

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. **Call to Order:**
Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
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 Anderson:	A
Councillor Cooper:	A	Councillor Hughes:	A

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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

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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

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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

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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. 2023-101
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. **Unfinished Business**
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. **Business Arising from Closed Session**
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