

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL May 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

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

Absent: Gary Hughes (with notice)

Staff: S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer
D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
C. Beaudoin, Administrative Clerk

Media Moderator

1. **Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Oath of Office – Mayor**

Steven Dalley administered the Oath of Office as per Section 232 of the Municipal Act to Angela Adshead.

Mayor Adshead read a prepared statement addressing Council and the Public.

“I am looking forward to working with the Councillors around the table over the next 3 ½ years as a team. We are 7 people sitting around this table, we need to remember that it’s not personal when we have different opinions. One thing that I think is very important as we move forward is that in order for us to have respectful and efficient meetings, is to remind Council members of the need to address questions through the Chair after being called on to maintain decorum and to remind the public, that at no time are they to engage Council from the audience. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Town Office.

I strong feel that this shows respect for everyone who is here working hard and allows us the efficiency we require to get through all the work that needs to be done. Thank you. Now let’s get to work.”

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None

4. Public Meetings

None

5. Deputations/Delegation

None

6. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**RESOLUTION No. 2023-129****MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated May 16, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

7. Approval of Previous Council Minutes**RESOLUTION No. 2023-130****MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the following minutes as presented:

Regular Meeting of Council – April 18, 2023

Special Meeting of Council – April 25, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council – May 2, 2023

CARRIED

8. Items for Council consideration**8.1 Township of Montague – requesting resolution of support****RESOLUTION No. 2023-131****MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Town of Cobalt support the resolution from the Township of Montague for Bill 5 the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*,**AND FURTHER THAT** the resolution be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Jordan and MP Scott Reid for Lanark, Frontenac, Kingston and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

8.2 DTSSAB – requesting proclamation for Paramedic Services Week

RESOLUTION No. 2023-132

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS the third week in May of each year is recognized across North America as Paramedic Services Week by municipalities, paramedic organizations and associations, as well as other levels of government; and

WHEREAS the 2023 Paramedic Services Week is May 21-27, 2023; and

WHEREAS the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board Emergency Medical Services serve the people of the District every day, we take the opportunity to recognize the exceptional service they provide, from their prompt and compassionate response to our citizens in urgent need to the supportive role of Community Paramedics; and

WHEREAS Paramedics dedicate their lives to public service, and their skills often make the difference when community members are at their most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS the services, dedication and commitment of our highly trained Paramedics deserves to be recognized and honoured; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt wishes to recognize the important contribution of the 63 full-time and part-time paramedics who work out of three bases across the district, as well as recognize the Paramedics across Canada; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I do hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2023, as ‘Paramedic Services Week’ in the Town of Cobalt and urge our fellow community members to recognize the vital contributions provided by all Paramedics in the district of Timiskaming.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Cobalt proclaim May 21 -27, 2023 as Paramedic Services week in Cobalt.

CARRIED

Items for Council information

None

RESOLUTION No. 2023-133

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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

CARRIED

9. By-Laws and Agreements

9.1 By-Law No. 2023-13 Tax Ratios for 2023

RESOLUTION No. 2023-134

MOVED BY: P. Anderson

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-13 being a By-Law to establish tax ratios for 2023 as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting May 2, 2023;

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.

CARRIED

9.2 By-Law No. 2023-14 Tax Levy for 2023

RESOLUTION No. 2023-135

MOVED BY: H. Cooper

SECONDED BY: P. Anderson

WHEREAS at the Special Meeting of Council on April 25, 2023, Council approved a Capital Budget of \$671,709.00 and an Operating Budget of \$3,021,163.00 for a total 2023 Budget of \$3,692,872.00 requiring a tax levy of \$708,937.00;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-14 being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of the 2023 tax rate for Municipal and School purposes and to further provide penalty and interest for payments in default;

BE TAKEN AS READ 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.

CARRIED

9.3 By-Law No. 2023-15 Amendment to User Fee By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2023-136

MOVED BY: J. Starchuk

SECONDED BY: D. Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-15 being an Amendment to the User Fee By-Law as presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting May 2, 2023;

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.

CARRIED

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business**10.1 Schedule of Accounts****RESOLUTION No. 2023-137****MOVED BY:** Councillor Starchuk**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the following Schedules as presented:

Schedule No. 2023-08 in the amount of \$185,755.76

Schedule No. 2023-09 in the amount of \$155,853.97

CARRIED

12. Closed Meeting**RESOLUTION No. 2023-138****MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk**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;

(2)(a) The security of the property of the municipality or local board

CARRIED

13. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

None

14. Confirmation By-Law**RESOLUTION No. 2023-139****MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cooper**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-16 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.

CARRIED

15. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-140

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk