

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

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**Present:**

**Mayor:** Angela Adshead

**Councillors:**

Pat Anderson  
Gary Hughes  
Rene Lafleur  
Jim Starchuk  
Doug Wilcox  
Angela Hunter (without notice)

**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. Oath of Office – Council**

Town Manager Steven Dalley administered the Oath of Office as per Section 232 of the Municipal Act to Rene Lafleur.

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

None

**4. Public Meetings**

None

**5. Deputations/Delegation**

5.1 Danielle Girard – Kemp Elliot & Blair - presentation of the 2023 Audit

Ms. Girard reviewed the 2023 Financial Statements for the Town of Cobalt which showed an operational deficit of \$400,835 and a net debt position of \$706,619 (after adjusting for the unfinanced asset retirement obligation).

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-163**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receives the 2023 Financial Statements for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt and the Cobalt Public Library as presented by Kemp Elliott & Blair LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants.

CARRIED

6. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-164**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Hughes

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated September 17, 2024 as amended.

CARRIED

7. **Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-165**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

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

Regular Meeting of Council – August 20, 2024

CARRIED

8. **Staff Reports**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-166**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

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

8.1 Public Works – September 2024

8.2 By-Law Enforcement – August 2024

8.3 Cobalt Public Library Minutes – June 22, 2024 Minutes

8.4 Staff Report 2024.09.17.01 – By-Law 2024-33 Fire Department Communication Agreement

8.5 Staff Report 2024.09.17.02 – By-Law 2024-35 Deeming By-Law Lang Street

8.6 Staff Report 2024.09.17.03 – By-Law 2024-36 Amendment #3 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33

8.7 Staff Report 2024.09.17.04 – By-Law 2024-37 - Repeal By-Law 79-9 Heritage Designation 34 Cobalt St

CARRIED

9. **Items for Council consideration**

**9.1 Classic Theatre – Extension of Arrangements**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-167**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**WHEREAS** at the December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, council passed Resolution 2023-288 that stated the following:

1. That the Classic Theatre arrangements remain as status quo until April 30, 2025 with the Classic Theatre paying the security monitoring services.

**AND WHEREAS** the Classic Theatre Board has requested an extension of the status quo to cover the 2025-2026 season.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the extension and will review the policy at the end of Q1, 2025.

CARRIED

**9.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Council Training**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-168**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**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 October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to provide Council training.

CARRIED

**10. Items for Council information**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-169**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

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

10.1 Ontario Northland - Notice of Studies in Cobalt

CARRIED

**11. By-Laws and Agreements**

**11.1 By-Law 2024-33 – Fire Department Communication Agreement (Staff Report 2024.09.17.01)**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-170**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**WHEREAS** Council received Staff Report 2024.09.17.01 with a recommendation to adopt By-Law 2024-33;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2024-33 being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an agreement with other municipalities for the purchase and joint maintenance of a Fire Department Communication System be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024;

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

CARRIED

**11.2 By-Law 2024-35 – Being a Deeming By-Law under Section 50(4) of the Planning Act (Staff Report 2024.09.17.02)**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-171**

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

**WHEREAS** Section 50(4) of the Planning Act enables Council to pass a By-Law to deem certain lands a registered plan of subdivision to not be within a plan of subdivision;

**AND WHEREAS** the effect of deeming land to no longer be part of a plan of subdivision will have the effect of merging said lands should they be abutting and in the same ownership;

**AND WHEREAS** the owner of the lands specified in this By-Law has requested that Council deem said lands to no longer be in a plan of subdivision knowing the effects of the By-Law on the lands;

**AND WHEREAS** Council received Staff Report 2024.09.17.02 with a recommendation to adopt By-Law 2024-35;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that By-Law 2024-35 being a Deeming By-Law under Section 50(4) of the Planning Act be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of September 2024;

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

CARRIED

**11.3 By-Law 2024-36 – Amendment No. 3 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33 (Staff Report 2024.09.17.03)**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-172**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

**WHEREAS** Council received Staff Report 2024.09.17.03 with a recommendation to amend Schedule “D” of User Fee By-Law 2023-33;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2024-36 being a By-Law to adopt Amendment No. 3 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024;

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

CARRIED

**11.4 By-Law 2024-37 – To Repeal By-Law 79-9 Heritage Designation for 34 Cobalt Street (Staff Report 2024.09.17.04)**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-173**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**WHEREAS** the Town of Cobalt passed By-Law 79-9 designating 34 Cobalt Street as being of architectural value or interest;

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

**AND WHEREAS** Council received Staff Report 2024.09.17.04 and it is deemed desirable by Council to repeal By-Law 79-9 to remove the heritage designation at 34 Cobalt Street;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2024-37 to repeal By-Law 79-9 to designate the property municipally known as Cobalt Unit Church Manse (34 Cobalt Street) as being of architectural value or interest as a Heritage property under the terms of Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024;

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

CARRIED

**12. Unfinished Business**

None

**13. New Business**

Mayor Adshead left the room and did not participate in the discussion or vote. Deputy Mayor Anderson chaired the meeting in Mayor Adshead's absence.

**13.1 Schedule of Accounts**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-174**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

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

Schedule No. 2024-16 in the amount of \$110,886.95.

Schedule No. 2024-17 in the amount of \$191,543.61

CARRIED

**13. Mayor's Report**

Reminder to residents to not allow your dogs to bark excessively early in the morning. Be respectful of your neighbours. Also, those calling 9-1-1 can ask to remain anonymous.

14. **Closed Meeting**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-175**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**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)(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. 2024-176**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 2024-38 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

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

CARRIED

15. **Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-177**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk