

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL March 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

Councillors:

Pat Anderson
Gary Hughes
Rene Lafleur
Jim Starchuk
Doug Wilcox (Via Zoom)
Angela Hunter (Absent)

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. 2025-028

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated March 4, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2025-029

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

Regular Meeting of Council – February 4, 2025

Special Meeting of Council – February 12, 2025

CARRIED

7. **Staff Reports**

RESOLUTION No. 2025-030

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

7.1 Animal Control Reports – November 2024, December 2024, January 2025

7.2 Staff Report 2025.03.04.01 – Frequency of Meetings

7.3 Staff Report 2025.03.04.02 – Committee of Adjustment

7.4 Staff Report 2025.03.04.03 – Cobalt Coleman Water Agreement

CARRIED

8. **Items for Council consideration**

8.1 Frequency of Meetings – 2025 (Staff Report 2025.03.4.01)

RESOLUTION No. 2025-032

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting on February 20, 2024, Council directed Staff to re-evaluate the frequency of Council Meetings in 1 year;

AND WHEREAS pursuant Section 6.3.1 of Procedural By-Law 2022-25 that public notice of meetings shall be given by posting the meeting schedule as per the Term of Council – Calendar as adopted by Council;

AND WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2025.03.04.01;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council continues the Regular Council Meeting with a 4 week interval schedule and adopt the following Term of Council – Calendar for 2025.

- April 1, 2025
- April 29, 2025
- May 27, 2025
- June 24, 2025
- July 22, 2025
- August 19, 2025
- September 16, 2025
- October 14, 2025
- November 11, 2025
- December 9, 2025

AND FURTHER THAT The Term of Council – Calendar be posted on the Town's official website.

CARRIED

8.2 2024 Council Renumeration and Expenses

RESOLUTION No. 2025-033

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual Statement of 2024 Remuneration and Expenses for Council members be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Position	Name	Renumeration	Expenses	Total
Mayor	Adshead, Angela	\$10,174.92	0.00	\$10,174.92
Councillor	Anderson, Patricia	\$6,663.48	0.00	\$6,663.48
Councillor	Cooper, Harry	\$2,776.45	0.00	\$2,776.45
Councillor	Hughes, Gary	\$6,663.48	0.00	\$6,663.48
Councillor	Hunter, Angela	\$6,663.48	0.00	\$6,663.48
Councillor	Lafleur, Rene	\$1,665.87	0.00	\$1,665.87
Councillor	Starchuk, Jim	\$6,663.48	0.00	\$6,663.48
Councillor	Wilcox, Douglas	\$6,663.48	0.00	\$6,663.48

Committee/Board Representative

Position	Name	Honorarium	Board / Committee

CARRIED

8.3 Cobalt Committee of Adjustment – Committee Appointments (Staff Report 2025.03.4.02)

RESOLUTION No. 2025-034

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment requires a composition of 5 members;

AND WHEREAS Section 2 of the Town of Cobalt’s Procedural By-Law 2022-25 defines a Committee of Council of which at least 50 per cent (50%) of the members are also members of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2025.03.04.02;

AND WHEREAS the following residents have submitted their names:

- 1. Matthew McLaren - Cobalt
- 2. Matthew Johnson - Cobalt
- 3. Harry Cooper - Cobalt
- 4. Suzanne Othmer - Cobalt

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the following members to the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 2025-05 to appoint persons to the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment be brought to the Regular Meeting of Council dated April 1, 2025 to be amended to reflect these changes.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION No. 2025-035

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment requires a composition of 3 members;

AND WHEREAS Section 2 of the Town of Cobalt’s Procedural By-Law 2022-25 defines a Committee of Council of which at least 50 per cent (50%) of the members are also members of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2025.03.04.02;

AND WHEREAS the following residents have submitted their names:

- 1. Matthew Johnson - Cobalt
- 2. Harry Cooper - Cobalt
- 3. Suzanne Othmer - Cobalt

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the following members to the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment:

- 1. Councillor Pat Anderson
- 2. Councillor Rene Lafleur
- 3. Suzanne Othmer

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 2025-05 to appoint persons to the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment be brought to the Regular Meeting of Council dated April 1, 2025 to be amended to reflect these changes.

CARRIED

9. Items for Council information

RESOLUTION No. 2025-036

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

9.1 DTSSAB Budget and Municipal Apportionment

9.2 DTSSAB Quarterly Report – Q4 2024

9.3 Get Active Temiskaming Event in Cobalt – Saturday June 7th, 2025

9.4 Northern Hospice Care Update

9.5 Timiskaming Health Unit – Board Minutes – December 4, 2024

9.6 Northeastern Public Health – Board Minutes – January 1, 2025

9.7 Cobalt Historical Society – Board Minutes – February 10, 2025

CARRIED

10. By-Laws and Agreements

10.1 By-Law 2025-07 – To enter into an Agreement for the Sale of Potable Water to the Township of Coleman (Staff Report 2025.03.4.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2025-037

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2025.03.04.03 with a recommendation to adopt By-Law 2025-07;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Cobalt deems it desirable to enter into an agreement for the provision of providing the sale of potable water to the Township of Coleman;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Coleman for the sale of potable water for the Coleman Water Distribution System for the period covering January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027; a copy of which is attached.

2. THAT By-Law No. 2020-51 be hereby repealed.

TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and passed this 4th day of March, 2025.

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

CARRIED

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Council Suggestions to By-Law 2013-037 – To Regulate the Keeping of Animals and the Registration of Dogs and Cats Within the Town of Cobalt.

Councillor Starchuk suggested a registration and inspection for hen coops. Mayor Adshead invited the public to send in suggestions via email at cobalt@cobalt.ca and asked for staff to invite the Animal Control Officer to the April 29, 2025 Regular Meeting for input.

12. New Business

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2025-038

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

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

Schedule No. 2025-04 in the amount of \$261,771.20

Schedule No. 2025-05 in the amount of \$31,730.79

CARRIED

13. Mayor's Report

The Mayor read from a prepared speech: "During Premier Ford's news conference today, he called on all 444 municipalities of Ontario to buy Ontario or Canadian products in response to the tariffs imposed by the US. And after speaking with our staff, we, the Town of Cobalt, will be purchasing Ontario or Canadian made products unless we have no other option. On a local front, I would ask our residents to please be patient with our Public Works in the next few days of the forecasted storm. They, as always, will do their best, and in fact, have done a fantastic job during this winter season in which we've seen significant winter weather."

14. Closed Meeting

RESOLUTION No. 2025-039

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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;

CARRIED

15. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

Direction was given to Staff on Closed Session matters.

16. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2025--040

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2025-08 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 passed this 4th day of March, 2025;

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

CARRIED

17. Adjournment


RESOLUTION No. 2025-041

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

CARRIED



Angela Adshead, Mayor



Steven Dalley, Clerk