

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

July 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

### MINUTES

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**Present:**

**Mayor:** Angela Adshead

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

**Staff:** S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer  
D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
A. Williams, Public Works Superintendent  
C. Beaudoin, Administrative Clerk

**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**

Nil

3. **Deputations/Delegation**

Fire Chief Shawn Hearn and James Johnson, JJ Fire Service, attended via Zoom to give Council an update on pumper tests.

Chief Hearn recommended the purchase a good used truck to replace Pumper #1 and a commitment to a new truck to replace Pumper #2 in the next few years.

James Johnson recommended the purchase a good used truck that should last the next 10 years. He also recommended looking at a smaller pump (500 rather than the 840) which would be adequate for the size of our municipality.

4. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

Mayor Adshead requested an amendment to item 9 to include a motion relating to bank signing authority.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-168**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated July 12, 2023 as amended.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-169**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council suspend the Procedural By-Law to allow a motion to be introduced regarding the bank signatories.

CARRIED

**5. Staff Reports**

5.1 Public Works – June Report

Councillor Cooper requested a copy of the Health Unit report on the Community Hall.

5.2 Animal Control – May Report

5.3 By-Law Enforcement – June Report

5.4 Cobalt Public Library Update

Councillor Hughes reported that the Library has hired 3 summer students. The Library will be open from Tuesday to Sunday each week – hours to be determined.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-170**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

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

CARRIED

**6. Items for Council consideration:**

6.1 J. Dymont – Municipal Planning Consultants

Recommendation: Clerk to circulate copies of the plan to Council.

**Items for Council information:**

7.1 Cobalt Historical Society – Notice of new project – new tourist guide handout.

7.2 Cobalt Historical Society – Thank you letter for assistance with art sculpture repairs.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-171**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

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

CARRIED

## 8. **Unfinished Business**

8.1 Ad-Hoc Committee – Procedural By-Law (Councillor Cooper, Councillor Wilcox)

The Committee reported that they have consulted with staff and work on the draft By-Law is ongoing.

8.2 Ad-Hoc Committee – Sharpe Lake Property (Councillors Cooper, Hunter, Hughes)

The Committee reported that after the appointment of the member of the public, the first order of business will be to view the property.

8.3 Ad-Hoc Committee – Purchasing Policy (Councillors Cooper, Anderson, Wilcox)

No meeting has been scheduled at this time.

## 9. **New Business**

9.1 Variance Report – Q1 & Q2 January 1 to June 30, 2023.

9.2 Draft By-Law No. 2023-XX - Amendment No.1 to By-Law No.2020-32 Municipal Tax Policy

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

9.3 Draft By-Law No. 2023-XX - Amendment No. 3 to By-Law No. 2021-32 Traffic and Parking

Recommendation: a motion to adopt the By-Law will be presented at the next Regular meeting for the first and second reading. The third reading will take place at the Regular Meeting on August 15, 2023.

9.4 Draft By-Law No. 2023-XX – Encroachment Policy

Recommendation: a motion to adopt the By-Law will be presented at the next Regular meeting for the first and second reading. The third reading will take place at the Regular Meeting on August 15, 2023.

9.5 Ad-Hoc Committee Sharpe Lake Property - Applicants - 1. George Othmer

Recommendation: a motion to accept George Othmer for the public position on the Ad-Hoc Committee will be presented at the next Regular Meeting.

9.6 Councillor Anderson – Geothermal Energy Project

Councillor Anderson reported on a meeting she had with the University of Guelph regarding a Geothermal study. They are requesting use of the Classic Theatre parking lot and office space in the Community Hall.

Recommendation: Clerk to circulate the slide presentation and Council will discuss further at the next Regular meeting.

9.7 Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Adshead announced that the Municipal Fire Ban was lifted today, July 12, 2023 at 6pm.

2. She reminded residents to not contaminate their recycling and that landlords are responsible for their tenants' recycling.

3. She also reminded residents that the speed limit in Town is 40 km/h.

9.8 Signing Authority

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-172**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

**WHEREAS** all financial transactions and banking instruments require two signatures on behalf of the Corporation;

**AND WHEREAS** the Corporate account requires a file update;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize Angela Adshead and Steven Dalley as primary signatory and Pat Anderson and Dale Taylor as alternate signatory.

CARRIED

10. **Closed Meeting**  
Nil

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

12. **Adjournment**  
**RESOLUTION No. 2023-173**  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:31 p.m.  
CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk