THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL April 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Mita Gibson

Councillors: Angela Hunter

Pat Anderson Harry Cooper Gary Hughes Jim Starchuk Doug Wilcox

Staff: S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer

D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer C. Beaudoin, Administrative Clerk

Media Moderator

1. <u>Call to Order:</u>

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. <u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof</u>

Nil

3. Deputations/Delegation

David Brydges - Commenting on Integrity Commissioner Report

Mr. Brydges addressed Council and read his prepared statement "The People's Accountability Report"

4. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2023-89
MOVED BY: A. Hunter
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated April 4, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

5. Staff Reports

- 5.1 Public Works March 2023
- 5.2 Animal Control March 2023
- 5.3 By-Law Enforcement March 2023
- 5.4 Cobalt Public Library

D. Wilcox reported that the Library minutes have not approved since November 2022. A more detailed update will be delivered once they have been approved. The Library is currently advertising for an Interim CEO and is open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-90
MOVED BY: G. Hughes
SECONDED BY: J. Starchuk

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

CARRIED

6. Items for Council consideration:

6.1 Council discussion of Integrity Commissioner Report

6:48pm – Mayor Gibson called a Point of Privilege.

6:58pm – Mayor Gibson ordered a 5 minute recess. Mayor Gibson requested the OPP to be contacted.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-91

MOVED BY: P. Anderson SECONDED BY: H. Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council continue the meeting with residents in attendance and with the OPP present.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-92

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recommend a 3 month suspension and a 3 month reduction of stipend for Mayor Gibson.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-93 MOVED BY: D. Wilcox SECONDED BY: A. Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Integrity Commissioners report and recommendation as submitted.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Wilcox: F Councillor Starchuk: A Councillor Hunter: A Councillor Cooper: A Councillor Hughes: A

F-1 A-5 DEFEATED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-94
MOVED BY: A. Hunter
SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defer the decision on the Integrity Commissioner's recommendation for a penalty for Mayor Gibson until the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Wilcox: F Councillor Starchuk: A Councillor Hunter: F Councillor Anderson: A Councillor Cooper: A Councillor Hughes: A

F-2 A-4 DEFEATED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-95 MOVED BY: G. Hugues

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recommends a suspension and reduction of stipend for 3 months less 1 day for Mayor Gibson.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Wilcox: A Councillor Starchuk: F
Councillor Hunter: A Councillor Anderson: F
Councillor Cooper: A Councillor Hughes: F

F-3 A-3 DEFEATED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-96
MOVED BY: H. Cooper
SECONDED BY: A. Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recommends a 2 months reduction of stipend for Mayor Gibson.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Wilcox: A Councillor Starchuk: F
Councillor Hunter: F Councillor Anderson: F
Councillor Cooper: F Councillor Hughes: A

F-4 A-2 CARRIED

6.2 Councillor Anderson – Discussion of Council Library Liaison

RESOLUTION No. 2023-97

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: None

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Wilcox be requested to resign as Council Library Liaison and that Council vote to appoint a new member at the next Regular Meeting.

Not Tabled

RESOLUTION No. 2023-98
MOVED BY: A. Hunter
SECONDED BY: None

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillors Wilcox, Cooper and Hunter be requested to resign from the Cobalt Library Board and that volunteer candidate Robyn Gabriel be added as a board member and that Councillor Anderson be added as the Council Library Liaison.

Not Tabled

RESOLUTION No. 2023-99
MOVED BY: G. Hughes
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Wilcox be requested to resign as Council Library Liaison and be replaced with volunteer candidate Robyn Gabriel.

No Vote Taken

RESOLUTION No. 2023-100
MOVED BY: A. Hunter
SECONDED BY: J. Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the resignation of Councillor Cooper and appoint Councillor Hughes as a Board member and Council Library Liaison, replacing Councillor Wilcox as the Council Library Liaison.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Wilcox: F Councillor Starchuk: F Councillor Hunter: F Councillor Cooper: F Councillor Hughes: F

F-6 A-0 CARRIED

6.3 Cobalt Mining Museum – Request for Financial Assistance Recommendation: request was deferred to the Budget discussions.

6.4 Cobalt Water Commission – Readvertise for members

Recommendation: deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting to prepare a historical package prior to requests for applications.

6.5 Cobalt Recreation Committee – Advertise for members Recommendation: the motion will be presented at the Regular meeting.

6.6 Councillor Wilcox – Notice of Motion – Discussion about amending the necessity for staff to be present in ad hoc committees.

7.8.2 (c) currently read:

Member composition, including staff member(s) who shall be responsible for the administration of the Ad-Hoc Committee;

Proposed Amendment:

Member composition which shall include staff members when required for the administration of the Ad Hoc Committees.

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular Meeting to adopt the By-Law amendment.

6.7 - Staff Report - Prevent hacking of Council Meetings.

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular Meeting to proceed with Zoom Webinar.

7. Items for Council information:

7.1 Corporation of the Town of Essex – notice of resolution re Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units.

Recommendation: a motion in support of the resolution will be presented at the Regular meeting.

7.2 Corporation of the Town of Essex – notice of resolution re the reinstatement of Legislation permitting a Municipality to retain surplus proceeds from Tax Sales.

Recommendation: a motion in support of the resolution will be presented at the Regular meeting.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-101
MOVED BY: J. Starchuk
SECONDED BY: H. Cooper

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

CARRIED

8. <u>Unfinished Business</u>

Nil

9. New Business

Nil

10. Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2023-102 MOVED BY: J. Starchuk SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

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)(b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

6. <u>Business Arising from Closed Session</u>

Direction was given to staff on moving forward on the HR matter.

7. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2023-103 MOVED BY: J. Starchuk SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

CARRIED	
Mayor	
Clerk	