

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL October 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

Councillors: Pat Anderson
Harry Cooper
Gary Hughes (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
Angela Hunter (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
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 6:03 p.m.

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

None

3. **Public Meetings**

Zoning Amendment for Argentite Street (Train Station) pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act

No pecuniary interest was declared.

Duff Ryan, Architect and Mel Peddie, Owner of Argentite Street, presented the Train Station concept to Council.

There were no comments or concerns received from members of the public.

4. **Deputations/Delegation**

Liane Mercier and Dan Clattenburg representing the Cobalt Coleman Latchford & Area Food Bank requested confirmation of the status of the current facility and if there are options for alternate Town provided facilities. Council's response was they should plan to vacate as soon as possible. Further discussions will take place at the Committee of the Whole meeting November 7, 2023.

5. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-235

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated October 17, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Approval of Previous Council Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-236

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

Regular Meeting of Council – September 19, 2023
Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 3, 2023

CARRIED

7. **Items for Council consideration**

7.1 Motion for support for FONOM – Support for Northern School of Medicine

RESOLUTION No. 2023-237

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University’s request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

CARRIED

7.2 Surplus Lots

RESOLUTION No. 2023-238

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Items #8 & 9 be removed from 7.2 the surplus lots.

CARRIED

Items #8 & 9 will be brought back to the next Council meeting for further discussion.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-239

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

AND WHEREAS all lots were evaluated by a licensed realtor;

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

1.	14 Lang Street	vacant lot	\$12,000.00
2.	16 Lang Street	vacant lot	\$10,000.00
3.	8 Helen Street	lot with house	\$15,000.00
4.	17 Argentite Street	vacant lot	\$ 5,000.00
5.	21 North Avenue	vacant lot	\$14,000.00
6.	28 Laird Crescent	vacant lot	\$12,000.00
7.	39 Watson Place	vacant lot	\$16,000.00
8.	32 Pyrite Street North	vacant lot	\$16,000.00
9.	35-39 Pyrite Street North	vacant lot	\$20,000.00
			\$120,000.00

CARRIED

7.3 – Timiskaming Health Unit – Community Placemaking Grant

RESOLUTION No. 2023-240

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt submit an application to the Timiskaming Health Unit – Community Placemaking Grant.

CARRIED

Council's direction was to apply for a sun shade sail for Teck Park and 2 trees downtown.

7.4 – Elimination Credit Card Transactions

RESOLUTION No. 2023-241

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 3, 2023, Council received Staff Report 2023.10.3.1;

AND WHEREAS Municipal data indicates that credit card transactions are the least preferred method of payment but carry the highest costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the cost saving measure of eliminating credit card transactions beginning January 1, 2024 and public notice be given.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-242

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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

CARRIED

Items for Council information

7.5 Q3 Variance Report – January 1 to September 30, 2023 (Staff Report 2023.10.17.02)

7.6 Funding to Cobalt Public Library - \$12,500.00

RESOLUTION No. 2023-243

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the releasing of \$12,500.00 as an operating grant to the Cobalt Public Library as directed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 3rd, 2023.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-244

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. 2023-25 – To Adopt a Water Utilities Management Policy****RESOLUTION No. 2023-245**

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

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;

READ a first and second time on the 19th day of September 2023.

BE READ a third and final time and passed this 17th day of October 2023;

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

CARRIED

8.2 By-Law No. 2023-28 – To Adopt Amendment No.1 to By-Law 2022-24 Zoning By-Law**RESOLUTION No. 2023-246**

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: **NO SECONDER**

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt has received an application to amend Zoning By-Law No. 2022-24;

AND WHEREAS authority is provided pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c.P.13 to pass this By-Law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Cobalt held a Public Meeting in accordance with the requirements of Section 34 of the Planning Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt enacts that By-Law No. 2022-24 be amended as follows:

1. Zoning By-Law 2022-24 is amended by rezoning the property municipally known as Argentite Street (Train Station), from the Light Industrial (M1) Zone to the Light Industrial Exception One (M1-1) Zone as shown on Schedule "1" attached to and forming part of this By-Law.
2. And further, an exception is added by including the Light Industrial Exception One (M1-1) Zone as section 4.7.3.1, and shall read as follows:

"Light Industrial Exception One (M1-1) Zone:

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Light Industrial (M1) Zone to the contrary, within the Light Industrial Exception One (M1-1) Zone, residential uses, up to 4 dwellings, are permitted uses in the M1-1 Zone. In all other respects the provisions of the M1 Zone shall apply."

BE TAKEN AS READ a first and second time this 17th day of October 2023.

NOT VOTED ON

RESOLUTION No. 2023-247

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT draft motion 8.2 By-Law No. 2023-28 – To Adopt Amendment No.1 to By-Law 2022-24 Zoning By-Law be postponed until all agreements are in placed between the ONR and the property owners.

CARRIED

8.3 By-Law No. 2023-29 – To Adopt an Amendment to User Fee By-Law 2020-50

RESOLUTION No. 2023- 248

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-29 being an Amendment to the User Fee By-Law to amend Schedule “D” to include Encroachment fees as presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting October 3, 2023;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 17th day of October, 2023;

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

CARRIED

8.4 By-Law No. 2023-30 – Amendment No. 1 to Accessibility Plan By-Law 2023-23

RESOLUTION No. 2023-249

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-30 being Amendment No. 1 to the Accessibility Plan By-Law to amend Schedule “A” – Customer Service as presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting October 3, 2023;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 17th day of October, 2023;

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

CARRIED

8.5 By-Law No. 2023-31 – To Appoint a Chief Building Official, Inspectors and a Fire Prevention Officer for the Town of Cobalt

RESOLUTION No. 2023-250

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-31 being a By-Law to adopt a Chief Building Official, Inspectors and a Fire Prevention Officer for the Town of Cobalt as presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting October 3, 2023;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 17th day of October, 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. 2023-251

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the following Schedules as presented:
Schedule No. 2023-18 in the amount of \$200,333.69.
Schedule No. 2023-19 in the amount of \$185,936.55.

CARRIED

10.2 Mayor’s Report –

Mayor Adshead announced that she has received 2 submissions for her “What I Love About Cobalt” Challenge and has now challenged Council to prepare a brief statement of “What They Love About Cobalt” for the next Council meeting.

11. **Closed Meeting**

None

12. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

None

13. **Confirmation By-Law**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-252

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-32 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 17th day of October, 2023.

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

CARRIED

14. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-253

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk