

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL June 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

3. **Public Meetings**
None

4. **Deputations/Delegation**
None

5. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated June 20, 2023 as presented.

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Seconded by:

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6. **Approval of Previous Council Minutes**

DRAFT MOTION

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

Regular Meeting of Council – May 16, 2023
Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 6, 2023
Special Meeting of Council – June 13, 2023

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7. Items for Council consideration

7.1 Strategic Planning Session items

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Strategic Planning items as discussed at the June 13, 2023 Special Meeting of Council.

Public Works:

1. Traffic/Pedestrian areas of concern – Staff report.
2. Downtown buildings - makeover/assessment – Staff report.
3. Fleet - new Snowplow – Staff report.
4. Sewer line/Ruby Street – Staff report.
5. Crosswalk/speed reduction on Lang Street at St. Patrick's School – Staff report.
6. Teck Park, ballfield backstop realignment – investigate if do-able.
7. Separate stormwater and sewage – no action required.

Administration:

1. Amend tax installments due date to quarterly dates – Staff report.
2. Amend Council meeting schedule – Agenda item.
3. Listing of vacant lots – Staff report.
4. Community space/Community Hall – Staff report.
5. Trailer Park – lease revenue or tax revenue – Staff report.
6. Town Flag/T-shirts - sell to residents to encourage community spirit – Staff report.

Council – for further discussion:

1. Wetlands weir – Agenda item.
2. Food Bank relocation to 18 Silver St - back space? both spaces?
3. Fire Museum – P Eng wants a 2nd look, tear down? stabilize?
4. Rebuild reserves/long term financial solution – discuss options.
5. Sharpe Lake Property – form Ad-Hoc Committee (Councillors Cooper, Hunter, Hughes plus a public member) to investigate options.
6. Revisit Animal Control By-Law – create Ad-Hoc Committee for the Fall, post public service notice regarding current By-Law and Noise By-Law.
7. Designated Senior's Building – continue discussions with Ministry and DTSSAB.
8. Service review – request input from Municipal Departments.
9. Contractor of Record – RFP for services.
10. Improved social wellbeing for vulnerable population – encourage community involvement.

Beautification:

1. Murals – investigate options for repair and interest groups.
2. Cleanup/visual enhancement – some could be done by volunteers/community involvement.
3. Encourage residents to submit their concerns/ideas to the Municipal Office.

2024 Budget Discussions:

1. Music/Jam Sessions at Teck Park – Golden Age Club involvement, electrical outlets.
2. Sports/Programming – may require a budget allocation for Recreation.
3. Fire Truck – Fire Chief exploring options.

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Seconded by:

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7.2 Ad-Hoc Committee – Sharpe Lake Property

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Councillors Cooper, Hunter, Wilcox and 1 member of the public to an Ad-Hoc Committee to review options available for the Municipally owned Sharpe Lake property.

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Seconded by:

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7.3 Cobalt Water Commission – Committee Appointments

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS the Cobalt Water Commission requires a composition of 5 members;

AND WHEREAS members Harry Cooper and Reiner Mielke have been appointed by resolution of Cobalt and Coleman Councils respectively;

AND WHEREAS the following residents have submitted their names:

- 1. Mary Church - Cobalt
- 2. Helene Culhane - Cobalt
- 3. Rene Lafleur - Cobalt
- 4. Victor Legault - Coleman
- 5. Sue Nielsen - Cobalt
- 6. George Othmer - Cobalt
- 7. Richard Pickard - Cobalt
- 8. Rochelle Schwartz - Cobalt

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

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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7.4 Cobalt Fire Department recruits

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation from the Cobalt Fire Chief to appoint the following applicants as volunteer firefighters to the Cobalt Fire Department which brings the complement up to 24 members:

- 1. Bruce Bearisto
- 2. Andrew Cole
- 3. Kevin Cooper
- 4. Tyler Eckensviller
- 5. Amanda Noble

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Seconded by:

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7.5 Mayor’s Breakfast – Canada Day

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the request from the Golden Age Club for funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 to host the Mayor’s Breakfast in celebration of Canada Day July 1, 2023.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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7.6 Ad-Hoc Committee – Purchasing By-Law No. 2005-004

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Councillors Cooper, Anderson and Wilcox to an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the General Purchasing Policy By-Law No. 2005-004.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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7.7 School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Cobalt support the resolution from the Municipality of North Perth regarding the installation of school bus arm cameras on all school buses for the start of the 2023-24 school year and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Attorney General, Minister of Education, FONOM, and MPP, John Vanthof.

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Items for Council information

7.8 Transit Update – Councillor Anderson

DRAFT MOTION

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

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8. By-Laws and Agreements

8.1 By-Law No. 2023-17 - Appointment of Deputy Mayor

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Section 242 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, provides that a Municipality may appoint a member of Council to act in the place of the head of Council and to preside at meetings when the head of council is absent or refuses to act or the office is vacant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Pat Anderson be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt for the term of Council and said By-Law shall come in force and take effect on the date of its final passing.
2. That By-Law 2022-26 be hereby rescinded.

TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and passed this 20th day of June 2023;

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

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9. **Unfinished Business**

10. **New Business**

10.1 Schedule of Accounts

DRAFT MOTION

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

Schedule No. 2023-10 in the amount of \$147,435.52.

Schedule No. 2023-11 in the amount of \$126,602.46.

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Seconded by:

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10.2 Canada Day Events – Councillor Anderson

10.3 Mayor’s Report – Mayor Adshead

11. **Closed Meeting**

DRAFT BY-LAW

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.

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12. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

13. **Confirmation By-Law**

DRAFT BY-LAW

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-18 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 this 16th day of May, 2023

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

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Seconded by:

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14. **Adjournment**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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