

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 12, 2016 at 18:00 hrs in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

Present:	Mayor	Roger Sigouin
	Councillor	André Rhéaume
	Councillor	Daniel Lemaire
	Councillor	Conrad Morin
	Councillor	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette

Staff:	CAO	Monique Lafrance
	Acting CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 1-16

Proposed by : Councillor Claude Gagnon
Seconded by : Councillor Conrad Morin

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2-16

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby waives the rules of procedures to add to the agenda the following subjects:

- a) Building Department (closed meeting) (11. b) Planning Working Group i));
- b) *Let's Ensure the Future of Hearst* Campaign (11. e) Policy Working Group iii).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 3-16

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by : Councillor Conrad Morin

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 01-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 8, 2015 and of the special meeting held on December 21, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

7. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 4-16

Proposed by : Councillor Claude Gagnon
Seconded by : Councillor André Rhéaume

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the January 12, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 5-16

Proposed by : Councillor Claude Gagnon
Seconded by : Councillor André Rhéaume

BE IT RESOLVED that Council takes note of the reports and minutes of meetings of :

- the Public Library Board dated November 26, 2015;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated November 18, 2015;
- the Supportive Housing/Retirement Home dated December 16, 2015;
- the Hearst Power Distribution Corporation dated November 23, 2015;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated October 23, 2015;
- the Community Transportation Association dated December 14, 2015;
- the Airport Development Committee dated December 4, 2015.

CARRIED

10. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer and Acting Chief Administrative Officer each brief members of Council on the various municipal ongoing projects. The written reports are appended hereto.

11. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

Nil

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

Nil

c) **Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group**

i) **Reduced swimming pool rental rate for swim meet**

Resolution No. 6-16

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette
Seconded by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the use of the Stéphane Lecours Swimming Pool at 50% of the regular rental rate for the Northeastern Ontario Region swim meet to be held January 16 and 17, 2016, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

ii) **Free use of swimming pool for swim-a-thon fundraising event of Phoenix Swim Team**

Resolution No. 7-16

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette
Seconded by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the use of the Stéphane Lecours Swimming Pool free of charge for the fund-raising Swim-A-Thon of the Hearst Phoenix Swim Team to be held in March 2016, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

d) **Report from the Finance Working Group**

Nil

e) **Report from the Policy Working Group**

i) **Exception to alcohol policy to permit sale at Magie des glaces**

Resolution No. 8-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOVLED that an exception be made to the Town of Hearst Alcohol Management Policy in order to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on municipal property located south of Club Action and north of the Mattawishkwia River during the Magie des glaces activities to be held February 19 to 21, 2016.

CARRIED

ii) **Amendments to Public Notice By-law**

Resolution No. 9-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 02-16, being a by-law amending Public Notice By-law No. 85-02, which prescribes the form, manner and times for the provisions of notice, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Amendments to Procurement Policy By-law

Resolution No. 10-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 03-16, being a by-law amending the Procurement Policies and Procedures By-law No. 78-04, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Appointment of the Treasurer as Deputy Clerk

Resolution No. 11-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 04-16, being a by-law to appoint Treasurer Manon Higgins as Deputy Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Hearst, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) Participation to the 2016 PDAC conference

Resolution No. 12-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to attend the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's International Convention and Trade Show and Investors Exchange in Toronto from March 6 to 9, 2016.

CARRIED

vi) Support to request for incentives for health practitioners in rural areas

Resolution No. 13-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards that requests the Provincial Government to reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario, particularly in rural areas of Northern Ontario where few communities are widely dispersed across a vast territory, resulting in Northern Ontario residents needing to travel long distances to access health care, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Gilles Bisson, MPP, Timmins James Bay and to the Northeastern Ontario Municipalities Association.

CARRIED

vii) Support to request for changes to Northern Health Travel Grant

Resolution No. 14-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

WHEREAS the Town of Hearst has over the past decade requested the Provincial Government to revise its Northern Health Travel Grant policy to include financial assistance for patients who need to commute to neighboring hospitals to receive vital special health treatment in facilities which, according to the Ministry's calculations, slightly fall below the prescribed minimum 100 km one-way criteria, and

WHEREAS the actual distance calculating protocol results in an unfair treatment and a financial burden for patients from Northern Ontario,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution of the Municipality of Nipissing West urging the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to amend the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travel distance be eligible for Northern Health Travel Grants, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Gilles Bisson, MPP Timmins James Bay, AMO, FONOM and NEOMA.

CARRIED

viii) Support to request for expansion of natural gas service

Resolution No. 15-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution of the Municipality of Nipissing West urging the Minister of Energy to consider expanding the network and availability of natural gas services in Northern Ontario communities, in order that all northern residents and businesses can obtain equitable opportunities for financial savings in heating costs.

CARRIED

ix) Support to request for reclassification of winter highways

Resolution No. 16-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution of the Municipality of Nipissing West urging the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during winter months, thereby ensuring the safety and security of all northern travellers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Gilles Bisson, MPP Timmins James Bay, NEOMA and FONOM.

CARRIED

x) Approval of the report of the Policy Working Group

Resolution No. 17-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated January 6, 2015 be hereby adopted and that items 1 and 3 be removed from work in progress.

CARRIED

xi) Changes to 2016 schedule of Council meetings

Resolution No. 18-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 05-16, being a by-law to amend By-law 87-15 which establishes the Council meeting dates for 2016, in order to change the following meetings:

- March 15th, for March 8 and 30, 2016;
- April 5 and 26th, for April 19, 2016; and
- June 7 and 28th, for May 31st and June 21, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 19-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the following items :

- a) Administrative succession,
 - b) Chief Administrative Officer's salary, and
 - c) Building Department,
- according to Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 20-16

Proposed by : Councillor Claude Gagnon
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meeting of Council resume and that the confidential report of proceedings of the closed meeting be hereby acknowledged for Council's information.

CARRIED

Establishment of the salary scale for the position of Chief Administrative Officer

Resolution No. 21-16

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume
Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED to establish the salary scale for the position of Chief Administrative Officer from \$100,000 to \$130,000, effective January 1st, 2016, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all increases accorded annually to non-union employees pursuant to the Salary Administration Program be added to the initial amount established herein, until such time as Council hereby rescinds said increases.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 22-16

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by : Councillor Conrad Morin

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on January 12, 2016 be adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk