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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 20th day of December, 2022;

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

14. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2022-206

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:12 p.m.
CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk