

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL April 2, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

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

3. **Public Meetings**

None

4. **Deputations/Delegation**

Integrity Commissioner Report presentation re: Councillor Cooper by E4m IC Consultant Colleen Hannigan

5. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated April 2, 2024 as presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

6. **Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

DRAFT MOTION

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 5, 2024

Special Meeting – March 7, 2024 (1)

Special Meeting – March 7, 2024 (2)

Special Meeting – March 26, 2024

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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7. Staff Reports

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the staff reports as presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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- 7.1 Public Works – March 2024
- 7.2 Animal Control – No Report Provided
- 7.3 By-Law Enforcement – March 2024
- 7.4 Cobalt Public Library - February 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 7.5 Staff Report 2024-04.02.01 - 2024 Budget Update
- 7.6 Staff Report 2024.04.02.02 - Amendment No. 1 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33
- 7.7 Staff Report 2024.04.02.03 - Amendment No. 1 to Open Air Burning By-Law 2021-15
- 7.8 Staff Report 2024.04.02.04 - Amendment No. 1 to Zoning By-Law 2022-24 (Train Station)

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8. Items for Council consideration

8.1 Train Station – Site Plan Agreement

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to execute the Site Plan Agreement with JHTW Holdings Inc.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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8.2 City of Temiskaming Shores – Letter of Support – Rural Transit Solutions Fund – Funding Application

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will support the funding application to Rural Transit Solutions Fund by City of Temiskaming Shores.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the City of Temiskaming Shores.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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9. Items for Council information

- 9.1 Solicitor General response to MPP John Vanthof – Fire Truck
- 9.2 Cobalt Public Library – Open House Invitation April 13, 2024

9.3 Timiskaming Health Unit – 2023 Year End Report to the Board of Health

9.4 OCWA – Cobalt Constructed Wetlands 2023 Annual Report

DRAFT MOTION

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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10. By-Laws and Agreements

10.1 By-Law 2024-11 – Amendment No. 1 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2024.04.02.02 which detailed a cost recovery analysis on user fees with the following recommendations:

- 1. Increase of \$30.00 to OPP
- 2. Increase of \$62.00 to Waste Management
- 3. Increase of 8% to Water Operating

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2024-11 being a By-Law to adopt Amendment No. 1 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 2nd day of April, 2024;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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10.2 By-Law 2024-12 – Amendment No. 1 to Open Air Burning By-Law 2021-15

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2024.04.02.03 recommending the prohibition of fireworks during a fire ban;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2024-12 being a By-Law to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Open Air Burning By-Law 2021-15 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 2nd day of April, 2024;

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

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Seconded by:

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10.3 By-Law 2024-13 – Amendment No. 1 to Zoning By-Law 2022-24

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS in September 2023, Council received an application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment from JHTW Holdings Inc and a statutory public meeting was held on October 17, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Northland Railway (ONTC) filed a letter of concern with the Town of Cobalt and Council directed staff to consult with ONTC to ensure that the concerns are addressed before the draft By-Law amendment was considered;

AND WHEREAS Staff have prepared a Site Plan Agreement that addressed these concerns and ONTC are satisfied with the conditions as outlined in Staff Report 2024.04.02.04.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2024-13 being a By-Law to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Zoning By-Law 2022-24 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 2nd day of April, 2024;

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

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Seconded by:

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11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Resolution from E4m

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Peggy Young-Lovelace on behalf of E4m, the Town of Cobalt appointed Integrity Commissioner, addressed Council at their meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

AND WHEREAS she expressed concern about repeat offences of attempted direction of staff by Councillor Wilcox utilizing email which is contrary to his role as a member of Council and has led to complaints to the Integrity Commissioner;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Young-Lovelace requested that Council assist in the prevention of further complaints to the Integrity Commissioner as well as allegations of workplace harassment from Town Employees;

AND WHEREAS she recommended Council could prevent further complaints by directing that Councillor Wilcox only communicate with the Town by email and that all email communication be addressed to a specific email address for that purpose and not the Town Manager or other municipal employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby directs that Councillor Wilcox shall not email Town Employees

AND FURTHER THAT should Councillor Wilcox need to communicate with Town employees that he shall email _____ at _____ who then will liaise with the Town Manager and respond to Councillor Wilcox accordingly.

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Seconded by:

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April 2, 2024

12. **New Business**

12.1 **Schedule of Accounts**

DRAFT MOTION

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

Schedule No. 2024-04 in the amount of \$137,699.05.

Schedule No. 2024-05 in the amount of \$316,073.68.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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13. **Mayor’s Report**

14. **Closed Meeting**

None

15. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

None

16. **Confirmation By-Law**

DRAFT BY-LAW

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2024-14 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 2nd day of April 2024;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

VOTE

17. **Adjournment**

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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