

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

### MINUTES

**Present:**

**Deputy Mayor:** Doug Wilcox

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

**Staff:** S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer  
D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

**Media Moderator**

1. **Call to Order:**  
Deputy Mayor D. Wilcox 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. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-123**

**MOVED BY:** J. Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** G. Hughes

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated May 2, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Staff Reports**

**5.1 By-Law Enforcement – April Report**

A notice will be posted that Amnesty Week is May 16-20, 2023.

## 5.2 Cobalt Public Library Update

Councillor Hughes reported that the Library has received funding for 4 students, the 2022 Audit is ongoing, the hiring of an Interim CEO was withdrawn as the current CEO is returning in a month, and that the Library is open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### RESOLUTION No. 2023-124

**MOVED BY:** H. Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** J. Starchuk

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

CARRIED

## 6. Items for Council consideration:

### 6.1 Waive Procedural By-Law to allow motions for mayor vacancy.

#### RESOLUTION No. 2023-125

**MOVED BY:** P. Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** J. Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council suspend the Procedural By-Law to allow motions to be introduced regarding the Mayor's vacancy.

CARRIED

### 6.2 Mayor vacancy

#### Appointment options:

- i. **Appoint a current member of Council to fill Mayor vacancy.**
- ii. **Appoint from the 2022 Election - Mayoral Candidates to fill Mayor vacancy.**
  1. **Angela Adshead (101 Votes)**
  2. **Rod Prior (99 Votes)**
  3. **Mike Harrison (34 Votes)**
- iii. **Request expressions of interest from the Public to fill the Mayor vacancy.**

Council discussed options for filling the Mayor's vacancy.

Councillor Hunter left the meeting at 6:42 p.m. and did not return.

Deputy Mayor Wilcox called a recess at 6:42 p.m and returned the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION No. 2023-126

**MOVED BY:** J. Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** P. Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** pursuant to Section 263 (5) (1) (i) of the Municipal Act, Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt appoint Angela Adshead as Mayor;

**AND FURTHER THAT:** the Oath of Office be administered at the Regular Council Meeting on May 16, 2023.

Recorded Vote:

P. Anderson	F
H. Cooper	A
G. Hughes	F
J. Starchuk	F
D. Wilcox	A

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CARRIED

**6.3 Cobalt Water Commission**

Council reviewed the mandate of the Committee.

Recommendation: Staff was directed to advertise for Committee applicants.

**6.4 Draft By-Law 2023-13 - To Establish Tax Ratios for 2023**

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

**6.5 Draft By-Law 2023-14 – Adoption of the 2023 Tax Rates**

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

**6.6 Draft By-Law 2023-15 – Amendment to By-Law 2020-50 to Establish User Fees**

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

**6.7 Township of Montague – requesting support for their resolution re Bill 5, The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

Recommendation: staff was directed to clarify Bill 5 prior to further discussion.

**6.8 DTSSAB – requesting proclamation for Paramedic Services Week May 21-27, 2023**

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the next Regular meeting.

**7. Items for Council information:**

Nil

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-127**

**MOVED BY:** J. Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** H. Cooper

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the items for Council consideration 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. 2023-128**

**MOVED BY:** J. Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** H. Cooper

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:09 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk