

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL January 13, 2026 MINUTES

Present:

Deputy Mayor: Pat Anderson

Councillors: Rene Lafleur
Gary Hughes
Jim Starchuk
Doug Wilcox
Stephen Ward

Absent: Angela Adshead (with notice)

Staff: J. Allen, Interim Clerk-Treasurer
C. Beaudoin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Anderson 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. 2026-001

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated January 13, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED

6. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2026-002

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Ward

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

Regular Meeting of Council – December 9, 2025

Special Meeting of Council – December 16, 2025

CARRIED

7. **Staff Reports**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-003

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

7.1 By-Law Enforcement – October 2025 & November 2025

7.2 Cobalt Public Library – November 16, 2025

7.3 Staff Report 2026.01.13.01 – Signing Authority

7.4 Staff Report 2026.01.13.02 – Municipal Line of Credit

7.5 Staff Report 2026.01.13.03 – Interim Tax Levy

7.6 Staff Report 2026.01.13.04 – Committee of Adjustment

CARRIED

8. **Items for Council consideration**

8.1 2026 Budget Committee

RESOLUTION No. 2026-004

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2026 Budget Committee be comprised of Council as a whole.

CARRIED

8.2 2024 Drinking Water Summary Report

RESOLUTION No. 2026-005

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the 2024 Drinking Water Summary Report as prepared by Ontario Clean Water Agency.

CARRIED

9. **Items for Council information**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-006

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk
SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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

9.1 2025 Water Tower Inspection

CARRIED

10. By-Laws and Agreements

10.1 By-Law 2026-01 Interim Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION No. 2026-007

MOVED BY: Councillor Ward

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS at the Special Meeting of Council on December 16, 2025, Council directed Staff to prepare the necessary By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-01 being a By-Law to appoint Jaime Allen as Interim Clerk-Treasurer for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of January 2026;

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

CARRIED

10.2 By-Law 2026-02 Signing Authority (Staff Report 2026.01.13.01)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-008

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2026.01.13.01;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-02 being a By-Law to designate signing authority for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of January 2026;

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

CARRIED

10.3 By-Law 2026-03 Municipal Line of Credit (Staff Report 2026.01.13.02)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-009

MOVED BY: Councillor Ward

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2026.01.13.02;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-03 being a By-Law to authorize the Municipal line of credit for the year 2026 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of January 2026;

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

CARRIED

10.4 By-Law 2026-04 Interim Tax Levy (Staff Report 2026.01.13.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-010

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2026.01.13.03;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-04 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 and finally passed this 13th day of January 2026;

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

CARRIED

10.5 By-Law 2026-05 To Appoint Person to the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment

(Staff Report 2026.01.13.04)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-011

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2026.01.13.04;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-05 being a By-Law to appoint persons to the Cobalt Committee of Adjustment for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of January 2026;

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

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2026-012

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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

Schedule No. 2025-24 in the amount of \$403,948.4

Schedule No. 2026-01 in the amount of \$27,777.06

CARRIED

13. Mayor's Report

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged that December 29, 2025 was Cobalt's 120th birthday.

14. **Closed Meeting**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-013

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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)(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations

CARRIED

15. **Business Arising from Closed Meeting**

Direction was given to Staff on Closed Session matters.

16. **Confirmation By-Law**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-014

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2026-06 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 13th day of January, 2026;

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

CARRIED

17. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-015

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CARRIED



Pat Anderson, Deputy Mayor



Jaime Allen, Interim Clerk Treasurer