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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 10, 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: | Mayor | Roger Sigouin |
| | Councillor | Gérard Proulx |
| | Councillor | André Rhéaume |
| | Councillor | Daniel Lemaire |
| | Councillor | Conrad Morin |
| | Councillor | Claude Gagnon |
| | Councillor | Raymond Vermette |

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| Staff: | CAO | Yves Morrissette |
| | Clerk | Janine Lecours |

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 150-16

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

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. 151-16

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) Participation of Mayor to a round table discussion with the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and of Fednor on the economy of Northern Ontario, on May 25, 2016 in Sudbury;
- b) Visit of Premier Kathleen Wynn in Hearst, Thursday, May 12, 2016.

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 152-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 35-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 19, 2016 and of the special meeting held on April 26, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 153-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the May 10, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 154-16

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 Accessibility Committee dated April 20, 2016;
-the Porcupine Health Unit dated March 18, 2016;
-the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated February 18, 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

Nil

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

i) Stopping up and closing of 10th St. between Alexandra and Edward St.

Resolution No. 155-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 22-16, being a by-law to stop up and close that portion of 10th Street designated as Part 1 on 6R-8889, be hereby passed in third and final reading.

CARRIED

ii) Consent applications for lot additions – 611 & 619 George Street

Resolution No. 156-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council has no objections to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent to two (2) lot additions as requested by Claude Macameau on behalf of Jacqueline and Claude Macameau in application nos, C04/16 and C05/16, which are intended to increase the sizes of the urban residential properties located at 611 and 619 George Street respectively.

CARRIED

iii) Appointment of Marc Dufresne Property Standards Officer

Resolution No. 157-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 36-16, being a by-law to appoint Marc Dufresne as Property Standards Officer pursuant to Sections 1(1) and 15.1 of the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23, for the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of By-law No. 20-82, being the Minimum Property Maintenance and Occupancy Standards By-law and amendments thereto for the Town of Hearst, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Place des sages supportive housing group authorized to access municipal properties

Resolution No. 158-16

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

WHEREAS the members of the "Groupe de la Place des sages" have requested the authorization of this Council to use two (2) municipal properties in the area close to the Nord-Aski Family Health Team's medical clinic and le Foyer des Pionniers Hearst Nursing Home, in order to proceed with concept plans and develop a business case for a proposed supportive housing project, and WHEREAS the granting of such authorization will not obligate the Municipality in any manner to either contribute financially to said project or to convey any one of the municipal properties to the Groupe de la Place des sages for said project,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby authorizes the Groupe de la Place des sages to use the following municipal properties as the basis for the group's

preparation of concept plans for the supportive housing project and its business case:

- ✓ that land known as the former Extencicare nursing home site, described as Part of Block Z on Plan M-30 Cochrane, and designated as Parts 2, 4, and 5 on r.p. 6R-8438; and
- ✓ that land located to the southwest of le Foyer des Pionniers Hearst Nursing Home, adjacent to Fifteenth Street, described as Part of Block Z on Plan M-30 Cochrane, and designated as Part 7 on r.p. 6R-7610.

CARRIED

v) Revocation of contract with Township of Hornepayne for delivery of building services

Resolution No. 159-16

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

WHEREAS staffing transitions and the resulting realignment of job responsibilities have resulted in the reduction of Hearst staff available to administer and enforce the requirements of the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23 within the Town of Hearst, and

WHEREAS Hearst staff no longer have available time to deliver building services to the Township of Hornepayne or to travel to said community to conduct inspections,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby revokes By-law No. 34-13, thereby terminating the Agreement with the Township of Hornepayne for the delivery of building inspection services by the Town of Hearst, effective immediately.

CARRIED

vi) Work-in-Progress

Resolution No. 160-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that item 2, being the selection of an applicant for the position of Director of Planning and Chief Building Official be hereby deleted from the list of items of work in progress.

CARRIED

vii) Adoption of the report of the Planning Working Group

Resolution No. 161-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated May 3, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group

i) Municipality to take over 2016 Minor Soccer Program

Resolution No. 162-16

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

WHEREAS due to a lack of volunteers, the Hearst Minor Soccer Association cancelled its 2016 soccer season, and
WHEREAS the Parks and Recreation Working Group deems it unacceptable to deprive the community's youth of minor soccer under such circumstances, and
WHEREAS a public meeting organized by the Municipality demonstrated that there is indeed an interest in minor soccer as evidenced by the number of volunteers and potential players who participated,
BE IT RESOLVED that for 2016, Council hereby directs the Parks and Recreation Department to take over the organization of the minor soccer season as an exception to municipal policies and practice, in view of the extraordinary circumstances encountered by said Association this year.

CARRIED

ii) Lawn mowing of St. Matthew's/St. Paul Anglican/United church property by Municipality

Resolution No. 163-16

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

WHEREAS in light of its poor financial situation, the congregation of St. Matthew's and St. Paul's Church has requested that the Town take over the grass cutting of its property at 28-9th Street, and
WHEREAS the Parks and Recreation Department undertakes the grass cutting of various properties owned by non-profit organizations, including the Caisse populaire Water Park which is adjacent to said church's property,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Department be authorized to undertake grass cutting of the St. Matthew's and St. Paul's Church property, said work to be performed on a non-priority basis.

CARRIED

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

Resolution No. 164-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group dated May 5, 2016 be hereby adopted and that items 3 and 4 be removed from work in progress.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

Nil

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

i) **Agreement with Hearst Theatre for portable patio on George Street**

Resolution No. 165-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 37-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Killy-Ann Brunet and Derek Chirta on behalf of Hearst Theatre for a licence to occupy and use one metered parking space adjacent to their property for the installation of a portable outdoor patio platform from the 11th day of May 2016 until the 11th day of October, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) **Agreement with the Town of Cochrane for rental of Council Chambers for POA court sessions**

Resolution No. 166-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 38-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Town of Cochrane for the rental of the Council Chamber and adjacent office for period of three years commencing on January 1st, 2016 and ending on December 31st, 2019 to conduct the Provincial Offences Act court sessions, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) **Set fines for the parking, traffic and regulating by-laws**

Resolution No. 167-16

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

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to revise the set fines for infractions to the parking, traffic, and regulating by-laws and to combine them into one document,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 39-16, being a by-law establishing the Town of Hearst Set Fines, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 168-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 40-16, being a by-law amending Traffic By-law No. 17-81 to delete references to set fines, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 169-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 41-16, being a by-law amending the Snow Deposit Regulating By-law No. 4-86, to delete the reference to set fines, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 170-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 42-16, being a by-law amending the Discharge of Firearms Regulating By-law No. 5-15, to delete the reference to set fines, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 171-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 43-16, being a by-law amending the Motorized Vehicles in Public Grounds Regulating By-law No. 72-89, to remove the prohibition of bicycles on pedestrian trails and to delete the reference to set fines, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 172-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 44-16, being a by-law to adopt a new Smoking Regulating By-law for municipally-owned buildings, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 173-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 45-16, being a by-law to amend the Animal Control Regulating By-law to add an impounding fee to the fee schedule, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Appointment of Mélissa Larose Director on the EDC Board

Resolution No. 174-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED Council hereby appoints Melissa Larose Director of the Hearst Economic Development Corporation as representative Education.

CARRIED

v) Preparation of Finance Working Group documentation 2 days in advance

Resolution No. 175-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 46-16, being a by-law to amend Article 11 of By-law No. 11-96, the by-law governing the municipal working groups and committees, to establish that the Finance Working Group documents be available to members of Council two days in advance of the meeting date, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vi) Policy on employee remuneration for participation in community organizations revoked

Resolution No. 176-16

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

WHEREAS by adopting Resolution No. 295-83, Council authorized municipal employees serving on community organizations to be remunerated for up to three days per calendar year for their active participation to seminars and conferences, and

WHEREAS over the years, said policy was determined to be subjective and unfair to some employees, and

WHEREAS it is not in the best interest to burden taxpayers with such paid leaves of absences,

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 295-83 authorizing leave of absences with pay for employees serving on certain local organizations, be hereby repealed.

CARRIED

vii) Request Eastlink to offer digital cable in Hearst

Resolution No. 177-16

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

WHEREAS digital cable and high speed internet is now available up to Opasatika, Ontario, 60 kilometers east of Hearst, and

WHEREAS the present level of high speed internet of 8 mb is not offered equally across businesses and residences in Hearst,

WHEREAS the business community has requested a higher speed of internet to better meet their needs and the citizens have been requesting high speed internet and digital cable for some time,

WHEREAS the lack of high speed internet at a constant rate impedes on the business development of local enterprises and disadvantages Hearst any new business attractions,

WHEREAS Eastlink advises that bringing the fibre optic digital cable up to Hearst is not part of the company's future projects, and

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby calls upon Eastlink to expand its high speed internet services and digital cable to the Hearst area so that our citizens and businesses receive the same level and quality of high speed internet as any other communities in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hearst Economic Development Corporation be directed to undertake a community campaign in which citizens and businesses are invited to commit to a digital cable subscription, in the event the service is offered in the community.

CARRIED

viii) Support to Bill 158 Saving the Girl Next Door Act

Resolution No. 178-16

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

WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery, and
WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario, and
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Hearst supports Bill 158, Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016, MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Parliament.

CARRIED

ix) Support to request to reconsider the RED funding Program

Resolution No. 179-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst hereby supports the resolution of the Municipality of South Dundas requesting the Provincial Government to reconsider the suspension of and the integration of the Rural Economic Development Program into Jobs and Prosperity Fund to ensure that the Rural Economic Development Program remain an intricate funding program that will support capacity building and foster economic growth in rural municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

x) Adoption of the report of the Policy Working Group

Resolution No. 180-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated May 4, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

xi) Participation of Mayor to Round Table discussion on the economy of Northern Ontario

Resolution No. 181-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to participate to a round table discussion with the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and of Fednor on the economy of Northern Ontario, on May 25, 2016 in Sudbury.

CARRIED

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

13. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 182-16

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

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

- a) Requests under the Municipal Freedom of Information Act;
- b) Applications for positions of Director of Planning and Chief Building Official.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 183-16

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

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 184-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on May 10, 2016 be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk