

# TOWN OF COBALT NEWSLETTER

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# **FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

After a snowfall, please avoid parking on municipal streets to allow for Public Works staff to clear snow and widen roadways.

Winter Parking Restrictions are in effect from November 1 to May 1. The complete By-Law is available for viewing on the Town's website.

# Transitioning the **Blue Box Program**



### The current Blue **Box Program is** introduced in Ontario.

Producers are required to fund 50% of the operating costs for the collection of Blue Box materials.

### Ontario introduces a new Blue Box Act.

Producers are responsible for the collection of their products and packaging.

The Blue Box Program begins transitioning to the new producer -run framework starting July 1, 2023

The Town of **Cobalt transitions** to the new Blue **Box Program on April 1, 2025** 

All municipalities will have transitioned to the new Blue **Box Program by** January 1, 2026

In 2021, the Ontario government passed a new regulation that shifts the financial and operational responsibility of blue box recycling program to producers—those that produce and supply blue box materials to residents. In this new extended producer responsibility framework producers will become fully responsible for collecting and recycling blue box materials.

As of April 1, 2025, the Town of Cobalt's recycling program will be managed by Circular Materials, a national not-for-profit organization that is committed to building an efficient and effective recycling system in Ontario.

Additional information on the recycling program will be released on the Town of Cobalt's website, as it becomes available.



# **Members of Council**

Mayor Angela Adshead

Councillor Pat Anderson Councillor Gary Hughes Councillor Angela Hunter Councillor Rene Lafleur Councillor Jim Starchuk Councillor Douglas Wilcox

## **Municipal Services**

Municipal Office P.O. Box 70, 18 Silver Street, Cobalt, Ontario P0J 1C0 705-679-8877

Telephone Hours Mon-Fri 8am-12pm & 12:30pm-4pm

Email: cobalt@cobalt.ca

Website www.cobalt.ca

Public Works 705-679-8110 Email: publicworks@cobalt.ca

By-Law Enforcement 705-648-3750 Pete Gilboe, By-Law Officer

Animal Control **705-650-2378** Roxanne St. Germain, Animals First

Building Permits **705-563-2426** David Barton, Chief Building Official

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# NOTE FROM ADMIN

Please make sure your mailing address, including Postal Box number, is up-to-date. Any changes can be emailed to the Municipal Office at cobalt@cobalt.ca.



Bills will only be sent to the address currently on file. As per User Fee By-Law 2020-50, as amended, duplicate copies of Tax Bills and Statement of Accounts are \$10.00 per account, per year.

# 2025 Pet Tags

Dog and Cat Licenses are due annually.



Your tags can be purchased at the Municipal Office.

Parents registering their children for sports within the City of Temiskaming Shores may qualify for reimbursement of the "Out of Town User Fee" portion of the registration fee.



Visit www.cobalt.ca for more information.

# **Property Tax Billing Due Dates**

Interim Billing

1<sup>st</sup> Installment **February 28, 2025** 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment **April 30, 2025** <u>Final Billing</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Installment August 29, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment October 31, 2025

# **Tax Payment Methods**

- Bank Payment Online
- In Person
- Bank Payment in Person
- By Mail
- Bank Payment by Telephone
- Dropbox (do not put cash in drop box)

Include the 19 digit property **roll number** found on your Property Tax Bill. Please note if you have multiple properties, include proper roll number with each individual transaction to ensure payments are applied accordingly.

Payments made at the banks, by internet or telebanking shall be recorded as received by the Town on the date received by the Town's bank. Electronic payments normally require **2 to 3 business days** to process and ratepayers are responsible for allowing their financial institution processing time to submit the payment to the Town.

## Tax Sale Policy

### Municipal Property Tax Policy By-Law 2020-32;

If you do not pay your 2024 tax bill in full by December 31, 2025, your property will be placed in **Tax Registration** in accordance with proceedings prescribed by the *Municipal Act. 2001* and *Ontario Regulations* 181/03 for **Municipal Tax Sale**. Significant fees apply to this process and all interested parties including mortgage companies and financial institutions will be notified.

If you received a letter with regard to property tax arrears and potential registration for tax sale, please contact the Property Tax Department as soon as possible at 705-679-8877.

# **Open Air Burning**

### **Important Information:**

- Applications and By-Laws are available at <u>www.cobalt.ca</u>
- You will be permitted to burn <u>after</u> your permit is approved and is in your possession.
- All permits are suspended during a fire ban.

Applications received between:

January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> \$20 May 16<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> \$30