

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COBALT COMMUNITY HALL

May 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Present:

Mayor: Angela Adshead

Councillors: Pat Anderson
Gary Hughes
Rene Lafleur
Jim Starchuk
Doug Wilcox

Absent: Stephen Ward (with notice)

Staff: J. Allen, Interim Clerk-Treasurer
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 Northern Hospice Care

Chris Gallagher, Secretary and Chantal Paquin, Committee Member for the Northern Hospice Care updated Council on their mission to secure a hospice for the area in the next 5-10 years.

5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

RESOLUTION No. 2026-086

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated May 26, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED

6. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

RESOLUTION No. 2026-087

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

Regular Meeting of Council – April 28, 2026

CARRIED

7. **Staff Reports**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-088

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wilcox

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

7.1 Library Board Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2026

7.2 Staff Report 2026.05.26.01 – Surplus Properties – 35-39 Pyrite Street N, 32 Pyrite Street N

CARRIED

8. **Items for Council consideration**

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-089

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

WHEREAS at the Regular Meeting of Council dated April 28, 2026, Council receive Staff Report 2026.04.28.02 with a recommendation to declare Roll #54-01-000-45801-0000, 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	F	Councillor Hughes	F
Councillor Lafleur	F	Councillor Starchuk	F
Councillor Ward	<i>Absent</i>	Councillor Wilcox	A
Mayor Adshead	F		

For – 5 Against – 1 Absent – 1 CARRIED

8.2 Tender to Purchase Municipal Surplus Lot – 32 Pyrite Street North (Staff Report 2026.05.26.01)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-090

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;

AND WHEREAS Council has received Staff Report 2026.05.26.01;

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

CARRIED

8.3 Tender to Purchase Municipal Surplus Lot – 35-39 Pyrite Street N (Staff Report 2026.05.26.01)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-091

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting on November 21, 2023, Council declared 35-39 Pyrite Street as surplus and be advertised for sale;

AND WHEREAS a tender has been received;

AND WHEREAS Council has received Staff Report 2026.05.26.01;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the sale of 35-39 Pyrite Street North to Bruce McLean for the sum of \$17,000.00 plus applicable legal fees and directs staff to proceed with the necessary documents.

CARRIED

8.4 Motion for Council Meeting Time Change (as requested by Councillor Hughes)

RESOLUTION No. 2026-092

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt changes its Council Meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2026 Term of Council - Council and Committee Meeting Calendar be amended.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Anderson	A	Councillor Hughes	F
Councillor Lafleur	F	Councillor Starchuk	A
Councillor Ward	<i>Absent</i>	Councillor Wilcox	A
Mayor Adshead	A		

For – 2

Against – 4

Absent – 1

CARRIED

9. Items for Council information

RESOLUTION No. 2026-093

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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

9.1 Cobalt Historical Society – May 5, 2025 Annual General Meeting

9.2 Cobalt Historical Society – March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

9.3 Cobalt Historical Society – 2026 Annual Report

9.4 Ontario Clean Water Agency – Water and Wastewater Operations Report Q1 2026

9.5 Staff Report 2026.05.26.02 – Update on Disposal of Surplus Properties

CARRIED

10. By-Laws and Agreements

10.1 By-Law No. 2026-16 Elections Signs By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2026-094

MOVED BY: Councillor Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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 26th day of May, 2026;

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

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-095

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

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 26th day of May, 2026;

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

CARRIED

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Canada Day Committee – Staff has received one application to date. To be discussed in Mayor's report. Councillor Anderson updated that the Golden Age Club is having the Mayor's Breakfast and will have ice cream sandwiches. Mayor Adshead requested that the Clerk follow up with the Fire Department in regards to the parade.

12. New Business

12.1 Schedule of Accounts

RESOLUTION No. 2026-096

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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

Schedule No. 2026-06 in the amount of \$278,238.43

CARRIED

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Adshead reminded residents that feeing wildlife, which includes pigeons, was against the Town's Animal Control By-Law. She also reminded residents to secure their garbage bins from bears.

14. Closed Meeting

RESOLUTION No. 2026-097

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

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)(a) Security of the property of the municipality or local board;

(2)(b) Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

CARRIED

15. Business Arising from Closed Meeting

Direction was given to Staff on Closed Session Matters.

16. Confirmation By-Law

RESOLUTION No. 2026-098

MOVED BY: Councillor Anderson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2026-20 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 26th day of May 2026;

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

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

RESOLUTION No. 2026-099

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CARRIED



Angela Adshead, Mayor



Jaime Allen, Interim Clerk Treasurer