

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

January 9, 2024 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  
C. Beaudoin, Administrative Clerk

**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. Deputations/Delegation**

3.1 James Dyment, Municipal Planning Consultants - Official Plan

Mr. Dyment provided Council with a verbal summary outlining the Draft Official Plan and the next steps for Provincial approval. He is recommending that Council adopt the Official Plan as presented and address concerns, if any, the Ministry may have after they complete their review.

**4. Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-01**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated January 9, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Staff Reports**

- 5.1 Public Works – December 2023  
 5.2 Animal Control – November and December 2023  
 5.3 By-Law Enforcement – December 2023

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-002**

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

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

CARRIED

6. **Items for Council consideration:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-003**

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

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

CARRIED

**6.1** Draft By-Law 2024-XX - To Adopt an Official Plan

Recommendation: the municipal boundary will be corrected on the schedules and a motion will be presented at the next meeting.

**6.2** Draft By-Law 2024-XX – Amendment No.1 to By-Law 2020-10 Financial Assistance Policy (Staff Report 2024.01.09.01)

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

**6.3** Draft By-Law 2024-XX – Municipal Line of Credit (Staff Report 2024.01.09.02)

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

**6.4** Draft By-Law 2024-XX – Interim Tax Levy (Staff Report 2024.01.09.03)

Recommendation: a motion will be presented at the next meeting

**6.5** Surplus Lots Bid – 14 and 16 Lang Street Lots (Staff Report 2024.01.09.04)

Recommendation: a motion to approve the bids submitted by Anthony Furragia will be presented at the next meeting

**6.6** Cobalt Public Library Board – Request for 2 New Members

Recommendation: Council directed staff to advertise for 2 new board members.

**6.7** Review of By-Law 2013-037 – Regulate the keeping of animals and the registration of dogs and cats within the Town of Cobalt.

Recommendation: Council was asked to Review the By-Law and contact the Town Manager with comments and/or concerns. An Advisory Group will then be formed to complete a full review.

**6.8** Coleman Township – Letter of Support – Conservation Officer Reclassification

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

**6.9** Town of Aurora – Letter of Support – Homelessness Crisis

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

**Items for Council information:**

7.1 Roar Engineering Report – Classic Theatre Roof Repair (Staff Report 2024.01.09.05)

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-004**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**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 Mayor’s Report**

1. On January 16, 2024 from 9 to 10am, the students of St. Pat’s will be participating in a virtual tour of the McMichael Gallery Canadian Art Collection exhibit called “Cobalt: A Mining Town and the Canadian Imagination”. Temiskaming Art Gallery will also be hosting an art creation workshop with the students. Mayor Adshead encourages Council to attend.

2. Mayor Adshead would like to say thank you to R.U. Hungries for hosting another successful Free Community Christmas Dinner. She suggested that Council could volunteer to deliver meals to Cobalt residents next year.

**10. Closed Meeting**

None

**11. Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

None

**12. Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-005**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.  
CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk