

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

SPECIAL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL June 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

Councillor: Pat Anderson
Harry Cooper
Angela Hunter
Gary Hughes
Doug Wilcox

Absent: Jim Starchuk (with notice)

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

Media Moderator

1. **Call to Order:**
Mayor Adshead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
None
3. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-146

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend the Procedural By-Law to convene in Closed Session as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, in order to address a time sensitive matter pertaining to subsection:

(2) (a) the security of the property of the Municipality or Local Board.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-147**MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Special Meeting dated June 13, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

4.**Business****4.1 Municipal Strategic Plan**

Council discussed tasks/plans that they would like to achieve during their term of office.

Residents are also encouraged to contact the Municipal Office with their suggestions.

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 – 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 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

Recommendation: A motion to adopt the Strategic Plan items will be presented at the Regular Meeting.

4.2 Closed Session

RESOLUTION No. 2023-148

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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) (a) Security of the property of the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

4.3 Business Arising from Closed Session

Staff was given direction on a Closed Session item related to property.

5. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2023-149

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk