

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL January 14, 2025 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

4.1 – Matthew McLaren – 34 Cobalt Street - Minor Variance Consideration

5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated January 14, 2025 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:

Regular Meeting of Council – December 10, 2024

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

7. Staff Reports

DRAFT MOTION

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

7.1 Cobalt Public Library Minutes – November 16, 2024

7.2 Staff Report 2025.01.14.01 – Municipal Line of Credit

7.3 Staff Report 2025.01.14.02 – Interim Tax Levy

7.4 Staff Report 2025.01.14.03 – Amendment No. 4 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33

VOTE

8. Items for Council consideration

8.1 Cobalt Fire Department Recruits

DRAFT MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation from the Cobalt Fire Chief to appoint the following applicants as volunteer firefighters to the Cobalt Fire Department which brings the complement up to 24 members:

1. Jake Murphy
2. Jenna Gordon
3. Pat LeBel

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

VOTE

8.2 Letter of Support – Township of Ewanturel – Request to Ministry of Health to Consider funding Hope Air (Northern Health Travel Grant)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS the government of the Province of Ontario has made important enhancements to the Northern Health Travel Grant;

AND WHEREAS these enhancements will provide meaningful support through partial reimbursement of travel expenses for those travelling long distances for medical care;

AND WHEREAS upfront cost for airfare, accommodations and other necessities often reach thousands of dollars with some essential travel expenses continuing to remain ineligible for reimbursement;

AND WHEREAS Hope Air continues to bridge this gap, complementing the government's policy reduce barriers to of distance and cost in access to health care for Northern Ontario patients;

AND WHEREAS the demand for the services of Hope Air continues to grow;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Cobalt expresses its support for the resolution from the Township of Eanturel, requesting that the Ministry of Health consider funding Hope Air, in 2025, to support its vital work in assisting the residents of Norther Ontario to receive access to the health care they deserve;

AND FURTHER THAT the resolution be directed to the Minister of Health; and circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Finance; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Temiskaming Municipal Association.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

9. Items for Council information

DRAFT MOTION

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

DISCUSSION

9.1 Resident Feedback Survey 2024

9.2 Staff Report 2025.01.14.04 – Meeting Calendar for Q1 of 2025

VOTE

10. By-Laws and Agreements

10.1 By-Law 2025-01 Municipal Line of Credit (Staff Report 2025.01.14.01)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2025.01.14.01 with a recommendation to adopt By-Law 2025-01;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2025-01 being a By-Law to authorize the Municipal line of credit for the year 2025;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 14th of January 2025;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

10.2 Draft By-Law 2025-02 – Interim Tax Levy (Staff Report 2025.01.14.02)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2025.01.14.02 with a recommendation to adopt By-Law 2025-02;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2025-02 being a By-Law to adopt an Interim Tax Levy for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 14th of January, 2025;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

10.3 Draft By-Law 2025-03 – Amendment No. 4 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33 (Staff Report 2025.01.14.03)

DRAFT MOTION

WHEREAS at the February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting, Council passed resolution 2024-027 opting in to the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) expansion of a Municipal Planner;

AND WHEREAS the TMSA Board has adjusted their planning fee schedule to better reflect the services requested by the communities which aim to maintain a cost-recovery approach while aligning the fees with actual service demand;

AND WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2025.01.14.03 with a recommendation to adopt By-Law 2025-03;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2025-03 being a By-Law adopt Amendment No. 4 to User Fee By-Law 2023-33 for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt;

BE TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time this 14th of January, 2025;

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

12.1 **Schedule of Accounts**

DRAFT MOTION

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

- Schedule No. 2024-24 in the amount of \$298,932.21
- Schedule No. 2025-01 in the amount of \$ 25,518.27

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

**DISCUSSION
VOTE**

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(a) Security of the property of the municipality or local board;

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

VOTE

15. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

16. Confirmation By-Law

DRAFT BY-LAW

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2025-04 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 14th day of January, 2025;

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:

VOTE