

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL April 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

Councillors:

Pat Anderson
Gary Hughes
Angela Hunter (via Zoom)
Rene Lafleur
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

4.1 Cobalt Public Library – 2025 Budget

Mary Church, representative of the Cobalt Public Library Board, presented the 2025 budget proposal and provided an update on activities provided by the Library.

5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2025-042

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated April 1, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED

6. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2025-043

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

Regular Meeting of Council – March 4, 2025

CARRIED

February 4, 2025

7. Staff Reports

RESOLUTION No. 2025-044

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

7.1 By-Law Enforcement – February 2025

7.2 Cobalt Public Library – Board Minutes – January 25, 2025

7.3 Cobalt Historical Society - Board Minutes – February 10, 2025, Annual General Meeting March 4, 2025, 2025 Annual Report

7.4 Staff Report 2025.04.01.01 – 2023 FIR Review

7.5 Staff Report 2025.04.01.02 – 2025 Budget Update

7.6 Staff Report 2025.04.01.03 – By-Law 2025-10 Hiring By-Law

7.7 Staff Report 2025.04.01.04 – By-Law 2025-11 Fence By-Law

CARRIED

8. Items for Council consideration

8.1 U.S. Tariffs on Canada / Purchasing Policies

RESOLUTION No. 2025-045

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobalt supports the County of Peterborough's Resolution No. 19-2025 which urges the federal and provincial governments to take all necessary actions to protect Ontario's interest in trade negotiations with the U.S. and investigate purchasing policies.

CARRIED

9. Items for Council information

RESOLUTION No. 2025-046

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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

9.1 Ontario Blue Box Transition – Circular Materials - April 1, 2025 (Staff Report 2025.04.01.05 – Circular Material – Recycle Program)

9.2 Northeastern Public Health – Board Minutes – January 30, 2025

9.3 Temagami Medical Centre & Family Health Team – Board Minutes – December 10, 2024

9.4 Temiskaming Foundation – Grant Event Invitation

9.5 Story Environmental Inc. – Permission to Access Sasaginaga Lake for Environmental Sampling.

CARRIED

10. **By-Laws and Agreements**

10.1 By-Law 2025-09 To Adopt Amendment No. 1 to By-Law 2025-05 to Appoint Persons to the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment

RESOLUTION No. 2025-047

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt established a Committee of Adjustment in accordance with Section 44 of the Planning Act of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13 at its February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting;

AND WHEREAS Council received Staff Report No. 2025.03.04.02 at the Regular Meeting March 4, 2025 with recommendations to amend By-Law 2025-05 to include 2 members of Council and 1 resident;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby amends By-Law 2025-05 to appoints the following members to the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment:

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

TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and passed this 1st day of April, 2025.

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

CARRIED

10.2 By-Law 2025-10 to Adopt a Recruitment, Selection and Hiring Policy for the Town of Cobalt (Staff Report 2025.04.01.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2025-048

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS Section 270 of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, states that a municipality shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to the hiring of employees;

AND WHEREAS at the Special Meeting of Council on February 12, 2025, Council for the Town of Cobalt directed staff to bring forward a new hiring By-Law;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Cobalt reviewed Staff Report 2025.04.01.03;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt adopts a Recruitment, Selection and Hiring Policy for the Town of Cobalt;

TAKEN AS READ a first and second time this 1st day of April, 2025.

CARRIED

10.3 By-Law 2025-11 to Provide Uniform Standards for the Construction of Fences within the Town of Cobalt (Staff Report 2025.04.01.04)

RESOLUTION No. 2025-049

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS Section 10(2) paragraph 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides that a municipality may pass By-Laws respecting structures, including fences;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Cobalt reviewed Staff Report 2025.04.01.04;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt adopts a By-Law 2025-11 to Provide Uniform Standards for the Construction of Fences within the Town of Cobalt;

TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and passed this 1st day of April, 2025.

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

DEFERRED

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2025-050

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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

Schedule No. 2025-06 in the amount of \$233,285.34

Schedule No. 2025-07 in the amount of \$21,632.50

CARRIED

13. Mayor's Report

14. Closed Meeting

None

15. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

None

16. **Confirmation By-Law**

RESOLUTION No. 2025-051

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2025-12 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 1st day of April, 2025;

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

CARRIED

17. **Adjournment**


RESOLUTION No. 2025-052

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox


SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED



Angela Adshead, Mayor



Steven Dailey, Clerk