

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

3. **Public Meetings**
Nil

4. **Deputations/Delegation**
Nil

5. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated April 18, 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 - March 21, 2023

Special Meeting of Council - March 28, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council – April 4, 2023

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

7. Items for Council consideration

7.1 Letter of Resignation from Mayor Gibson

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt does accept the resignation from Mayor Gibson this 18th day of April 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT pursuant to section 262 of the *Municipal Act*, the Mayor’s seat be declared vacant.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

7.2 Staff Report 2023.04.18.01 – How to Fill Vacancies on Council

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Staff Report 2023.04.18.01 as presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

7.3 Hacking of Council Meetings

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to proceed with Zoom Webinar.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

7.4 Motion for support for the Town of Essex – Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Corporation of the Town of Essex’s motion regarding tax classification of short-term rental units;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (“MPAC”), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and any other relevant bodies, to investigate the tax classification of short-term rental units and consider taxing them as commercial as opposed to residential.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

7.5 Motion for support for the Town of Essex – Reinstatement of Legislation permitting a Municipality to retain surplus from Tax Sales.

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a Municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Corporation of the Town of Essex’s motion regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sale.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the all relevant bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and MPP John Vanthof urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

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 2023-11 - Amendment to By-Law 2022-25 Procedural By-Law**

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS the Procedural By-Law for the Town of Cobalt includes provisions for the necessity for staff to be present during the Ad Hoc Meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt enacts as follows:

That section 7.8.2 (c) which reads “member composition, including staff member(s) who shall be responsible for the administration of the Ad-Hoc Committee;” shall be replaced with “member composition, which shall include staff members when required for the administration of the Ad-Hoc Committee”;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and passed this 18th day of April 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT the 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. 2023-06 in the amount of \$168,505.20.
- Schedule No. 2023-07 in the amount of \$126,218.30.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

**11. Closed Meeting
Nil**

**12. Business Arising from Closed Meeting
Nil**

13. Confirmation By-Law

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-12 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 18th day of April 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