

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL March 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
3. **Public Meetings**  
Nil
4. **Deputations/Delegation**  
Integrity Commissioner Report Presentation re: Mayor Gibson by E4m IC Consultant Colleen Hannigan

5. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated March 21, 2023 as presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

6. **Approval of Previous Council Minutes**

DRAFT MOTION

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

Regular Meeting of Council – February 21, 2023  
Special Meeting of Council – March 1, 2023  
Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 7, 2023

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

## 7. Items for Council consideration

### 7.1 Motion to accept Procedural By-Law re: meeting February 21, 2023

#### DRAFT MOTION

**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.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

### 7.2 Motion to accept Township of Coleman – notice of Council appointment to the Cobalt Public Library Board.

#### DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the Township of Coleman's Resolution 2023-82 – Appointment of Councillor Marilyn Lubbock as Coleman Township's representative to the Cobalt Public Library Board;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Township of Coleman and the Cobalt Public Library Board.

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Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

**7.3 Motion for support for the Town of Kirkland Lake's Motion – Bill 42 Gender Affirming Healthcare Act**

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the Town of Kirkland Lake's Motion – Bill 42 Gender Affirming Healthcare Act;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

**7.4 Motion for support for the Township of Evanturel – Request for Phlebotomy Services in North End of the District of Timiskaming**

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the Township of Evanturel's Motion – Concerns Limited Phlebotomy Services – North End – District of Temiskaming;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health Province of Ontario.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

**Items for Council information**

DRAFT MOTION

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

**8. By-Laws and Agreements**

**8.1 By-Law No. 2023-09 Electronic Signing of Documents**

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-09 being a By-Law to authorize the electronic signing of documents for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

**9. Unfinished Business**

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Schedule of Accounts**

DRAFT MOTION

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

Schedule No. 2023-04 in the amount of \$129,035.65.

Schedule No. 2023-05 in the amount of \$149,622.84.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

**10.2 Ad-Hoc Committee to review Draft Budget for 2023**

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an Ad-Hoc Committee be formed to create a Budget Working Group comprised of 2 Councillors and staff as required.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION**

**VOTE**

**11. Closed Meeting**

**12. Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

13. **Confirmation By-Law**

**DRAFT MOTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-10 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 passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023;

**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:

**VOTE**