



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

BY-LAW NO. 2025-35

Being a By-Law to Establish and Appoint the 2026-2030 Timiskaming District Joint Compliance Audit Committee

WHEREAS Section 88.37 (1) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) requires municipalities to appoint compliance audit committees to deal with matters regarding election campaign finances before October 1 of an election year;

AND WHEREAS Section 88.37 (2) of the Act provides that the compliance audit committee shall be composed of not fewer than three and not more than seven members and shall not include employees or officers of the municipality; members of the council; any persons who are candidates in the election for which the committee is established; or any persons who are registered third parties in the municipality in the election for which the committee is established;

AND WHEREAS Section 88.37(3) of the Act provides that a person who has such qualifications and satisfies such eligibility requirements as may be prescribed is eligible for appointment to the compliance audit committee;

AND WHEREAS Section 88.37(4) of the Act provides that in appointing persons to the compliance audit committee, the council shall have regard to the prescribed eligibility criteria;

AND WHEREAS Section 88.37(5) of the Act provides that the term of office of the compliance audit committee is the same as the term of office of the council that takes office following the next regular election, and the term of office of the members of the committee is the same as the term of the committee to which they have been appointed;

AND WHEREAS Section 88.37(6) of the Act establishes that the Clerk of the municipality shall establish administrative practices and procedures for the Compliance Audit Committee;

AND WHEREAS Section 88.37(7) of the Act that council shall pay all costs in relation to the compliance audit committee's operation and activities.

AND WHEREAS Sections 88.33, 88.34, 88.35, and 88.36 of the Act provide for the compliance audit of candidates' campaign finances, the review of contributions to candidates, the compliance audit of registered third parties and the review of contributions to registered third parties;


AND WHEREAS Councils for the Township of Armstrong, Township of Brethour, Township of Casey, Township of Chamberlain, Municipality of Charlton and Dack, City of Temiskaming Shores, Town of Cobalt, Township of Coleman, Town of Englehart, Township of Evanturel, Township of Gauthier, Township of Harley, Township of Harris, Township of Hilliard, Township of Hudson, Township of James, Township of Kerns, Town of Kirkland Lake, Township of Larder Lake, Town of Latchford, Township of Matachewan, Township of McGarry, Village of Thornloe, and the Municipality of Temagami (hereinafter referred to as 'Member Municipalities') have approved the Terms of Reference for the Timiskaming District Joint Compliance Audit Committee (TDCAC) in the previous election cycle (2022-2026);

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

1. **THAT** a Committee to be known as the Timiskaming District Joint Compliance Audit Committee (TDCAC) is hereby established pursuant to Section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act* and pursuant to the 2026-2030 Terms of Reference to deal with the matters provided for in Sections 88.33, 88.34, 88.35, and 88.36 of the *Municipal Elections Act*.
2. **THAT** the TDCAC shall be comprised of three (3) voting members of the public, with the provision for two (2) additional alternate members, all of who are qualified individuals, as follows:
 - Alvin Willard
 - Robert Norris
 - Heather Sandrin
 - Chris Wray (Alternate Member)
 - Don Studholme (Alternate Member)
3. **THAT** the term of the TDCAC shall be for four (4) years commencing November 15, 2026 to November 14, 2030. If an audit goes beyond the Committee term, the Clerk has delegated authority to extend the term, if an extension is required.
4. **THAT** the TDCAC is responsible for addressing any candidates' or registered third party advertisers' compliance audit applications or any candidates' or registered third party advertisers' contribution limits Clerk's Reports originating from any of the Member Municipalities during the 2026 to 2030 Council term.
5. **THAT** the business of the TDCAC shall be conducted in accordance with the TDCAC's 2026-2030 Terms of Reference, with delegated authority to the Clerk to amend the said Terms of Reference, and in accordance with the TDCAC 2026-2030 Administrative Practices and Procedures, as established by the Clerks of the Member Municipalities.
6. **THAT** the Council for the Town of Kirkland Lake shall pay all costs in relation to the TDCAC's operation and activities related exclusively to the Town of Kirkland Lake.
7. **THAT** this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the day of passage.

TAKEN AS READ a first, second and third time and passed this 12th day of November, 2025.

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



Angela Adshead, Mayor



Steven Dalley, Clerk