

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

March 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

1. **Call to Order:**
Mayor Adshead called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
Mayor Adshead declared a pecuniary interest with item 6.2 – Classic Theatre marquee.
3. **Deputations/Delegation**
None
4. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

Councillor Wilcox requested an amendment to the Agenda to include an item under Section 9:
- Discussion on Fire Truck loan to a 15 year term option
- Draft motion re hiring freeze

RESOLUTION No. 2024-041

MOVED BY: Councillor Hunter

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend the Procedural By-Law to allow motions to be introduced under section 9 New Business that are time sensitive and approve the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated March 5, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

March 5, 2024

5. **Staff Reports**

- 5.1 Public Works – February 2024
 5.2 By-Law Enforcement – February 2024
 5.3 Cobalt Public Library Minutes – January 27, 2024

RESOLUTION No. 2024-042

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

CARRIED

6. **Items for Council consideration:**

RESOLUTION No. 2024-043

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

6.1 Cobalt Mining Museum – Donation Request
 Recommendation: Council referred the request to the Budget Committee

Mayor Adshead left the meeting and turned the Chair over to Deputy Mayor Pat Anderson.

6.2 Classic Theatre – Marquee (Staff Report 2024.03.05.01)
 Recommendation: Council requested a quote on a more scaled down version of the marquee.
 CARRIED

7. **Items for Council information:**

7.1 OCWA 2023 Annual/Summary Report for the Cobalt Drinking Water System.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-044

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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

8. **Unfinished Business**

None

9. **New Business**

9.1 OPP Detachment Board – Request from Temagami (Staff Report 2024.03.05.02)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-045

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has been working since March 2021 to develop and finalize the detachment board compositions for the Ontario Provincial Police; and

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police serves 19 municipalities and one First Nation; and

WHEREAS a proposal was submitted to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by the City of Temiskaming Shores on behalf of the communities served by the Temiskaming Detachment to establish three (3) Detachment Boards; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General approved the Temiskaming Detachment Board Framework on July 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced that the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 will come into force and effect on April 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Ministry posted the Draft Regulation setting out the OPP Detachment Board compositions and other related matters on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR) for public review and feedback on January 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Temagami has reconsidered their prior support of a three (3) Board governance structure for the Temiskaming Detachment and adopted Resolution No. 24-043 on February 1, 2024 requesting the Ministry of the Solicitor General to amend the draft Regulation in order to maintain the Temagami Police Services Board as a stand-alone Board; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has indicated that unanimous consent of all the municipalities identified in Board 3 for the Temiskaming Detachment would be required in order to amend the Regulation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby confirms its previous position that a three (3) Board structure for the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is the preferred choice for the Town of Cobalt; and

FURTHER THAT Council respectfully declines to support the Municipality of Temagami's request to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

CARRIED

9.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Council Training

RESOLUTION No. 2024-046

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to invite the Municipality's Municipal Advisor from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to a Special Meeting on Tuesday March 26th, 2024 to provide Financial Information Return (FIR) training.

CARRIED

9.3 2023 Council Renumeration and Expenses

RESOLUTION No. 2024-047

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual Statement of 2023 Remuneration and Expenses for Council members be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Position	Name	Renumeration	Expenses	Total
Mayor	Adshead, Angela	\$6,217.57	0.00	\$6,217.57
Mayor	Gibson, Mita	\$3,533.92	0.00	\$3,533.92
Councillor	Anderson, Patricia	\$6,500.97	0.00	\$6,500.97
Councillor	Cooper, Harry	\$6,500.97	0.00	\$6,500.97
Councillor	Hughes, Gary	\$6,500.97	0.00	\$6,500.97
Councillor	Hunter, Angela	\$6,500.97	0.00	\$6,500.97
Councillor	Starchuk, Jim	\$6,500.97	0.00	\$6,500.97
Councillor	Wilcox, Douglas	\$6,500.97	0.00	\$6,500.97

CARRIED

9.4 By-Law 2024-09 to Enable the Use of Site Plan Control (Staff Report 2024.03.05.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-048

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS at the Regular Meeting of Council on January 23, 2024, adopted an Official Plan pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 41 of the Planning Act, provides, in part that, where in an Official Plan an area is shown or described as a proposed site plan control area, the council of the local municipality in which the proposed area is situated may, by By-Law, designate the whole or any part of such area as a site plan control area and may delegate to an appointed officer of the municipality any of the council's power or authority under that section;

AND WHEREAS Clause 5(2)(b) of the Building Code Act authorizes the council of a municipality to pass By-Laws requiring applications for building construction permits to be accompanied by such plan, specifications, documents and other information as prescribed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2024-09 being a By-Law to enable to use of site plan control;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 5th day of March, 2024;

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

CARRIED

9.5 By-Law 2024-10 to Authorize the Submission of an Application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (“OILC”) for the financing of a Fire Truck – 2024 Rosenbauer Stock Pumper #18955 in the amount of \$605,500.00 (Staff Report 2024.03.05.04)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-049

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting on February 20, 2024, Council directed Staff to proceed with the purchase of a Fire Truck as per the specifications provided from the Fire Chief;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2024-10 being a By-Law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing of certain ongoing capital work of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt; to authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital work; and to authorize long-term borrowing for such capital work through the issue of debentures to OILC.

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 5th day of March, 2024;

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

CARRIED

Council directed Staff to discuss with OILC on the Town’s eligibility to take out a 15 year term and whether the loan would be open ended.

9.6 Councillor Wilcox – draft motion re hiring freeze

RESOLUTION No. 2024-050

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt a hiring freeze for the staff vacancy.

DEFERRED

Council deferred the matter to a Special Meeting of Council to be held March 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

10. Closed Meeting

None

11. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

None

12. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2024-051

MOVED BY: Councillor Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor 

Clerk 