

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL April 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
- 3. Public Meetings
None
- 4. Deputations/Delegation

5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated April 30, 2024 as presented.

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Seconded by:

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6. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

DRAFT MOTION

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

Regular Meeting of Council - February 20, 2024

Special Meeting of Council - April 2, 2024

Regular Meeting of Council – April 2, 2024

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7. Staff Reports

DRAFT MOTION

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

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7.1 Public Works – April 2024

7.2 By-Law Enforcement – April 2024

7.3 Canada Day Preparations – Councillor Anderson

7.4 Staff Report 2024.04.30.01 – 2024 Amnesty Weeks

7.5 Staff Report 2024.04.30.02 - By-Law 2024-15 - Cobalt Temiskaming Shores Transit MOU

7.6 Staff Report 2024.04.30.03 - By-Law 2024-16 - Disposal of Surplus Properties Policy

7.7 Staff Report 2024.04.30.04 - By-Law 2024-17 – Amendment No. 2 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33 – Planning Fees

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8. Items for Council consideration

8.1 Council Discussion of Integrity Commissioner Report

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council accepts the Integrity Commissioner Response to Request for Inquiry – Councillor Cooper at the Regular Council Meeting April 2nd, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner recommends the suspension of remuneration for up to 90 days;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Integrity Commissioner’s recommendation of the 90 days suspension of remuneration for Councillor Cooper.

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8.2 2024 Amnesty Weeks (Staff Report 2024.04.30.01)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council receive the staff report 2024.04.30.01 on 2024 Amnesty Weeks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council postpone the 2024 Amnesty Week Program and review a new Amnesty Program for 2025.

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9. Items for Council information

9.1 2024 Spring Pulse Poetry Festival Invitation

DRAFT MOTION

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

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10. By-Laws and Agreements

10.1 By-Law 2024-15 – to Authorize the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and Operating Agreement with the City of Temiskaming Shores for Transit Services “Temiskaming Transit” (Staff Report 2024.04.30.02)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2024.04.30.02 with a recommendation to enter into an memorandum of understanding and an operating agreement with the City of Temiskaming Shore for transit services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2024-15 being a By-Law to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and Operating Agreement with the City of Temiskaming Shores for transit services be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 30th day of April, 2024;

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

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10.2 By-Law 2024-16 - Disposal of Surplus Properties Policy (Staff Report 2024.04.30.03)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2024.04.30.03 with a recommendation to adopt a disposal of surplus property By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2024-16 being a By-Law to govern the disposal of real property;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 30th day of April, 2024;

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

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10.3 By-Law 2024-17 – Amendment No. 2 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33 (Staff Report 2024.04.30.04)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Temiskaming Municipal Services Association board has adopted a schedule of fees for Planning Services;

AND WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2024.04.30.04 with a recommendation to amend Schedule “D” of User Fee By-Law 2023-33;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2024-17 being a By-Law to adopt Amendment No. 2 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 30th day of April, 2024;

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

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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 Mayor Angela Adshead at aashead@cobalt.ca who then will liaise with the Town Manager and respond to Councillor Wilcox accordingly.

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12. **New Business**

12.1 **Schedule of Accounts**

DRAFT MOTION

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

Schedule No. 2024-06 in the amount of \$183,489.75.

Schedule No. 2024-07 in the amount of \$127,905.70.

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13. **Mayor’s Report**

14. **Closed Meeting**

DRAFT MOTION

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)(c) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

(2)(f) Advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

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15. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

16. **Confirmation By-Law**

DRAFT BY-LAW

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2024-18 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 30th day of April 2024;

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

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17. **Adjournment**

DRAFT MOTION

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

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