

# 'THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL January 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. MINUTES

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### 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

### Media Moderator

1. **Call to Order**  
Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**  
Councillor Starchuk declared a conflict of interest with item #7.01 Committee Appointments – Cobalt Public Library (Paul Penna) as his spouse is one of the candidates.
3. **Public Meetings**  
Nil
4. **Deputations/Delegations**  
Nil
5. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

### RESOLUTION No. 2023-12

**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** J. Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated January 17, 2023 presented.

CARRIED

6. **Approval of Previous Council Minutes**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-13**

**MOVED BY:** H. Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** G. Hughes

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

Regular Meeting of Council – December 20, 2022

Special Meeting of Council – January 4, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 10, 2023

CARRIED

7. **Items for Council consideration**

Councillor Starchuk did not participate in the discussion and did not vote.

**7.1 Committee Appointments – Cobalt Public Library (Paul Penna)**

**WHEREAS** Council shall appoint members to Boards and Committees for the term of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** the Committee composition for the Cobalt Public Library (Paul Penna) is 9 (1 Cobalt Councillor and 8 members at large);

**AND WHEREAS** Council appointed Doug Wilcox as the Council representative;

**AND WHEREAS** the following applicants submitted their names for membership:

- 1. Joanne Beeson
- 2. Helene Culhane
- 3. Matthew Johnson
- 4. Colleen McNaught
- 5. Jennifer Pereira
- 6. Sabrina Somersall
- 7. Victoria Starchuk
- 8. Maggie Wilson

**NOW THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoints the following 8 members to the Cobalt Public Library Board:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-14**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** H. Cooper

After seeking counsel from the Integrity Commissioner, Mayor Gibson proposed that Council defer the Committee Appointments for Cobalt Public Library (Paul Penna) until the next meeting so that Council has a chance to review the very out-dated Library Board By-Law.

CARRIED

**7.2 Committee Appointments – Cobalt Water Commission**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-15**

**MOVED BY:** G. Hughes  
**SECONDED BY:** H. Cooper

**WHEREAS** Council shall appoint members to Boards and Committees for the term of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** the Committee composition for the Cobalt Water Commission is 5 (1 Cobalt Councillor, 1 Coleman resident who is a Cobalt water user and 3 members at large);

**AND WHEREAS** Council appointed Harry Cooper as the Council representative;

**AND WHEREAS** the following applicants submitted their names for membership:

- 1. Gerry McGarry
- 2. Allison Kacur
- 3. George Othmer
- 4. Jennifer Pereira
- 5. Rochelle Schwartz

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoints the following 3 members to the Cobalt Water Commission:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-16**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** J. Starchuk

Council proposes to defer the Committee appointments for the Cobalt Water Commission until the next meeting and request that the applicants provide a brief bio and credentials and further that Council receives an explanation of “members at large” and if the applicant needs to be a Cobalt water user.

CARRIED

### 7.3 NorthernTel – IT Managed Services Contract

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-17**

**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council enter into a 5-year contract with NorthernTel for Managed Services which includes server management, accounting support and onsite technical support as per the attached quote of \$9,840.00 plus HST annually.

CARRIED

### 7.4 TMSA – Candidates for Board

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-18**

**MOVED BY:** J. Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** G. Hughes

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recommends the following candidates for a 4-year term with the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA):

Zone 1: Jamie Allen - Latchford  
 Zone 2: Clayton Seymour – Hudson  
 Zone 3: Wayne Miller – Thornloe  
 Zone 4: Kerry Stewart – Chamberlain  
 Zone 5: Crystal Labbe – Larder Lake

CARRIED

### 7.5 Volunteer Firefighter

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-19**

**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the request from Chief Hearn to add Clifford Coe as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Cobalt Fire Department.

CARRIED

### Items for Council information

#### 7.6 MPP John Vanthof – note of congratulations to Mayor and Council

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-20**

**MOVED BY:** H. Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**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. 2023-01 Amendment to Purchasing Policy**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-21**  
**MOVED BY:** A. Hunter  
**SECONDED BY:** J. Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2023-01 being a By-Law to amend By-Law 2005-004 Purchasing Policy to suspend Section 3.1 to allow updated spending limits, be taken as read a first, second and third time and passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023;

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

CARRIED

**8.2 By-Law No. 2023-02 Borrowing of Money (Municipal Line of Credit)**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-22**  
**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson  
**SECONDED BY:** J. Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2023-02 being a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures for the year 2023 be read a first, second and third time and passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023;

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

CARRIED

**8.3 By-Law No. 2023-03 Move Forward Strategy**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-23**  
**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2023-03 being a By-Law to adopt a Move Forward Strategy;

**AND THAT** “Schedule A” – A Move Forward Strategy Action Plan which forms part of this By-Law;

**BE TAKEN** as read a first, second and third time and passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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. 2023-24**  
**MOVED BY:** D. Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** G. Hughes

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

- Schedule No. 2022-24 in the amount of \$246,067.56.
- Schedule No. 2022-25 in the amount of \$124,255.22.
- Schedule No. 2023-01 in the amount of \$42,899.15.

11. **Closed Meeting**  
Nil

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

13. **Confirmation By-Law**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-25**  
**MOVED BY:** H. Cooper  
**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-04 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 finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023;

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

CARRIED

14. **Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-26**  
**MOVED BY:** J. Starchuk  
**SECONDED BY:** D. Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk