



2025 BUDGET

At the May 6, 2025 Special Meeting of Council, the 2025 Budget was reviewed and discussed. At the May 27, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council, Tax By-Laws 2025-25 and 2025-26 were adopted and can be viewed at www.cobalt.ca.

2025 Highlights:

- No changes to Sewer Rates
- No changes to Water Capital
- 6.5% increase to Tax Levy
- 10% increase to Water Operating—Residential/Multi-Residential
- 7% increase to Water Operating—Commercial / Institutional
- \$60 increase to OPP Charges

2025 Revenues
\$3,673,540

TOWN OF COBALT
 Property Taxes
\$881,929

Provincial Offences
\$500

Water & Sewer
\$609,312

Policing User Fees
\$449,919

Provincial & Federal Grants
\$1,008,944

Other Revenue
\$168,239

User Fees
\$194,254

Capital Projects
\$360,443



2025 Expenses
\$3,673,540

General Government
\$642,497

Transportation
\$811,147

Health & Social Services
\$271,026

Recreation & Culture
\$66,022

Planning & Development
\$8,966

Protection to Persons & Property
\$657,500

Environmental Services
\$855,939

Capital Projects
\$360,443

Have a problem or concern to report?

Your Municipal Office makes it simple! All you have to do is make us aware of your concern. We will then be able to address the issue quickly and effectively.

We encourage you to submit your inquiries by emailing cobalt@cobalt.ca or in person at the Municipal Office. All concerns are kept confidential.

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, ON P0J 1C0

705-679-8877
Office Hours: Mon—Fri
8am – 12pm & 12:30pm — 4 pm

Email: cobalt@cobalt.ca
Website: www.cobalt.ca

Public Works **705-679-8110**
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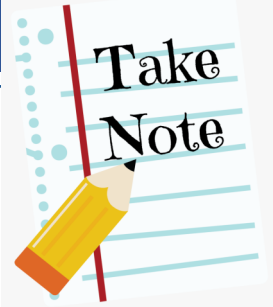
By-Law Enforcement **705-648-3750**
Pete Gilboe, By-Law Officer

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

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

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- Please save your tax bills as you may require them for future reference or for income tax purposes. Reprint of property tax bills or statements of account are \$10.00 per account per account per year (User Fee By-Law 2023-33)
- 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.

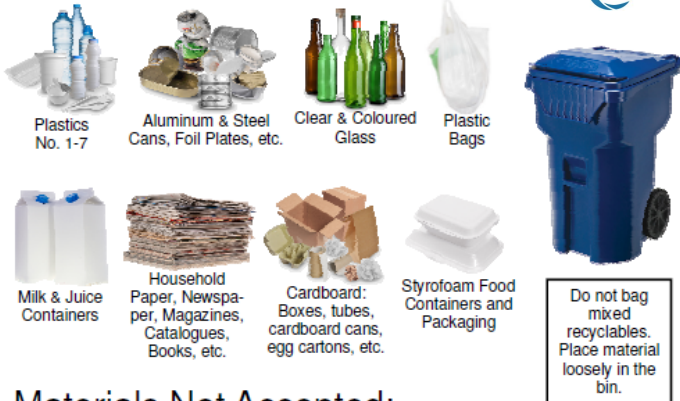
HOW PROPERTIES ARE CLASSIFIED



DID YOU KNOW?

MPAC, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, classifies properties in Ontario into 7 major classes established by the *Assessment Act*: residential, multi-residential, commercial, industrial, pipeline, farm and managed forest. They are also a number of optional classes (such as shopping centres, office buildings and large industrial properties) that municipalities can choose to adopt subject to the decision of municipal council. For all various classes, MPAC’s assessors are required to follow specific rules for classification.

Acceptable Recycling Bin Materials



Materials Not Accepted:

- Used Paper Plates
- Diapers
- Liquids
- Toys
- Yard Waste
- Wood
- Facial & Toilet Tissue
- Food Scraps
- Tires
- Scrap Metal
- Appliances
- Electronics

NEW

Dormant Building Permit Fees

In an effort to encourage the timely completion of construction projects and cover ongoing inspection costs, the Municipality will be introducing a Dormant Building Permit Fee (By-Law 2025-24), which will come into effect January 2026 to help reduce the burden of managing long term open permits and ensure that construction projects are completed in a timely manner.

Fee Structure:

Beginning in January 2026, the following fees will apply to permits that remain open:

- 3 Years Open:** \$100 per year
- 4 Years Open:** \$100 per year
- 5 Years Open:** \$200 per year
- 6 Years Open:** \$200 per year
- 7 Years or Longer:** \$300 per year

For clarity:

Permits issued in **2023 or earlier** will be subject to fees starting in **January 2026**. Permits issued in **2024** will see fees applied starting in **January 2027**.

For more information, please contact the Municipal Office or visit www.cobalt.ca



First-time homeowner?

If you have questions about how your tax bill relates to your property assessment, visit MPAC’s **First-time Homeowners’ Hub** for answers!

You can also check out MPAC’s **AboutMyProperty™** portal to review your property details and learn how MPAC valued your home.

For concerns specific to your tax bill, please reach out to your municipality.



Start unpacking your property assessment on mpac.ca



Property Tax Billing Due Dates

Final Billing

- 1st Installment** August 29, 2025
- 2nd Installment** October 31, 2025

Tax Payment Methods

Use the 19 digit property **roll number** found on your Property Tax Bill.

- Bank Payment Online
- Bank Payment in Person
- Bank Payment by Telephone
- In Person
- By Mail
- Dropbox

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. Payments must reach our office by the due date on the tax stub.

Not Receiving your Tax Bill?

If your property tax bill does not have the correct mailing address, it may not be delivered to you. Please ensure that we have your up to date mailing address on file for all your properties within the Municipality of Cobalt.

If you have a change of address, please notify the Municipal Office as soon as possible in person or by emailing cobalt@cobalt.ca. Bills will only be sent to the address currently on file.

A penalty of 1.25% per month will be added on any outstanding taxes on the 1st day of each month. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from payment of taxes or penalties

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 receive 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 .