

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

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| Present: | Acting Mayor | Claude Gagnon |
| | Councillor | André Rhéaume |
| | Councillor | Daniel Lemaire |
| | Councillor | Gérard Proulx |
| | Councillor | Raymond Vermette |
| Absent: | Mayor | Roger Sigouin (health) |
| | Councillor | Conrad Morin (personal) |
| Staff: | CAO | Yves Morrissette |
| | Clerk | Janine Lecours |

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 119-16

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

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

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Acting Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 120-16

Proposed by: Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 121-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 27-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on March 29, 2016 and the regular meeting of Council held on March 30, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Sylvie Fontaine, EDC General Manager

Re: presentation of Economic Development Corporation activities

Mrs. Fontaine reads the activity report (a copy is annexed hereto).

7. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 122-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the April 19, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 123-16

Proposed by: Councillor Daniel Lemaire
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 February 29, 2016;
- the Needs of the Elderly Committee dated March 31, 2016;
- the Notre-Dame Hospital Board dated January 28, 2016;
- the Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated March 10, 2016;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated January 22, 2016.

CARRIED

10. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Council takes note of the Chief Administrative Officer's report on ongoing projects.

11. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) True Grit 2015 water quality of waste disposal site report

Resolution No. 124-16

Proposed by: Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2015 report for the water quality at the Town of Hearst Waste Disposal Site, as prepared by True Grit Consulting, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

ii) OCWA 2015 sewage treatment lagoon report

Resolution No. 125-16

Proposed by: Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2015 Annual Operating Report for the Hearst Sewage Treatment Lagoon prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iii) OCWA 2015 sewer treatment lagoon report for Cécile Trailer Park

Resolution No. 126-16

Proposed by: Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2015 Annual Operating Report for the Cécile Trailer Park Sewage Treatment Lagoon prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iv) Nomination of Réal Lapointe Municipal Weed Inspector

Resolution No. 127-16

Proposed by: Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 34-16, being a by-law naming Real Lapointe Municipal Weed Inspector, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) Request for tenders for garbage collection and operation of waste disposal site

Resolution No. 128-16

Proposed by: Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to undertake the request for tenders process for the contract of garbage and recycling collection and the maintenance and operation of the waste disposal site.

CARRIED

vi) Adoption of the report of the Operations Working Group

Resolution No. 129-16

Proposed by: Councillor Gérard Proulx
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated April 13, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

i) Adoption of the report of the Planning Working Group

Resolution No. 130-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated April 12, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) Zoning amendment to change property at 921 George Street from MCR to C Zone

Resolution No. 131-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 28-16, being a by-law to amend the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 by changing the zoning of 921 George Street from a Downtown Commercial (C1) Zone to a Mixed Commercial/Residential (MCR) Zone thereby permitting the former taxi stand to be converted to a residential rental unit, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group

i) Installation of park benches in remembrance of deceased

Resolution No. 132-16

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

WHEREAS Mrs. Joanne Coulombe wishes to purchase the necessary material to build park benches imprinted with a drawing and a quote in memory of deceased citizens, to be installed in the Town Hall Park and the Lecours Park, and

WHEREAS the preparation work, assembly and installation of the benches can be done by the Parks and Recreation Department personnel within the parks maintenance workload,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes Mrs. Joanne Coulombe to purchase the material needed to fabricate two memorial benches for:

- Nelson Colombe, to be installed at the Town Hall Park; and
- Léon Lecours, to be installed at the Lecours Park.

CARRIED

iii) Director of Parks and Recreation to join Save our Arenas Committee

Resolution No. 133-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes and directs the Parks and Recreation Director to join the Save Our Arenas Committee whose mandate is to seek funding solutions for arenas of rural communities.

CARRIED

iv) Donation of cement outdoor ping pong tables from Rotary Club

Resolution No. 134-16

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

WHEREAS the Hearst Rotary Club wishes to donate to the Municipality two outdoor cement ping-pong tables,
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby accepts the Rotary Club`s donation of two cement outdoor ping-pong tables and agrees that said tables be installed in the Town Hall Park off Edward Street.

CARRIED

v) Adoption of the report of the Parks and Recreation Working Group

Resolution No. 135-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group dated April 14, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

i) Adoption of the 2016 operations and capital budgets

Resolution No. 136-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 29-16, being a by-law to approve:

- the 2016 operating budget comprising revenues totaling \$13,063,100 and expenses totaling \$13,063,100,
- the 2016 capital budget totaling \$929,200,
- the 2016 Hearst Public Library Board operating budget comprising revenues totaling \$253,300 and expenses totaling \$253,300 and a capital budget of \$10,700,
- the Hearst and Area Economic Development Corporation budget comprising \$430,300 in operating revenues, \$430,300 in operating expenditures, \$1,073,644 in capital expenditures for special projects and including a municipal subsidy of \$387,300 for the operation and \$50,800 for special projects, and
- the 2016 budget of Centre-Ville Hearst Downtown totaling \$63,350, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) Adoption of 2016 tax rates

Resolution No. 137-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 30-16, being a by-law to establish the estimates of all municipal taxation sums required for 2016 and to set the tax rates for the year, providing for an increase of 2.5% in the case of municipal taxation rates, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Adoption of the 2016 tax ratios

Resolution No. 138-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 31-16, being a by-law to establish the municipal tax reduction program, the optional property class and the tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) 2015 Council members remuneration report

Resolution No. 139-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report of remuneration for fiscal year 2015 for members of Council totalling \$114,847.92, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

v) Agreement with CommunicAction for telephone answering service

Resolution No. 140-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 32-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Thérèse Lachance operating under the name of CommunicAction for the emergency telephone services for a period of three years commencing on March 1st, 2016 and ending on February 28, 2019, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vi) Annual financial and in kind contribution to Club Action

Resolution No. 141-16

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

WHEREAS Club Action annually submits an application to the Ontario Senior's Secretariat for an operating subsidy, and
WHEREAS eligibility for this subsidy requires a municipal contribution of at least 20% of the organization's net operating expenditures, and
WHEREAS the municipal contribution may be either in kind, in cash or a combination thereof, and
WHEREAS the Town of Hearst views the elderly population as key contributors to the social and economic life of the community,
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 33-16, being a by-law authorizing an annual in kind and cash contribution to the Club Action, conditional upon the annual cash contribution not exceeding \$11,800, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vii) Support to OACFP`s proposition to allow use of perpetual care fund to finance purchase of columbaria

Resolution No. 142-16

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

WHEREAS at the present time, a cemetery trustee is not permitted to borrow funds from the trust account of a cemetery to finance the purchase of columbaria, and
WHEREAS most small rural non-commercial cemeteries do not have the capital to expand their services to provide desired interment options such as small-scale columbaria,
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals' proposal to approach the Ontario Legislature to expand the provincial legislation in order to allow small non-commercial cemeteries to borrow funds from the trust accounts to finance the erection of small-scale columbaria.

CARRIED

viii) List of cheques issued from general account

Resolution No. 143-16

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 21835 to 22526 for a total of \$2,891,737.49, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

ix) Adoption of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 144-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated April 12, 2016 be hereby adopted.

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. 145-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting, in accordance with Section 239 (2)(b) of the Municipal Act, to discuss the following items:

- a) 2016 Senior of the Year Award;
- b) 2016 Outstanding Volunteer;
- c) 2016 Outstanding Youth Volunteer.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 146-16

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

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. 147-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on April 19, 2016 be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor

Clerk