

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL January 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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**Present:**

**Mayor:** Angela Adshead

**Councillors:** Pat Anderson  
Harry Cooper  
Jim Starchuk  
Doug Wilcox  
Angela Hunter – via zoom

**Absent:** Gary Hughes – with notice

**Media Moderator**

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**  
Nil
3. **Public Meetings**  
None
4. **Deputations/Delegation**  
None
5. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-006**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated January 23, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-007**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Starchuk  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

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

Regular Meeting – December 19, 2023  
 Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 9, 2024

CARRIED

7. **Items for Council consideration**

**7.1 14 & 16 Lang Street Lots**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-008**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**WHEREAS** at the Regular Council Meeting on September 19, 2023, Council declared 14 & 16 Lang Street as surplus and approved them to be advertised for sale at the Regular meeting of Council on October 17, 2023

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the sale of 14 & 16 Lang Street to Anthony Farrugia (Farrugia Group) for the sum of \$12,000 for 14 Lang Street and \$10,000 for 16 Lang Street, plus applicable legal fees and directs staff to proceed with the necessary documents.

CARRIED

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-009**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the resolution from the Township of Coleman and hereby supports the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association (OCCA) in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be directed to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, the Local Provincial Member of Parliament (MPP) John Vanthof, Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

CARRIED

### 7.3 Town of Aurora – Letter of Support – Homelessness Crisis

#### RESOLUTION No. 2024-010

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the resolution from the Town of Aurora and acknowledges that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic and health crisis, including people with substance use disorders and the Town of Cobalt commits to ending homelessness in the community in collaboration with both the Provincial and Federal governments;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Cobalt calls on the Province and Federal governments to increase action and support;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be directed to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford; the Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa; the Minister of Health Sylvia Jones; the Minister of the Solicitor General Michael S. Kerzner; the Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Chief Medical Officer of Health Kieran Moore; the Town of Cobalt local Member of Parliament Anthony Rota and Member of Provincial Parliament John Vanthof; and the Association of Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

#### 8. Items for Council information

None

#### 9. By-Laws and Agreements

##### 9.1 By-Law 2024-01 - to Adopt an Official Plan

#### RESOLUTION No. 2024-011

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**WHEREAS** at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 9, 2024, Council received the Draft Official Plan with a recommendation by Jim Dymont, Municipal Planning Consultants for Council to adopt as presented;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2024-001 being a By-Law to adopt an official plan;

**BE TAKEN AS READ** a first, second and third time this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024

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

CARRIED

##### 9.2 By-Law 2024-02 – Amendment No. to By-Law 2020-10 Financial Assistance Policy

#### RESOLUTION No. 2024-012

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**WHEREAS** at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 9, 2024, Council received Staff Report 2024.01.09.01 with a recommendation to amend the submission and post grant reporting deadline from September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2024-02 being an Amendment to By-Law 2020-10 Financial Assistance Policy;

**BE TAKEN AS READ** a first, second and third time this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024;

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

CARRIED

### **9.3 By-Law 2024-03 – Borrowing of Money (Municipal Line of Credit for 2024)**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024-013**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**WHEREAS** at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 9, 2024, Council received Staff Report 2024.01.09.02 with a recommendation to adopt By-Law 2024-03;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2024-03 being a By-Law to authorize the Municipal line of credit for the year 2024;

**BE TAKEN AS READ** a first, second and third time this 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2024;

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

CARRIED

### **9.4 By-Law 2024-04 – 2024 Interim Tax Levy**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024-014**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**WHEREAS** at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 9, 2024, Council received Staff Report 2024.01.09.03 with a recommendation to adopt By-Law 2024-04;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2024-04 being a By-Law to adopt an Interim Tax Levy for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt;

**BE TAKEN AS READ** a first, second and third time this 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2024;

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

CARRIED

**10. Unfinished Business**

**10.1 Fire Truck Update**

S. Dalley provided Council with the Fire Department's recommendation on a new fire truck. He will explore financing options and then provide a staff report to Council.

**11. New Business**

**11.1 Schedule of Accounts**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-015**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

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

Schedule No. 2023-24 in the amount of \$263,768.29

Schedule No. 2023-25 in the amount of \$ 65,155.39

Schedule No. 2024-01 in the amount of \$ 35,217.57

CARRIED

**12. Closed Meeting**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-016**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**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

(2) (b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

**13. Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

Direction was given to Staff on a Closed Session matter.

**14. Confirmation By-Law**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-017**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2024-05 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024;

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

CARRIED

15. Adjournment


**RESOLUTION No. 2024-018**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cooper

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk