

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL July 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

Councillors: Pat Anderson
Gary Hughes
Angela Hunter (Via Zoom)
Jim Starchuk
Doug Wilcox

Absent: Harry Cooper (with notice)

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**

4.1 Danielle Girard – Kemp Elliot & Blair – presentation of the 2022 audit

Ms. Girard reviewed the 2022 Financial Statements for the Town of Cobalt which showed an operational deficit of \$575,696 (after adjusting out for the gain on sale of the government business partnership) and a net debt position of \$354,244.

Ms. Girard reviewed the 2022 Financial Statements for the Cobalt Public Library which showed an operational surplus of \$14,390 (after backing out the amortization) and a net asset position of \$62,505.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-174

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2022 Financial Statements for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt and the Cobalt Public Library as presented by Kemp Elliott & Blair LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants.

CARRIED

July 18, 2023

5. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Mayor Adshead requested an amendment to item 7 to include a motion relating to the Sharpe Lake Ad-Hoc Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-175

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated July 18, 2023 as amended.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-176

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend the Procedural By-Law to allow a motion to be introduced under Section 7 to add item 7.2 the appointment of a member to the Sharpe Lake Property Ad-Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

6. Approval of Previous Council Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2023-177

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following minutes as presented:

Regular Meeting – June 20, 2023

Special Meeting – July 11, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting – July 12, 2023

CARRIED

7. Items for Council consideration

7.1 Geothermal Energy Study

Councillor Anderson updated Council on her discussions with the University of Guelph regarding Phase 1 of the study which will span 2 years to allow the students to complete their thesis as well as Phase 2 of the study in year 3 that may require a monetary commitment.

Recommendation: Councillor Anderson to confirm the date and time for a Special Meeting of Council with the University of Guelph students, Agnico Eagle and Story Environmental for further discussions.

7.2 Ad-Hoc Committee Sharpe Lake Property – Appointment of Public Position

RESOLUTION No. 2023-178

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS at the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2023, Council formed an Ad-Hoc Committee to review options available for the Municipally owned Sharpe Lake Property;

AND WHEREAS Councillors Cooper, Hunter and Hughes where appointed by Council and requested Staff advertise for applicants to fill the public position;

AND WHEREAS Council received one applicant by the deadline of June 30, 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint George Othmer as a member of the Sharpe Lake Property Ad-Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-179

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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. 2023-19 – Amendment No. 1 to By-Law 2020-32 Municipal Property Tax Policy

RESOLUTION No. 2023-180

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report No. 2023.06.23 at the Committee of the Whole meeting, July 12, 2023, recommending an amendment to the tax instalment due dates;

AND WHEREAS Council agreed to amend the due dates to the last business day of the months of February, April, August and October beginning in 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-19 being an Amendment to the Municipal Tax Policy By-Law 2020-32;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 18th day of July 2023;

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

CARRIED

8.2 By-Law No. 2023-20 – Amendment No. 3 to By-Law No. 2021-32 Traffic and Parking

RESOLUTION No. 2023-181

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report No. 2023.06.28 at the Committee of the Whole meeting, July 12, 2023 with recommendations for amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-Law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-20 being an Amendment to the Traffic and Parking By-Law No. 2021-32;

BE READ a first and second time this 18th day of July 2023.

CARRIED

8.3 By-Law No. 2023-21 – To Adopt an Encroachment Policy for the Town of Cobalt

RESOLUTION No. 2023-182

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report No. 2023.06.29 at the Committee of the Whole meeting, July 12, 2023 with a recommendation to adopt an Encroachment Policy for the Town of Cobalt;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-21 being a By-Law to Adopt an Encroachment Policy for the Town of Cobalt;

BE READ a first and second time this 18th day of July 2023.

CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. New Business

10.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2023-183

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the following Schedules as presented:

Schedule No. 2023-12 in the amount of \$273,555.50.

Schedule No. 2023-13 in the amount of \$113,862.56.

CARRIED

10.2 Mayor's Report –

1. Mayor Adshead reported that the Town received a thank you letter from Landon Noel, the recipient of the Grade 8 medallion for St. Patrick Public School.
2. Members of the Artist Colony is in Town this week and they are located at the Golden Age Club. Everyone is welcome to visit. They have invited the Mayor to participate.
3. Mayor Adshead circulated a copy of the "Council and Staff Healthy Relationship" document and requested Council review it as a refresher.

11. **Closed Meeting**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-184

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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 Municipal or local board.

(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 a Closed Session matter.

13. **Confirmation By-Law**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-185

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-22 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 18th day of July 2023.

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

CARRIED

14. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-186

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk