

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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**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

**Media Moderator**

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Adshead called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

None

**3. Deputations/Delegation**

3.1 Rick Caldwell – Classic Theatre

Mr. Caldwell, representing the Classic Theatre Board, provided Council with a written summary outlining the Theatre's history, costing, benefits to the community and current financial and operating considerations.

**4. Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-278**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council suspend the Procedural By-Law to allow a motion to be introduced under item 9 - New Business, that is time sensitive.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-279**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council suspend the Procedural By-Law to allow discussion on item 6.3 Leases – Classic Theatre, prior to the Staff Reports.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-280**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Starchuk  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

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

CARRIED

**4.1 Leases – Classic Theatre (Staff Report 2023.12.05.02)**

Council discussed the Staff Report and Theatre summary with Mr. Caldwell.

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the next meeting

- 1) to direct Staff to create a Policy for a standardized lease and a pre-lease tenant information form.
- 2) to allow the Theatre arrangements to remain as status quo for 2024.
- 3) to revisit the timelines for Policy implementation by March 31, 2024.

**5. Staff Reports**

- 5.1 Public Works – November 2023 Report
- 5.2 Animal Control – October 2023 Report
- 5.3 By-Law Enforcement – November 2023 Report

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-281**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Hughes  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

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

CARRIED

**6. Items for Council consideration:****RESOLUTION No. 2023-281**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Hughes  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cooper

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

CARRIED

**6.1** Draft By-Law 2023-XX Amendment No. 2 to By-Law 2009-003 Property Standards to implement an escalating fine scale for violations. (Staff Report 2023.12.05.01)

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

**6.2 Draft By-Law 2023-XX Amendment No. 2 to By-Law 2021-12 Clean Yards** to implement an escalating fine scale for violations. (Staff Report 2023.12.05.01)  
Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the next meeting.

**6.3 Municipal Office and Public Works Holiday hours –** (Staff Report 2023.12.05.03)  
Recommendation: a motion to approve the holiday schedule will be presented at the next meeting.

**6.4 Council Remuneration -** (Staff Report 2023.12.05.04)  
Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the next meeting  
 1) to direct Staff to develop an Elected Official’s Remuneration Policy  
 2) to present options for 2024’s remuneration

**6.5 Geo-exchange Pilot Project** (Staff Report 2023.12.05.05)  
Recommendation: a motion to decline to pursue this project will be presented at the next meeting.

**6.6 2024 Budget Working Group –** (Staff Report 2023.12.05.06)  
Recommendation: a motion to appoint Councillors Cooper and Anderson to the 2024 Budget Advisory Group will be presented at the next meeting.

**6.7 2023 Capital Projects Status Report –** (Staff Report 2023.12.05.07)  
 S. Dalley reviewed the Staff information report with Council.

**6.8 Financial Report – January 1 to November 30, 2023** (Staff Report 2023.12.05.08)  
 S. Dalley reviewed the Staff information report with Council.

**6.9 Penny St. Germain – Request for a Council Representative to a New OPP Detachment Board**  
Recommendation: a motion to appoint Mayor Adshead as Cobalt’s representative to the Board will be presented at the next meeting.

**6.10 Township of Evanturel – Letter of Support – Gender-Based & Intimate Partner Violence**  
Recommendation: a motion to provide a letter of support will be presented at the next meeting.

CARRIED

**7. Items for Council information:**

**7.1 Timiskaming Health Unit – Community Placemaking Grant Approval Letter.**  
 Mayor Adshead announced that the Grant to provide sun sails and shade trees was approved.

**7.2 DTSSAB – 2023 Q3 Report.**

**7.3 Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) – Notice of New Planner – Jennifer Pye**

**7.4 Mayor to provide update on Community Engagement Initiative and Food Bank**

Food Bank - Mayor Adshead reported that the Food Bank Board members are investigating a location and no other information is currently available. Councillor Anderson reported that alternatives have been found to maintain client services in the interim.

Community Engagement Initiative – Mayor Adshead announced that a “Christmas and Big Idea” community coffee event for residents will be held at the Golden Age Club on December 17, 2023 from 2-4:00 p.m. She invites Councillors to attend and greet the public. She has received some monetary donations towards the initiative.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-282**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Hughes  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cooper

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

8. **Unfinished Business**  
None

9. **New Business**  
**9.1 Surplus Lot – 93 Cobalt Street**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-283**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**WHEREAS** at the Regular Council Meeting on October 17, 2023, Council declared 93 Cobalt Street be advertised for sale;

**AND WHEREAS** one bid was received by the due date;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the sale of 93 Cobalt Street to Chantale Bennett for the sum of \$18,500.00 and directs staff to proceed with the necessary documents.  
**CARRIED**

**9.2 Mayor’s Report**  
None

10. **Closed Meeting**  
None

11. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**  
None

12. **Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-284**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk