

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

September 5, 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
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. **Deputations/Delegation**
None
4. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-202

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated September 5, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

5. Staff Reports

- 5.1 Public Works Report – August 2023
- 5.2 Animal Control Report – June and July 2023
- 5.3 By-Law Enforcement Report – July 2023
- 5.4 Cobalt Public Library

Councillor Hughes provided an update on the Library's summer activities, acknowledged the funding received from DTSSAB and welcomed Marilyn Lubbock as Coleman Council representative on the Library Board. Councillor Hughes reported that the next Library Board meeting tomorrow September 6, 2023.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-203

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

CARRIED

6. Items for Council consideration:

- 6.1 2023 Capital Budget update
 - 6.2 Draft By-Law to Adopt an Encroachment Policy
 - 6.3 Draft By-Law to Adopt a Water Utilities Management Policy
- Recommendation: Staff to review sections 4.7 and 8.1 and present the Policy at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-204

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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

CARRIED

7. Items for Council information:

- 7.1 MTO Response to Potential ONR Stop in Cobalt
- The Town Manager mentioned that the Town has received correspondence from Ontario Northland and MTO both stating they will re-engage with local municipalities, townships, communities and Indigenous communities along the corridor as part of the next stages of project implementation in fall 2023.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-205

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business

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

The Town Manager will be scheduling a meeting.

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

A Meeting invite has been sent to all members of the Committee.

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

The Town Manager will be scheduling a meeting.

9. New Business

9.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Wilcox

The Town of Cobalt purchase, as soon as possible, a used Fire Truck as recommended by our Fire Chief, provided that the Fire Truck is in good working condition, and will not require a contribution from the Town exceeding \$15,000.00 to top up the funds already available to the Fire Department.

Recommendation: the motion will be presented at the next Regular meeting.

9.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Adshead read from a prepared statement:

"I would like us to continue to work together as we make decisions to move our Town forward in these challenging times. It's going to be tough for the next couple of years. I think we are on the path to doing so, so I thank you."

10. Closed Meeting

RESOLUTION No. 2023-206

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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.

(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Municipality or Local Board, 2001, c.25, s.239 (2); 2017 c. 10, Sched. 1, s 26.

CARRIED

11. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

Direction was given to Staff on a Closed Session matter.

12. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2023-207

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8.38 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk

September 5, 2023