

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

August 1 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

### MINUTES

**Present:**

**Mayor:** Angela Adshead

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

**Staff:** S. Dalley, Town Manager/Clerk-Treasurer  
C. Beaudoin, Administrative Clerk

**Media Moderator**

1. **Call to Order:**  
Mayor Adshead called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**  
Councillor Starchuk declared a pecuniary interest with item 9.3 Staff Report 2023.08.01.03 D. Wright – Affordable Housing.
3. **Deputations/Delegation**  
David Brydges updated Council on the completion of the Dr Drummond Memorial Park and thanked all the sponsors who provided monetary and in-kind donations. Mr. Brydges also provided Council with a list of all outdoor and indoor murals within the Town and contacts for the restoration of Town murals.
4. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-187**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated August 1, 2023 as amended.

CARRIED

## 5. **Staff Reports**

### 5.1 Public Works

Councillor Hunter requested a reminder to residents of what is inappropriate to flush and pour down drains and the costs associated with sewer blockages.

### 5.2 Cobalt Public Library

Councillor Hughes reported that there is an upcoming meeting.

### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-188**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

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

CARRIED

## 6. **Items for Council consideration:**

### 6.1 Maggie Wilson – Heritage & Cultural Trails Project

Recommendation: A resolution will be presented at the next Regular Meeting.

## 7. **Items for Council information:**

### 7.1 Karyne Labonte - Thank you letter – Contribution towards the ESCSM Academic Awards

### 7.2 OPP Detachment Board Framework proposal approval

7.3 Requirements of all Committees including Ad-Hoc Committees (Section 6.4.1, 7.7 and 7.8 of the Procedural By-Law and Section 238 of the Municipal Act).

### **RESOLUTION No. 2023-189**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**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, G. Othmer)

No meeting has been scheduled at this time.

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

No meeting has been scheduled at this time.

Recommendation: Council to set end dates for the 3 Ad-Hoc Committees at the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council as per the Procedural By-Law.

## 9. **New Business**

### 9.1 Draft By-Law 2023-XX – Accessibility Policy (Staff Report 2023.08.01.01)

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

9.2 Staff Report 2023.08.01.02 – Hiring Policy

Recommendation: The Hiring Committee will consist of the Town Manager, the Public Works Superintendent and a Councillor. The Town Manager to decide which Councillor will fill the Council position.

9.3 Staff Report 2023.08.01.03 – D. Wright – Affordable Housing Concept

Recommendation: Council has decided not to proceed as a partner with this project.

9.4 Councillor Cooper – cost saving measures and revenue generating ideas

Recommendation: the Town Manager will circulate Councillor Cooper’s list to Council and will compile a report from the list of ideas generated by Council for presentation at a Regular Meeting. The 2023 Budget Committee will reconvene.

9.5 Mayor’s Report

1. Mayor Adshead reminded residents to be considerate of their neighbours when burning, be mindful of the wind direction and what items are being burned.

2. She also informed Council that the Geothermal project meeting scheduled for August 8, 2023 has been delayed. They will be available to answer questions at the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting.

10. **Closed Meeting**

Nil

11. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

Nil

12. **Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-190**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:43 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk