

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
- 3. Public Meetings
- 4. Deputations/Delegation

4.1 Graham Gambles – Geo Exchange Presentation

- 5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated November 21, 2023 as presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

- 6. Approval of Previous Council Minutes

DRAFT MOTION

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

Regular Meeting of Council – October 17, 2023
Special Meeting of Council – October 24, 2023
Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 7, 2023

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

7.4 Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Expense Allocation Method

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS the method of allocation for Board of Health expenses is governed by Ontario Regulation 489/97 under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Health of the Timiskaming Health Unit currently uses the most recent enumeration conducted by the Municipal Property and Assessment Corporation to allocate expenses;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Health of the Timiskaming Health Unit feels that changing the method of allocation to utilize the most recent Census conducted by Statistics Canada allows for a more accurate and equitable distribution of expenditures;

AND WHEREAS any change in allocation method must be agreed to by all obligated municipalities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the recommendation by the Board of Health of the Timiskaming Health Unit to move to Census based allocation for board of health expenditures effective January 1, 2024.

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to Timiskaming Health Unit – Board of Health.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

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7.5 Cobalt Public Library Board Appointment

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS as a result of two vacant seats on the Cobalt Public Library Board, Council advertised for interested persons to apply to fill the vacancies;

AND WHEREAS two applications were received by the deadline of October 20, 2023;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Suzanne Othmer and Mary Church be appointed to the Cobalt Public Library Board.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

7.6 Surplus Lots – Pyrite Street (Staff Report 2023.11.21.01)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting on September 19th 2023, Council declared the following lots as surplus;

AND WHEREAS both lots were evaluated by a licensed realtor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following lots be advertised for sale with the estimated current value of the property and all transferable legal fees will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

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|----|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 1. | 32 Pyrite Street North | vacant lot | \$16,000.00 |
| 2. | 35-39 Pyrite Street North | vacant lot | <u>\$20,000.00</u> |
| | | | \$36,000.00 |

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

8. Items for Council information
None

9. By-Laws and Agreements

9.1 By-Law 2023-33 - To Adopt a User Fee By-Law for 2024-2026

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report No. 2023.11.07.01 at the Committee of the Whole meeting, November 7, 2023 with a recommendation to adopt a 2024-2026 User Fee By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-33 being a By-Law to Adopt a User Fee By-Law for the Town of Cobalt;

BE READ a first, second and final time and passed this 21st day of November 2023;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
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9.2 By-Law 2023-34 - To Adopt Amendment No. 2 to By-Law 2020-32 Municipal Property Tax Policy

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report No. 2023.11.07.02 at the Committee of the Whole meeting, November 7, 2023 with a recommendation to adopt Amendment No. 2 to By-Law 2020-32 Municipal Property Tax Policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-34 being a By-Law to Adopt Amendment No. 2 to By-Law 2020-32 Municipal Property Tax Policy;

BE READ a first, second and final time and passed this 21st day of November 2023;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.1 Schedule of Accounts

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

Schedule No. 2023-20 in the amount of \$148,860.53.

Schedule No. 2023-21 in the amount of \$113,915.81.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
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11.2 Mayor’s Report

12. Closed Meeting

DRAFT MOTION

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)(c) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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13. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

14. **Confirmation By-Law**

DRAFT BY-LAW

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-35 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 21st day of November, 2023

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE

15. **Adjournment**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE