

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL SEPTEMBER 19, 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**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-211

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend the Procedural By-Law to allow motions to be introduced under Section 7 to add 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 & 8.3 as they are time sensitive items.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-212

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated September 19, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Approval of Previous Council Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-213

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

Regular Meeting of Council – August 15, 2023
Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 5, 2023
Special Meeting – September 12, 2023

CARRIED

7. **Items for Council consideration**

7.1 - Notice of Motion – Councillor Wilcox (Staff Report 2023.09.19.01)

Fire Chief Shawn Hearn was present to answer questions from Council.
Council Wilcox amended his original motion from \$15,000 to \$30,000.00.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-214

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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 \$30,000.00 to top up the funds already available to the Fire Department.

Recorded Vote:

P. Anderson	A	H. Cooper	F
G. Hughes	A	A. Hunter	A
J. Starchuk	A	D. Wilcox	F
A. Adshead	A	F - 2	A - 5

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-215

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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.

Recorded Vote:

P. Anderson	F	H. Cooper	F
G. Hughes	F	A. Hunter	F
J. Starchuk	F	D. Wilcox	F
A. Adshead	A	F - 6	A - 1

CARRIED

7.2 – New Blower required for Trackless (Staff Report 2023.09.19.02)

RESOLUTION No. 2023-216

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council gives staff authorization to purchase a new blower for the Trackless as per Staff Report 2023.09.19.02.

CARRIED

7.3 – Surplus Municipal Properties (Staff Report 2023.09.19.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2023-217

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declare the following properties surplus and have them financially assessed:

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| 1. | 14 Lang Street | vacant lot |
| 2. | 16 Lang Street | vacant lot |
| 3. | 8 Helen Street | lot with house |
| 4. | 17 Argentite Street | vacant lot |
| 5. | 21 North Avenue | vacant lot |
| 6. | 28 Laird Crescent | vacant lot |
| 7. | 39 Watson Place | vacant lot |
| 8. | 32 Pyrite Street North | vacant lot |
| 9. | 35-39 Pyrite Street North | vacant lot |

CARRIED

Recommendation: Council requested a Staff Report on the fire trucks.

7.4 – Zoning By-Law Amendment – Argentite Street (Train Station) (Staff Report 2023.09.19.04)

RESOLUTION No. 2023-218

MOVED BY: Councillor Hunter
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby acknowledges that the Town of Cobalt is in receipt of an application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment at Argentite Street (Cobalt Train Station) and directs Staff to schedule a statutory Public Meeting on October 17, 2023 as required under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

CARRIED

7.5 – Sally Lawrence and Rob Moir Letter- Cobalt Sculpture Upgrades

RESOLUTION No. 2023-219

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give Sally Lawrence and Rob Moir permission to look into funding and grants to complete the artwork in the Willet Green Miller Park with no financial support from the Town of Cobalt.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-220**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the items for Council consideration as presented.

CARRIED

Items for Council information**7.6 Township of Coleman** – Notice of contribution towards their share of water charges at the Teck Park Splash Pad beginning in 2024.**RESOLUTION No. 2023-221****MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the items for Council information as presented.

CARRIED

8. By-Laws and Agreements**8.1 By-Law No. 2023-21 – To Adopt an Encroachment Policy for the Town of Cobalt****RESOLUTION No. 2023-222****MOVED BY:** Councillor Hughes**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk**WHEREAS** Council received Staff Report No. 2023.09.05.02 at the Committee of the Whole meeting, July 12, 2023 with a recommendation to adopt an Encroachment Policy for the Town of Cobalt;**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-21 being a By-Law to Adopt an Encroachment Policy for the Town of Cobalt;**READ** a first and second time on July 18th 2023;**BE READ** a third and final time and passed this 19th day of September 2023;**AND FURTHER THAT** the said By-Law be signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk.

CARRIED

8.2 By-Law No. 2023-25 – to Adopt a Water Utilities Management Policy**RESOLUTION No. 2023-223****MOVED BY:** Councillor Hughes**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox**WHEREAS** Council received Staff Report No. 2023.09.05.03 at the Committee of the Whole meeting, September 5, 2023 with a recommendation to adopt a Water Utilities Management Policy;**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-25 being a By-Law to Adopt a Water Utilities Management Policy for the Town of Cobalt;**BE READ** a first and second time this 19th day of September 2023.

CARRIED

8.3 – By-Law No. 2023-26 – Respecting Construction, Demolition and Change of Use Permits and Inspections;

RESOLUTION No. 2023-224

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS Council received the TMSA Report with the updated fee schedule effective October 1, 2023 and provide public notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-26 being a By-Law Respecting Construction, Demolition and Change of Use Permits and Inspections;

BE READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of September 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. 2023-225

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

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

- Schedule No. 2023-16 in the amount of \$157,173.38.
- Schedule No. 2023-17 in the amount of \$142,670.72.

CARRIED

10.2 Mayor’s Report –

Mayor Adshead read from a prepared statement:

I’ve heard numerous times since I moved back to Cobalt that people want Cobalt to be what it once was and so would I, or as close to as possible as I am sure everyone else sitting around this table. I’ve heard some very good speakers about how to make your town better, and the one message that keeps coming across loud and clear is that it begins with the people. So with that thought in mind, I kept pondering how do we do this? How do we get the people involved? This is what I’ve come up to start us down that path. I issue a challenge to all of our residents, young old and in between.

Come up with what you love about our town, write it down along with your contact information and submit it to the town office and I will contact all of the people who submitted their thoughts on what makes our town great, and the first eight submissions will receive a small token of appreciation. Let’s start a positive dialogue about what is so wonderful about the small town that we live in called Cobalt and if you don’t want to submit an idea, share what it is that’s so wonderful with your neighbors, with your friends and on social media but most importantly, please, let’s keep it positive.

This is your town and it will take more than the seven of us around this table to make our town what we

want it to be, its going to take all of you as well. In order for that to happen, we need you to be engaged, come to meetings, speak up to your friends, to your neighbors, or if you so choose, social media but lets keep the message positive, negativity does not help us change our town into what we want it to be. So please, let's all get engaged.

I will start off the conversation by saying what I love about Cobalt. It's the people and the way they all pull together and help each other out when that help is greatly needed and the fact that we live in a town with all the services that provides and yet we still have an abundance of nature surrounding us to enjoy creating a relaxing environment in which to live our lives.

11. **Closed Meeting**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-226

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

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) The security of the property of the municipality or local board

CARRIED

12. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

Direction was given to Staff on a Closed Session matters.

13. **Confirmation By-Law**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-227

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-27 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 19th day of September 2023;

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

CARRIED

14. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-228

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk