

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

Councillors: Pat Anderson
Harry Cooper
Angela Hunter
Gary Hughes
Jim Starchuk
Doug Wilcox (Via Zoom)

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 6:29 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Public Meetings

None

4. Deputations/Delegation

4.1 Cobalt Public Library – 2023 Budget Presentation

Mary Church, representing the Cobalt Library Board was in attendance to discuss the Library's 2023 Budget and Actual financials and requested the release of the remaining the Town of Cobalt's 2023 budget allocation in the amount of \$12,500.00.

5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2023-285

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

CARRIED

6. **Approval of Previous Council Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-286

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

Regular Meeting – November 21, 2023
Committee of the Whole – December 5, 2023

CARRIED

7. **Items for Council consideration**

7.1 Classic Theatre lease discussions

RESOLUTION No. 2023-287

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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.

NOT VOTED ON

RESOLUTION No. 2023-288

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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 until April 30, 2025 with the Classic Theatre paying the security monitoring services.
- 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.

CARRIED

7.2 Holiday hours

RESOLUTION No. 2023-289

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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.

CARRIED

7.3.A Council Remuneration

RESOLUTION No. 2023-290

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Cooper	F		
Councillor Anderson	A		
Councillor Hughes	A		
Councillor Hunter	A		
Councillor Starchuk	A		
Councillor Wilcox	F		
Mayor Adshead	A	F = 2	A = 5

DEFEATED

7.3.B Council Remuneration

RESOLUTION No. 2023-291

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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%.

DEFEATED

7.3.C Council Remuneration

MOVED BY: None

SECONDED BY: None

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%.

NOT TABLED

7.3.D Council Remuneration

MOVED BY: None
SECONDED BY: None

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%.

NOT TABLED

7.3.E Council Remuneration

RESOLUTION No. 2023-292

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

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% to be confirmed by Council upon completion of the annual budget.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Wilcox F
Councillor Anderson A
Councillor Cooper F
Councillor Hughes A
Councillor Hunter A
Councillor Starchuk A
Mayor Adshead A F = 2 A = 5

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION No. 2023-293

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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%.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Wilcox A
Councillor Anderson F
Councillor Cooper A
Councillor Hughes F
Councillor Hunter F
Councillor Starchuk F
Mayor Adshead F F = 5 A = 2

CARRIED

7.3.F Council Remuneration

MOVED BY: None
SECONDED BY: None

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%.

NOT TABLED

7.4 Geo-Exchange Project

RESOLUTION No. 2023-294
MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

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

7.5 2024 Budget Advisory Group

RESOLUTION No. 2023-295
MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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

7.6 OPP Detachment Board 3 appointment

RESOLUTION No. 2023-296
MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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.
CARRIED

7.7 Township of Evanturel - Letter of Support

RESOLUTION No. 2023-297

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from the Township of Evanturel 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.

CARRIED

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)

RESOLUTION No. 2023-298

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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 19th day of December, 2023;

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

CARRIED

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)

RESOLUTION No. 2023-299

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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 19th day of December, 2023;

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

CARRIED

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business**11.1 Schedule of Accounts****RESOLUTION No. 2023-300****MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk**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.

CARRIED

11.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Adshead gave notice of meeting dates for January 2024 (Committee of the Whole – January 9, 2024 and Regular Council Meeting - January 23, 2024).

Mayor Adshead announced that her Community Engagement Christmas Gathering was a success and thanked the volunteers for their help. Lots of ideas were brought forward of getting people pulled together as a community and businesses together as well.

12. Closed Meeting**RESOLUTION No. 2023-301****MOVED BY:** Councillor Hughes**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson**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

13. Business Arising from Closed Meeting**RESOLUTION No. 2023-302****MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council disperse \$12,500 to the Cobalt Public Library effective immediately.

CARRIED

14. Confirmation By-Law**RESOLUTION No. 2023-303****MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

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.

CARRIED

15. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2023-304

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper

SECONED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk