

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

Councillors:

Pat Anderson
Gary Hughes
Angela Hunter
Jim Starchuk
Doug Wilcox

Staff: S. Dalley, Town Manager
C. Beaudoin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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

RESOLUTION No. 2024-136

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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

CARRIED

6. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2024-137

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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

Regular Meeting of Council - June 25, 2024

Special Meeting of Council – July 9, 2024

CARRIED

7. Staff Reports

RESOLUTION No. 2024-138

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

7.1 Public Works – July 2024

7.2 Animal Control – February, March, April & May 2024

7.3 By-Law Enforcement – June 2024

7.4 Cobalt Public Library Minutes – May 25, 2024

7.5 Staff Report 2024.07.23.01 – Variance Report Q1 & Q2

7.6 Staff Report 2024.07.23.02 – Filling a Vacant Councillor Seat

7.7 Staff Report 2024.07.23.03 – Request for Removal of the Heritage Designation at 34 Cobalt St.

7.8 Staff Report 2024.07.23.04 – Workplace Violence & Harassment By-Law

7.9 Staff Report 2024.07.23.05 – Surplus Properties By-Law

CARRIED

8. Items for Council consideration

8.1 Letter of Resignation from Councillor Cooper

RESOLUTION No. 2024-139

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt receives the resignation from Councillor Cooper this 23rd day of July 2024;

CARRIED

8.2 Declare Councillor Cooper’s Seat Vacant (Staff Report 2024.07.23.02)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-140

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hunter

WHEREAS pursuant to section 262(1) of the *Municipal Act*, if the office of a member of a council becomes vacant, the Council shall, at its next meeting, declare the office to be vacant;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 263, the municipality shall fill the councillor vacancy within 60 days after the declaration is made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the Councillor seat as vacant;

AND FURTHER THAT Council invites interested and eligible persons to submit an application for appointment to Council.

Recorded Vote:

Mayor Adshead:	F	Councillor Hunter:	F
Councillor Anderson:	F	Councillor Starchuk:	A
Councillor Hughes:	F	Councillor Wilcox:	A

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CARRIED

8.3 Signing Authority

RESOLUTION No. 2024-141

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS all financial transactions and banking instruments require two signatures by the Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Cassandra Beaudoin as the alternate signing authority for all banking instruments.

AND FURTHER THAT Council confirm that Steven Dalley remains the primary signing authority.

CARRIED

8.4 Timiskaming Health Unit – Proclamation of the International Overdose Awareness Day

RESOLUTION No. 2024-142

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by the drug poisoning (overdose) crisis;

AND WHEREAS we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to drug poisoning and ending the stigma of substance use and mental health;

AND WHEREAS we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of drug poisoning in Timiskaming, which claimed the lives of more than 9 residents last year together with countless more affected forever;

AND WHEREAS we affirm that people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Angela Adshead, Mayor, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2024 as International Overdose Awareness Day in The Town of Cobalt, and would like to thereby affirm a district-wide commitment to foster a healthier and safer community.

CARRIED

8.5 Request for Removal of Historical Designation at 34 Cobalt Street (Staff Report 2024.07.23.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-143

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS the Clerk for the Town of Cobalt has received an application to repeal the heritage designation at 34 Cobalt Street;

AND WHEREAS Section 32(2) of the Ontario Heritage Act states that upon receiving an application, the council the municipality shall cause notice to be given by the clerk of the municipality in accordance with subsection 3 and such notice of an application shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2024.07.23.03;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to publish a notice of application for 34 Cobalt Street as per Section 32 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

9. Items for Council information

9.1 Fire Truck Update

Town Manager Dalley announced that Infrastructure Ontario has approved the Town's loan application and that a By-Law will be brought forward at the next council meeting.

9.2 AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments

RESOLUTION No. 2024- 144

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

CARRIED

10. By-Laws and Agreements

10.1 By-Law 2024-23 – Workplace Violence & Harassment Policy (Staff Report 2024.07.23.04)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-145

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hunter

WHEREAS municipalities must comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* R.S.O. 1990, as amended, and more specifically Section 32 which requires employers to adopt a policy and establish a program with respect to Workplace Violence and Harassment;

AND WHEREAS Section 25(2) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* requires that an employer takes every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of the worker;

AND WHEREAS Section 217.1 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* states that everyone who undertakes or has the authority to direct how another person does work or perform a task is under a legal duty to take reasonable steps to prevent harm to that person, or any other person, arising from that work or task;

AND WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2024.07.23.04 recommending the adoption of By-Law 2024-23 being a By-Law to adopt a Workplace Violence & Harassment Policy and Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2024-23 being a By-Law to Adopt a Workplace Violence & Harassment Policy and Program;

BE TAKEN AS READ a third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July 2024.

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

Recorded Vote:

Mayor Adshead: F Councillor Hunter: F

Councillor Anderson: F Councillor Starchuk: F

Councillor Hughes: F Councillor Wilcox: A

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CARRIED

10.2 By-Law 2024-27 – To Govern the Disposal of Real Property (Staff Report 2024.07.23.05)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-146

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2024.07.23.05 with a recommendation to adopt a disposal of real property By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2024-27 being a By-Law to govern the disposal of real property;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July 2024

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

CARRIED

10.3 By-Law 2024-28 - Appointment of a Deputy Clerk – Treasurer

RESOLUTION No. 2024-147

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2024-28 being a By-Law to appoint Cassandra Beaudoin as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July 2024.

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

CARRIED

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2024-148

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

Schedule 2024-12 in the amount of \$146,110.96.

Schedule 2024-13 in the amount of \$ 321,837.24.

CARRIED

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Adshead reminded residents that excessive barking early in the morning and late at night contravenes the Town's Noise By-Law. The Mayor also expressed gratitude to the many Canada Day volunteers.

14. Closed Meeting

RESOLUTION No. 2024-149

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

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) Security of the property of the municipality or local board

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

2(i) A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

15. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**
Direction was given to Staff on Closed Session matters.

16. **Confirmation By-Law**
RESOLUTION No. 2024-150
MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2024-29 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 and finally passed this 23rd day of July, 2024;

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

CARRIED

15. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2024-151
MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk