

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

April 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

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. 2026-071

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated April 28, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-072

MOVED BY: Councillor Ward

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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

Regular Meeting of Council – March 31, 2026

Special Meeting of Council – April 15, 2026

CARRIED

7. **Staff Reports**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-073

MOVED BY: Councillor Ward

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

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

7.1 Library Board Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2026

7.2 Staff Report 2026.04.28.01 – 2026 Quarter 1 Variance Report

7.3 Staff Report 2026.04.28.02 – Sharpe Lake Park

7.4 Staff Report 2026.04.28.03 – Surplus Lots – 21 North Avenue & 29 Hudson Bay Road

7.5 Staff Report 2026.04.28.04 – By-Law 2026-16 Elections Signs By-Law

CARRIED

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8. Items for Council consideration

8.1 Ombudsman Investigation Report Recommendations

RESOLUTION No. 2026-074

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

ECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

WHEREAS Council received the Ombudsman Investigation Report at the March 31, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt adopt the following recommendations to assist the Town of Cobalt in fulfilling its obligation under the *Municipal Act, 2001* and enhancing the transparency of its meeting:

1. All members of Council for the Town of Cobalt should be vigilant in adhering to their individual and collective obligation to ensure that the municipality complies with its responsibilities under the *Municipal Act, 2001* and its procedural By-Law.
2. The Town of Cobalt should ensure that it provides public notice in advance of all committee meetings and that committee meetings are open to the public, subject to the open meeting exceptions in the *Municipal Act, 2001*
3. The Town of Cobalt should assess all advisory groups that are committee to confirm that their procedures comply with the open meeting rules in the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

CARRIED

8.2 Municipal Property - Sharpe Lake Park (Staff Report 2026.04.28.02)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-075

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS Council receive Staff Report 2026.04.28.02 with a recommendation to declare 54-01-000-45801-000, known as Sharpe Lake Park as surplus to municipal needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declare Roll #54-01-000-001-45801-0000, known as Sharpe Lake Park as surplus to municipal needs.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Anderson	A	Councillor Hughes	A
Councillor Lafleur	A	Councillor Starchuk	A
Councillor Ward	A	Councillor Wilcox	A
Mayor Adshead	F		

For – 1 Against – 6

DEFEATED

Council will revisit disposition of Sharpe Lake at future Council meetings.

8.3 Cobalt Paul Penna Library Board Vacancy

RESOLUTION No. 2026-076

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Willcox

WHEREAS Council receive notice of 2 vacancies for the Cobalt Paul Penna Library Board.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declare 2 vacant seats for Cobalt Public Library Board and directs staff to advertise.

AND FURTHER THAT those members of the public are invited to apply.

CARRIED

8.4 Tender to Purchase Municipal Surplus Lot – 21 North Avenue (Staff Report 2026.04.28.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-077

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting on September 19, 2023, Council declared 21 North Avenue as surplus and be advertised for sale.

AND WHEREAS a tender has been received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the sale of 21 North Avenue to Nick Douglas for the sum of \$14,000.00 plus applicable legal fees and directs staff to proceed with the necessary documents.

CARRIED

8.5 Tender to Purchase Municipal Surplus Lot – 29 Hudson Bay Road (Staff Report 2026.04.28.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-078

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuck

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting on October 14, 2025, Council declared 29 Hudson Bay Road as surplus and be advertised for sale.

AND WHEREAS a tender has been received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the sale of 29 Hudson Bay Road to Joshua Giroux for the sum of \$10,200.00 plus applicable legal fees and directs staff to proceed with the necessary documents.

CARRIED

8.6 Tender to Purchase Municipal Surplus Lot – 32 Pyrite Street North (Staff Report 2026.04.28.03)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-079

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting on September 19, 2023, Council declared 32 Pyrite Street North as surplus and be advertised for sale.

AND WHEREAS a tender has been received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the sale of 32 Pyrite Street to Ryan McDonald for the sum of \$14,000 plus applicable legal fees and directs staff to proceed with the necessary documents.

CARRIED

9. **Items for Council information**

None

10. **By-Laws and Agreements**

10.1 By-Law No. 2026-16 Elections Signs By-Law (Staff Report 2026.04.28.04)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-080

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuck

WHEREAS Council received Staff Report 2026.04.28.04.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2026-16 being a By-Law to regulate election signs within the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time this 28th day of April 2026.

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

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10.2 By-Law No. 2026-18 Elections Policy By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2026-081

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2026-18 being a By-Law to establish an election policy for the Town of Cobalt be taken as read a first, second and third time this 28th day of April 2026.

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

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11. **Unfinished Business**

11.1 Canada Day Committee – Staff has received one application to date. To be discussed in Mayor's report.

12. **New Business**

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2026-082

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuck

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

Schedule No. 2026-05 in the amount of \$252,028.34

CARRIED

13. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Adshead discussed Canada Day Committee and to date we have only received one person interested in volunteering for Canada Day. Discussed by Council and Councilor Anderson will help coordinate with the Fire Dept for the parade and the mayor's breakfast. All parties involved in Canada need to work together.

14. Closed Meeting

RESOLUTION No. 2026-083

MOVED BY: Councillor Willcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene in Closed Session as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to address a matter pertaining to subsection:

(2)(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations

CARRIED

15. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

Direction to Staff

16. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2026-084

MOVED BY: Councillor Willcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2026-19 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 28th day of April 2026.

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

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2026-085

MOVED BY: Councillor Willcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Ward

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Angela Adshead, Mayor

Jaime Allen, Interim Clerk Treasurer