

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Mita Gibson

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

Absent: Harry Cooper (with notice)

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. **Public Meetings**
Nil
4. **Deputations/Delegation**
Maria Story – Story Environmental
Maria presented a brief history of the Cobalt Constructed Wetlands and the Provincial Officer's Order. While Cobalt complies with the items in the Director's Order, she is proposing Council endorse a research project through the University of Toronto which would require the sharing of data.
5. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

Councillor Wilcox requested to present two motions under item #10 New Business.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-48

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox
SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

February 21, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated February 21, 2023 as amended.

CARRIED

6. Approval of Previous Council Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2023-49

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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

Special Meeting of Council – January 17, 2023
 Regular Meeting of Council – January 17, 2023
 Special Meeting of Council – January 25, 2023
 Special Meeting of Council – January 30, 2023
 Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 7, 2023
 Special Meeting of Council – February 15, 2023

CARRIED

7. Items for Council consideration

7.1 2022 Statement of Remuneration

RESOLUTION No. 2023-50

MOVED BY: J. Starchuk

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the annual statement of 2022 remuneration and expenses for Council members be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Position	Name	Renumeration	Expenses	Total
Mayor	Gibson, Mita	1,240.83	0.00	\$ 1,240.83
Mayor	Othmer, George	8,685.81		\$ 8,685.81
Councillor	Anderson, Patricia	6,500.99	0.00	\$ 6,500.99
Councillor	Cooper, Harry	812.62		\$ 812.62
Councillor	Dube, Joseph	5,688.37	0.00	\$ 5,688.37
Councillor	Ferguson, Angela	5,688.37	0.00	\$ 5,688.37
Councillor	Gabbani, William	521.22	0.00	\$ 521.22
Councillor	Hughes, Gary	3,792.24	0.00	\$ 3,792.24
Councillor	Hunter, Angela	812.62		\$ 812.62
Councillor	Johnson, Matthew	5,688.37	0.00	\$ 5,688.37
Councillor	Starchuk, Jim	812.62		\$ 812.62
Councillor	Wilcox, Douglas	6,500.99	0.00	\$ 6,500.99

CARRIED

7.2 Application Form for Boards and Committees

RESOLUTION No. 2023-51

MOVED BY: A. Hunter

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt adopt the Application for Boards and Committees Form as presented to be used for all Boards and Committees of Council.

CARRIED

7.3 Family Day

RESOLUTION No. 2023-52

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: G. Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2023 Family Day activities at the outdoor rink as per schedule of events submitted by Mayor Gibson.

CARRIED

Items for Council information

7.4 Transit

Councillor Anderson reported that Voyago will commence Transit Operations effective February 21, 2023.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-53

MOVED BY: J. Starchuk

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

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

CARRIED

8. By-Laws and Agreements

8.1 By-Law No. 2023-05 Interim Tax Levy

RESOLUTION No. 2023-54

MOVED BY: J. Starchuk

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-05 being a By-Law to adopt an Interim Tax Levy for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and passed this 21st day of February 2023;

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

CARRIED

8.2 By-Law No. 2023-06 Amendment to Accounts Receivable Policy

RESOLUTION No. 2023-55

MOVED BY: G. Hughes

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-06 to adopt Amendment No. 1 to By-Law 2014-48 Accounts Receivable Policy to remove collection of rental arrears be taken as read a first, second and third time and passed this 21st day of February 2023;

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

CARRIED

8.3 By-Law No. 2023-07 Being a By-Law to Establish a Public Library

RESOLUTION No. 2023-56

MOVED BY: G. Hughes

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-07 being a By-Law to Establish a Public Library be taken as read a first, second and third time and passed this 21st day of February 2023;

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

CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business

Nil

10. New Business

10.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2023-57

MOVED BY: G. Hughes

SECONDED BY: A. Hunter

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

Schedule No. 2023-02 in the amount of \$290,580.66.

Schedule No. 2023-03 in the amount of \$111,636.13.

CARRIED

10.2 Concerns from Councillor Cooper

RESOLUTION No. 2023-58

MOVED BY: J. Starchuk

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Town Manager to respond to the concerns from Councillor Cooper as per the email brought to the table by Councillor Wilcox.

CARRIED

10.3 Proposal from Story Environmental

RESOLUTION No. 2023-59

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allow Story Environmental to share any necessary information regarding the Cobalt Constructed Wetlands with the University of Toronto to allow the University to conduct a research project comparing the Cobalt Constructed Wetlands to other Northern Ontario sewage treatment systems of similar size from an operational and environmental perspective.

CARRIED

11. **Closed Meeting**

Nil

12. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

Nil

13. **Confirmation By-Law**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-60

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-08 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 21st day of February 2023;

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

CARRIED

14. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-61

MOVED BY: D. Wilcox

SECONDED BY: J. Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk