

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

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

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

**Mayor:** Mita Gibson

**Councillors:** Pat Anderson  
Harry Cooper  
Gary Hughes  
Angela Hunter  
Jim Starchuk  
Doug Wilcox

**Staff:** S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer  
D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
C. Beaudoin, Administrative Clerk  
A. Williams, Public Works Superintendent  
E. Franks, Municipal Intern

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**  
Nil
4. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

#### RESOLUTION No. 2023-38

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** G. Hughes

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

CARRIED

**5. Staff Reports**

- 5.1 Public Works – January 2023 Report
  - 5.2 Animal Control – December 2022 and January 2023 Reports
  - 5.3 By-Law Enforcement – December 2022-January 2023 Report
  - 5.4 Municipal Intern – January Report
- Council requested research on the Teck Park lighting options.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-39**

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

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

**6. Items for Council consideration:**

6.1 Interim Tax By-Law

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

6.2 Statement of 2022 Remuneration and Expenses for Council Members

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular meeting to provide public notice as per the Statutory requirements.

6.3 Amendment to By-Law 2014-48 Accounts Receivable Policy re rental arrears.

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular meeting to adopt the By-Law with the following amendment:

- #2 to read “and that rental arrears be collected on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month in the manner outlined by the Landlord Tenant Board”.

6.4 David Brydges – proposed actions for Council re the Northlander train stops.

Recommendation: Council directed Staff to send a letter to Ontario Northland and the governing Ministry body to request a stop in Cobalt for the Northlander including what would be required of the Municipality and the definition of a “sensitivity stop”. Mayor Gibson will contact South River regarding the process they used to gain a stop.

6.5 Mayor Gibson – Family Day Event

Mayor Gibson reported that Yves Prime Cut Meats and Chartrand’s will be donating the food. Phippen Waste Management will donate 1 Porta-Pottie.

6.6 Cobalt Public Library – Draft By-Law

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular Meeting to adopt the By-Law with the following questions:

- #4 remove statement “Council in its sole discretion decides to rescind the appointment”.

And following amendments:

- #3 change “up to 3 Councillors”

- #6 add “for the next year”

- Schedule A Management Support remove “The Town will not be responsible for human resource management decisions of the Library Board or the CEO”.

- Schedule A Management Support replace “will with may”

- Schedule A Performance Management (b) replace “will with may”

- Schedule A Reporting Relationship – add “Closed Session” to Report Type
- Schedule A Policies and By-Laws – add “all meetings to be advertised on Library and Town social media”
- Schedule A Insurance and Risk Management – add insurance language for Officers and employees.

6.7 Draft Application Form for Town of Cobalt Boards and Committees

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the Regular Meeting to adopt the form with the following amendments:

- add “appointed by Council”
- add “that successful applicants will be required to have a Vulnerable Sector Check”

**7. Items for Council information:**

- 7.1 Northeastern Catholic District School Board – Accessibility Annual Report for 2021-2022
- 7.2 Diane Armstrong – concerns re Cobalt Public Library
- 7.3 David Brydges – concerns re Council Meeting of January 25, 2023
- 7.4 Rob Simpson – concerns re Cobalt Public Library

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-40**

**MOVED BY:** G. Hughes

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**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 Meeting**

Nil

**11. Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

Nil

**12. Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-41**

**MOVED BY:** H. Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk