

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

March 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:**

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

3. **Deputations/Delegation**
Dale Wright – Affordable Housing concept.

4. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated March 7, 2023 as presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

5. **Staff Reports**
 - 5.1 Public Works – February 2023 Report
 - 5.2 Animal Control – February 2023 Report
 - 5.3 By-Law Enforcement – February 2023 Report
 - 5.4 Municipal Intern – February 2023 Report

DRAFT MOTION

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

6. Items for Council consideration:

6.1 Draft By-Law to Authorize the Electronic Signing of Documents.

6.2 Township of Coleman – notice of Council appointment to the Cobalt Public Library Board.

6.3 Draft Motion re: Procedural By-Law re meeting February 21, 2023.

Whereas motions were tabled at the Regular meeting of Council on February 21, 2023, which were not properly filed in accordance with section 9.1 of By-Law 2022-25 being a By-Law to Govern The Procedures of Council;

And Whereas adding and considering such motions are contrary to the process adopted by Council and may also be seen as contravention of section 239 of the *Municipal Act* related to the open meeting rules;

And Whereas said motions being moved, seconded, debated and decided without suspending section 9.1 of the Procedure By-Law to allow the motions to be properly introduced and considered by Council put the Town at risk of complaints made to the office of the Ontario Ombudsman as well as other legal challenges;

And Whereas in the interest of transparency and accountability to the ratepayers of the Town of Cobalt it is recommended that section 9.1 be suspended with respect to the addition of items 10.2 and 10.3 and the passing of resolutions 2023-58 and 2023-59 at the February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council;

And Whereas Council can pass such a motion retroactively;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby suspend section 9.1 of Bylaw 2022-52, commonly known as the Procedure Bylaw, with respect to actions taken at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 21, 2023 to formally allow the addition, consideration and debate of items 10.2 and 10.3 as were added to the Agenda without proper notice;

And Be It Further Resolved That the result of the vote on items 10.2 and 10.3 be deemed to be legal and binding on the Corporation as if they had been passed in accordance with the provisions established in Bylaw 2022-52.

7. Items for Council information:

7.1 Town of Kirkland Lake – notice of resolution re for Bill 42 Gender Affirming Healthcare Act.

7.2 Township of Evanturel – notice of resolution re limited Phlebotomy service in the north end of the Temiskaming District.

DRAFT MOTION

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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8. Unfinished Business

9. **New Business**

10. **Closed Meeting**

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) Education or training session – Tim Hutchinson, Municipal Insurer

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

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11. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

12. **Adjournment**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE