

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

Present:	Acting Mayor	G�rard Proulx
	Councillor	Andr� Rh�aume
	Councillor	Daniel Lemaire
	Councillor	Conrad Morin
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette

Absent:	Mayor	Roger Sigouin (health)
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Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

Resolution No. 93-16

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin  
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. 94-16

Proposed by : Councillor Claude Gagnon  
Seconded by : Councillor Andr  Rh aume

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

a) Application for a Taxi Licence.

**CARRIED**

**4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

Resolution No. 95-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 21-15, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 8, 2016, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 96-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the March 30, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 97-16

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

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

- the Hearst Planning Board dated January 20, 2016;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated February 10, 2016;
- the Community Mobilization Committee dated February 29 and March 21, 2016;
- the Airport Development Committee dated March 11, 2016;
- the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association dated March 4, 2016;
- the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated January 21, 2016;
- the Hearst Police Services Board dated March 17, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**9. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Members of Council take note of the Chief Administrative Officer's report on the various municipal ongoing projects. The written report is appended hereto.

**10. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL**

**a) Report from the Operations Working Group**

**i) Approval of OCWA's 2015 drinking water compliance report**

Resolution No. 98-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that 2015 Annual Compliance and Summary reports, as required under Ontario's Drinking Water Systems Regulation, under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, as prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**b) Report from the Planning Working Group**

**i) Public notice on intent to stop up and close 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Alexandra and Edward Streets**

Resolution No. 99-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 22-16, being a by-law to assume, stop-up and close that portion of the Tenth Street road allowance laid out between Alexandra Street and Edward Street on Plan M-48 Algoma, designated as Part 1 on r.p. 6R-8889, in order that said road allowance be converted to a community plaza and outdoor venue for promoting events that will attract and grow tourism and in particular, sports and cultural tourism, be hereby passed in first and second readings, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be hereby authorized and directed to give public notice of Council's intent to pass such road closure by-law.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Consent for lot transfer for recreational purposes**

Resolution No. 100-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council has no objection to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent to return Lot 8 in Concession A in the Township of Way to its original status as a single conveyable property, in order that said lot can be transferred for recreational purposes as requested by Lina Caron in consent application file no. C03/16.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Sale of surplus municipal buffer reserves to Dufresne and Fournier**

Resolution No. 101-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 23-16, being a by-law to sell those surplus municipal reserve lands, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on reference plan 6R-8880, to the respective neighbouring property owners Marc and Michele Dufresne, and Michael Fournier, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Adoption of the report of the Planning Working Group**

Resolution No. 102-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated March 22, 2016 be hereby adopted and that item 1 be removed from work in progress.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

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

Nil

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

i) **Registration of trademarks for municipal logo, slogan and coat of arms**

Resolution No. 103-16

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

WHEREAS the Town of Hearst Coat of Arms was adopted by By-law 1275, the municipal logo by By-law 82-15 and the slogan, by Resolution No. 51-15, and WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to register trademarks for the coat of arms and the logo with slogan, in order to protect the Municipality's integrity and ensure protection over their use,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 24-16, being a by-law directing the Clerk to undertake procedures to register the Town of Hearst coat of arms and municipal logo and slogan with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

ii) **Policy on the Use of the Municipal Logo and Coat of Arms**

Resolution No. 104-16

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

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to establish a policy on the use of the Town of Hearst Coat of Arms and Municipal Logo,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 25-16, being a by-law to adopt the Town of Hearst Policy on Use of the Coat of Arms and the Municipal Logo, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**11. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

**Request for Zoning By-law amendment – 921 George Street**

**Re: change zoning of apartment building from C1 to MCR Zone**

Resolution no. 105-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned and that the public meeting pertaining to a zoning amendment request, be hereby opened.

**CARRIED**

The report of the Public Meeting is appended hereto.

Resolution no. 106-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the public meeting to hear comments in favor or against a zoning by-law amendment request, be hereby adjourned, and that the regular meeting of Council resume.

**CARRIED**

***Policy Working Group continued..***

**iii) *Opinion on proposed amendment to NEOMA constitution***

Resolution No. 107-16

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

WHEREAS Article 6 of the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA) constitution pertaining to representation currently gives each municipal representative in attendance one vote, up to a maximum of ten (10) total votes, and

WHEREAS the NEOMA board proposes to amend said Article 6, limiting the number of votes to one (1) vote for each member municipality, and

WHEREAS NEOMA is requesting input from each member municipality before proceeding with the proposed amendment, and

WHEREAS this Council deems it advisable to maintain the current voting structure of one (1) vote for each municipal representative in attendance, to a maximum of ten (10) votes,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby expresses its preference to maintain the existing Representation clause of NEOMA's constitution, which gives one vote per municipal representative in attendance, up to a maximum of ten.

**CARRIED**

**iv) *Support to NEOMA's request to remove reference to Endangered Species from the Forest Management Planning Manual***

Resolution No. 108-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association's letter dated March 7, 2016 addressed to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry requesting that all references to the Endangered Species Act be deleted from the proposed Forest Management Planning Manual until such time as a committee of stakeholders develop a comprehensive study on the matter.

**CARRIED**

**v) *AFMO agreement of understanding for 2016 annual conference in Hearst***

Resolution No. 109-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Association française des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO) for the Town of Hearst to be the host for AFMO's 2016 annual conference.

**CARRIED**

**vi) Adoption of simplified Emergency Plan**

Resolution No. 110-16

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

WHEREAS a revised Town of Hearst Emergency Plan was adopted in 2004, but remains a complex document, and  
WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to simplify said Emergency Plan in order to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each official, agency and department, without changing any of the procedures,  
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 26-16, being a by-law adopting the simplified Town of Hearst Emergency Plan, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**vii) Nomination of Yves Morrissette on Police Services Board**

Resolution No. 111-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Chief Administrative Officer Yves Morrissette be hereby appointed Secretary/Treasurer of the Hearst Police Services Board.

**CARRIED**

**viii) Nomination of Town representative on the Regional Mining Readiness Stakeholders Committee**

Resolution No. 112-16

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

WHEREAS the Hearst Economic Development Corporation and the Constance Lake First Nation are working together on the Mining Readiness Strategy file, and  
WHEREAS a request has been made to nominate representatives of the Town of Hearst on said Regional Stakeholders Committee who will be mandated to create the Mining Readiness Strategy,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Councillor Conrad Morin be hereby nominated as members of the Regional Mining Readiness Stakeholders Committee.

**CARRIED**

**ix) Support request for Province to cancel Request for Tenders for additional 300-MW wind power generation project**

Resolution No. 113-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Wainfleet requesting that the Province of Ontario to cancel its Request for Proposals for an additional 300-megawatt Wind Power Generation project.

**CARRIED**

**x) Support request for Northern Telephone to revise its emergency response policy**

Resolution No. 114-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Mattice-Val Côté requesting Northern Telephone Limited to reconsider its current evaluation of the need to respond in events of interruption of the telephone service in Northern Ontario.

**CARRIED**

**xi) Support request for Province to discontinue current evaluation criterias for small communities grants**

Resolution No. 115-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Carleton Place requesting that the Provincial Government discontinue the use of the current evaluation criteria for the Small Communities Fund and the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund grants.

**CARRIED**

**xii) Adoption of the report of the Policy Working Group**

Resolution No. 116-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated March 22, 2016 be hereby adopted and that items 2, 3 and 4 be removed from work in progress.

**CARRIED**

**xiii) Issuance of Taxi Licence to Jacques A. Brisson**

Resolution No. 117-16

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

WHEREAS Jacques A. Brisson proposes to establish a taxi business in Hearst, conditional upon an exemption from providing a taxi stand,  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby makes an exception to the Taxi By-law No. 108-02 in order to allow the operation of a taxi business without a taxi stand and approves the application from Jacques Brisson, operating under the name of Hearst Taxi, for one taxi broker/owner licence.

**CARRIED**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

**14. CLOSED MEETING**

Nil

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 118-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on March 30, 2016 be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk