

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 2, 2015 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. 29-16

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire
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. 30-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
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) Funding application for the Tenth Street Wastewater Pumping Station project (11. d) Finance Working Group – item iii));
- b) 2016 membership to the NEOMA (11. e) Policy Working Group – item ii);
- c) Meeting of Hearst and Mattice-Val Côté Councils with CDSSAB (11. e) Policy Working Group – item iii);
- d) Meeting of Hearst and Mattice-Val Côté Councils with Waste Diversion Ontario (11. e) Policy Working Group – item iv);
- e) Meeting of Council with Constance Lake First Nation (11. e) Policy Working Group – item v);
- f) Municipal Council Breakfast (11. e) Policy Working Group – item vi)).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Rhéaume declares a pecuniary interest in item 2) of the Operations Working Group, being employed on a contractual basis by CINN Radio.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 31-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 5-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 12, 2016 and of the special meetings held on January 20, 21 and 25, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nicole Grenier, President Hearst Scouts

Re: request for donation to cover

Mrs. Grenier briefs members of Council on the Hearst Scouts organization which struggled in the past years but has regained momentum this year with an increase in participation. She states the Scouts have used the Pivabiska Camp to conduct excursions for many years but now they no longer are able to since they do not have the funds to insure the property. This camp has been owned by the Camp Pivabiska Corporation since 1962, a non-profit organization, which now has seven new active board members.

Mrs. Grenier states it would be a shame to forego the use of this camp because the Scouts organization serves over 40 children aged 7 to 15 years. Various educational activities used to be held at the camp several times per year. At this time, they cannot use the Pivabiska Camp because the property is not insured. Scouts Canada insures children but not the properties and this is why she is here tonight, to seek financial assistance to cover the insurance costs.

The new board sees great potential for the community with this camp. It could not only be used by the Scouts but also by disadvantaged youths and their families who do not have the opportunity to experience cottage life, being an example.

Mayor Sigouin thanks Mrs. Grenier for her presentation and advises a response will be given in the near future.

Marc Dufresne, Fire Chief

Re: 2016 Fire Department activities report

Mr. Dufresne makes a report of the Fire Department's activities for 2015 (copy of report annexed hereto).

7. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 32-16

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire
Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the February 2, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

9. **REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Resolution No. 33-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor André Rhéaume

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

- the Needs of the Elderly Committee dated January 21, 2016;
- the Notre-Dame Hospital Board dated November 18, 2015;
- the Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated January 18, 2016;
- the Child Care Centre Committee dated December 2, 2015;
- the Healthy Community Alliance Committee dated January 13, 2015;
- the Hearst Planning Board dated November 18, 2015;
- the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board.

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**

i) **Agreement with CINN Radio for transmission of public messages during emergency situations**

Councillor Rheaume reiterates his pecuniary interest, leaves Council Chambers and does not participate in the discussion and vote of this subject.

Resolution No. 34-16

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

WHEREAS The Town of Hearst Emergency Plan assigns a key role to the local community radio station to communicate messages to residents during an emergency,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 6-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Radio de l'épinette noire Inc. to provide live radio communication in the event of an emergency or loss of an essential service, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) **Installation of stop sign on Collin Road**

Resolution No. 35-16

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 7-16, being a by-law to amend Traffic By-law 17-81, in order to eliminate the stop sign on Bosnick Road, at the intersection of Collin Road and to add one on Collin Road, at the intersection of Bosnick Road, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) *Renewal of Health and Safety Policy*

Resolution No. 36-16

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that the revised version of the Workplace Health and Safety policy, dated February 2, 2016, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iv) *Adoption of the Operations Working Group report*

Resolution No. 37-16

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated January 28, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

Nil

c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group

Nil

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

i) *Adoption of the 2016 Interim tax levy by-law*

Resolution No. 38-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 8-16, being a by-law providing for an interim property tax levy for the 2016 fiscal year before the adoption of the final levy for the year, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) *Adoption of the 2016 water and sewer rates*

Resolution No. 39-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 9-16, being a by-law to adopt:

- a) the 2016 potable water budget, providing for revenues of \$1,012,223 and expenditures of \$1,068,500 and setting the water service charges and the water consumption rates with an increase of 5% over the rates in effect for 2015, and
- b) the 2016 waste water budget providing for revenues of \$708,124 and expenditures of \$680,903 and to set the sewer surcharge rate over the potable water charges at 71.5%,
be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Hearst Power Distribution Corporation 2016 budget

Resolution No. 40-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2016 budget of Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited totaling \$11,788,136 in revenues and \$11,738,213 in expenditures, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iv) Agreement with the CDSSAB for financing of child care services

Resolution No. 41-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 10-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board for funding for the municipal day care, the private home child care, the special needs resourcing, and the parent resource centre services, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) Cancellation of lease of land at the airport

Resolution No. 42-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement for lease of land at the Rene Fontaine Municipal Airport between the Town of Hearst and Commercial Aviation in accordance with By-law No. 60-06, be hereby rescinded as the hangar owned by said company was sold.

CARRIED

vi) Lease of land at the airport to Service Aviation Luc Lanoix

Resolution No. 43-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 11-16, being a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with Service Aviation Luc Lanoix for the lease of land at the Rene Fontaine Municipal Airport, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vii) Gilles Gagnon Welcome Centre janitorial contract with Rachel Brochu

Resolution No. 44-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 12-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a 3-year agreement with Rachel Brochu for performance of janitorial duties at the Gilles Gagnon Welcome Centre/Inovo Center, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

viii) Public Works Garage janitorial contract with Rachel Brochu

Resolution No. 45-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 13-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a 3-year agreement with Rachel Brochu for performance of janitorial duties at the Town of Hearst Public Works Garage, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ix) Adoption of the 2016 summer student hiring program

Resolution No. 46-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2016 Summer Student Hiring Plan involving the hiring of 15 students at a total cost of \$131,200.00 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

x) Financial contribution to Hearst Scouts

Resolution No. 47-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a donation in the amount of \$150 to the Hearst Scouts be hereby approved.

CARRIED

xi) List of cheques issued from the general account

Resolution No. 48-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of cheques issued from the general fund namely cheques number 21524 to 21834 for a total of \$1,710,891.05, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

xii) Adoption of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 49-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated January 25, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

xiii) Effective date of Chief Administrative Officer position

Resolution No. 50-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 14-16, being a by-law to advance the effective date of Yves Morrissette`s position of Chief Administrative Officer, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

xiv) Grant application for the Tenth Street Wastewater Pumping Station project

Resolution No. 51-16

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

WHEREAS an expression of interest (EOI) for the Tenth Street Wastewater Pumping Station Upgrade project was submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs on September 29, 2015 under the Small Communities Fund (SCF), and
WHEREAS said EOI proposal has been selected to move forward with an application under the second intake phase of the SCF,
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the funding application to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, under the Small Communities Fund, to undertake the Tenth Street Wastewater Pumping Station Upgrade project for the installation of an alternate power source backup generator, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of \$57,285 plus applicable taxes be set aside in the 2016 budget of the Town of Hearst, as the municipal share of this project.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

Nil

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 52-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the following item :
a) Harassment complaint investigation report (Section 239 (2)(b) of the Municipal Act.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 53-16

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire
Seconded by : Councillor André Rhéaume

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 54-16

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on February 2, 2016 be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk