

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL December 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

3. **Public Meetings**

None

4. **Deputations/Delegation**

Cobalt Public Library – 2023 Budget Presentation

5. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated December 19, 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 – November 21, 2023  
Committee of the Whole – December 5, 2023

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
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December 19, 2023

**7. Items for Council consideration**

**7.1 Classic Theatre lease discussions**

**DRAFT MOTION**

**WHEREAS** Council discussed a written summary submitted by the Classic Theatre on their operations;

**AND WHEREAS** Council requires further information for ongoing discussions;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council agree to the following:

- 1. That the Classic Theatre arrangements remain as status quo for 2024.
- 2. That Staff be directed to create a Policy for a standardized lease and a pre-lease tenant information form for Council’s consideration;
- 3. That the Policy be reviewed at the end of Q1, 2024 to assess timelines for implementation.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
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**7.2 Holiday hours**

**DRAFT MOTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts Staff Report 2023.12.05.03 as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting December 5, 2023 and approves the Holiday schedule for the Municipal Office and Public Works Department and that public notice be given.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
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**7.3 Council Remuneration**

**7.3.A DRAFT MOTION**

**WHEREAS** Council directs Staff to create an Elected Officials Remuneration Policy for Council’s consideration outlining terms and procedures to ensure there is consistency and equity so it can be implemented for 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** Council accepts a 0% remuneration increase for 2024.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
VOTE**

7.3.B DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** Council directs Staff to create an Elected Officials Remuneration Policy for Council's consideration outlining terms and procedures to ensure there is consistency and equity so it can be implemented for 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the 2024 remuneration be set at the 2022 rate plus the 2023 CPI to a maximum of 1%.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
VOTE**

7.3.C DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** Council directs Staff to create an Elected Officials Remuneration Policy for Council's consideration outlining terms and procedures to ensure there is consistency and equity so it can be implemented for 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the 2024 remuneration be set at the 2022 rate plus the 2023 CPI to a maximum of 1.5%.

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Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
VOTE**

7.3.D DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** Council directs Staff to create an Elected Officials Remuneration Policy for Council's consideration outlining terms and procedures to ensure there is consistency and equity so it can be implemented for 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the 2024 remuneration be set at the 2022 rate plus the 2023 CPI to a maximum of 2%.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
VOTE**

7.3.E DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** Council directs Staff to create an Elected Officials Remuneration Policy for Council's consideration outlining terms and procedures to ensure there is consistency and equity so it can be implemented for 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the 2024 remuneration be set at the 2022 rate plus the 2023 CPI to a maximum of 2.5%.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
VOTE**

7.3.F DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** Council directs Staff to create an Elected Officials Remuneration Policy for Council’s consideration outlining terms and procedures to ensure there is consistency and equity so it can be implemented for 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the 2024 remuneration be set at the 2022 rate plus the 2023 CPI to a maximum of 3%.

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Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
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**7.4 Geo-Exchange Project**

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council declines to pursue the Geo-Exchange Pilot Project.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
VOTE**

**7.5 2024 Budget Advisory Group**

DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Councillor Cooper and Councillor Anderson be appointed to the 2024 Budget Advisory Group.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION  
VOTE**

## 7.6 OPP Detachment Board 3 appointment

### DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General introduced legislation to alter the formation of OPP Detachment Boards;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Temiskaming Shores presented a proposal on behalf of all 19 Municipalities for the formation of 3 Police Services Board for the Temiskaming OPP Detachment which has now been approved by the Province;

**AND WHEREAS** Cobalt will be part of the Temiskaming Police Services Board South which includes Cobalt, Latchford, Casey, Harley, Harris, Hudson, Kerns, Temagami and Temagami First Nation;

**AND WHEREAS** each Municipality is required to appoint a Municipal representative;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoints Mayor Angela Adshead as the Town of Cobalt representative to the Temiskaming Police Services for Board 3.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

### **DISCUSSION**

### **VOTE**

## 7.7 Township of Ewanturel - Letter of Support

### DRAFT MOTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the resolution from the Township of Ewanturel and recommends that Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be directed to the Premier of Ontario; Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) and FONOM.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

### **DISCUSSION**

### **VOTE**

## 8. Items for Council information

None

9. **By-Laws and Agreements**

**9.1 By-Law 2023-36 Amendment No. 2 to By-Law 2009-003 for the Maintenance and Occupancy of Property (Property Standards)**

DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 5, 2023, Council received Staff Report 2023.12.05.01 with a recommendation to adopt administrative fees and an escalating fine scale;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-36 being an Amendment to By-Law 2009-003 for the Maintenance and Occupancy of Property;

**BE TAKEN AS READ** a first, second and third time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023;

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

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**9.2 By-Law 2023-37 Amendment No. 2 to By-Law 2021-12 to provide for Maintaining Land in a Clean and Clear Condition (Clean Yards)**

DRAFT MOTION

**WHEREAS** at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 5, 2023, Council received Staff Report 2023.12.05.01 with a recommendation to adopt administrative fees and an escalating fine scale;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-37 being an Amendment to By-Law 2021-12 for the Maintaining Land in a Clean and Clear Condition;

**BE TAKEN AS READ** a first, second and third time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023;

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

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10. **Unfinished Business**

None

11. **New Business**

11.1 **Schedule of Accounts**

DRAFT MOTION

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

Schedule No. 2023-22 in the amount of \$148,156.02.

Schedule No. 2023-23 in the amount of \$147,200.12.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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11.2 **Mayor’s Report**

- **Notice of Meeting Dates for January 2024**

**(Committee of the Whole – January 9, 2024 and Regular Council Meeting - January 23, 2024).**

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**VOTE**

13. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

14. **Confirmation By-Law**

DRAFT BY-LAW

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2023-38 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 December 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**