

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

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

Staff: S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer
D. Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
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**
None
3. **Public Meetings**
None
4. **Deputations/Delegation**
None
5. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

Town Manager Steven Dalley requested a correction to item 7.2 – Name correction from Councillor Wilcox to Councillor Hughes.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-150

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

CARRIED

6. Approval of Previous Council Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2023-151

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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

CARRIED

7. Items for Council consideration

7.1 Strategic Planning Session items

RESOLUTION No. 2023-152

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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.

Councillor Wilcox requested that items 2 & 3 under Council – for further discussion be given priority consideration.

Councillor Cooper requested that item 3 under 2024 Budget Discussion be given priority consideration.

Councillor Hughes requested the number of clients served by the food bank.

7.2 Ad-Hoc Committee – Sharpe Lake Property

RESOLUTION No. 2023-153

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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

CARRIED

Staff was directed to advertise to fill public vacancy with a deadline to apply of June 30, 2023

7.3 Cobalt Water Commission – Committee Appointments

RESOLUTION No. 2023-154

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

Council voted on each applicant by show of hands.

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. George Othmer
2. Helen Culhane
3. Mary Church

CARRIED

7.4 Cobalt Fire Department recruits

RESOLUTION No. 2023-155

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

CARRIED

7.5 Mayor's Breakfast – Canada Day

RESOLUTION No. 2023-156

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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.

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION No. 2023-157

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

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.

CARRIED

7.7 School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

RESOLUTION No. 2023-158

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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.

CARRIED

Items for Council information

7.8 Transit Update – Councillor Anderson

Councillor Anderson updated Council on the recent Transit meeting. The City of Temiskaming Shores will be presenting an updated memorandum to the Town of Cobalt for the operation of bus services. The Transit Committee is currently seeking options for newer buses. Council's recommendation is to seek driver input when considering options.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-159

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

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

CARRIED

8. By-Laws and Agreements

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

RESOLUTION No. 2023-160

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

Councillor Wilcox tendered his resignation as Deputy Mayor and wished Councillor Anderson success in her new position.

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.

CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. New Business

10.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2023-161

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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.

CARRIED

10.2 Canada Day Events – Councillor Anderson

Councillor Anderson updated Council on the Canada Day Events planned for July 1, 2023. The Mayor's Breakfast will begin at 8:30am at the Golden Age Club. The Mayor of Cobalt and Coleman will be assisting the Golden Age Club members and any other Councillor's who wish to assist are welcome. The parade will begin at noon from Damiani Drive. Prizes, water and freezies have been purchased and donated by The Flea Market, The Silver Nugget and the Cobalt Legion.

10.3 Mayor's Report – Mayor Adshead

Mayor Adshead advised the public to utilize Crime Stoppers and/or 9-1-1 if they see something that needs to be reported.

She also announced that due to a scheduled meeting on June 22, 2023, she will not be available during her regular Mayor's hours.

The July 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting has been rescheduled to July 12, 2023.

11. **Closed Meeting**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-162

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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)(b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

CARRIED

12. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

Staff was given direction on an HR matter.

13. **Confirmation By-Law**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-163

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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 20th day of June, 2023

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

CARRIED

14. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-164

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk