

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

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

Absent:	Councillor	Daniel Lemaire (personal)
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Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 292-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6:08 p.m.

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 293-16

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

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

- a) Minutes of the Porcupine Health Unit dated May 27 and June 24, 2016;
- b) Telephone and emergency response service contract (11. d) ii) (closed meeting);
- c) Agreement with Imperial Oil for lease of land on Front Street (11. c) i)).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Rhéaume declares a pecuniary interest in item 7 c) of the Finance Working Group, having an employment contract with the organization requesting a donation.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 294-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 72-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on August 30, 2016 and of the special meetings held on August 30 and September 8, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

7. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Sylvie Fontaine, EDC General Manager

Re: report of EDC activities

Mrs. Fontaine presents her report, a copy is appended herewith.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 295-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the September 20, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 296-16

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

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

- Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated September 8, 2016;
- the Healthy Alliance Committee dated June 8, 2016;
- the Police Services Board dated September 8, 2016;
- the Hearst Planning Board dated June 8, 2016.
- Porcupine Health Unit dated May 27 and June 24, 2016.

CARRIED

10. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Council takes note of the report, a copy being appended herewith.

11. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) *Municipal assistance in tree planting project at high school*

Resolution No. 297-16

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

WHEREAS the École secondaire catholique de Hearst students are currently elaborating a landscaping project plan for the school property fronting 10th Street, which includes the planting of mature trees, and
WHEREAS the school has requested municipal assistance to carry out the ion of trees,
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes municipal participation in the landscaping project of École secondaire catholique de Hearst by allowing the use of municipal equipment and of manpower of the Public Works Department to undertake the transplantation of three mature trees on the school property.

CARRIED

ii) *Request for rebate of water/sewer service invoice denied*

Resolution No. 298-16

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

WHEREAS, Lucie and Marc Vachon have requested a rebate on their costly water and sewer service invoice, due to a water leak resulting of a pipe rupture, and
WHEREAS in past years, such requests have always been denied, since property owners are responsible for the water services located on their properties,
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby denies the request for rebate made by Lucie and Marc Vachon.

CARRIED

iii) *Adoption of the report of the Operations Working Group*

Resolution No. 299-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated September 13, 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) **NOHFC funding for Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordinator Intern**

Resolution No. 300-16

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

WHEREAS as part of the new recycling system to be established in 2017, a grant application has been submitted to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for the hiring of a Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordinator, and

WHEREAS the Municipality has received approval for said funding, which represents a 78.5% subsidy of the salary to be paid,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation funding for the hiring of a Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordinator Intern for a one-year contract, representing a municipal monetary contribution of \$8,623.

CARRIED

ii) **Lease of Imperial Oil land on Front Street for greening project**

Resolution No. 301-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 73-16, being a by-law to authorize and direct the Mayor and the Clerk to execute an agreement with Imperial Oil for the lease of the land identified as parcel 12892 Centre Cochrane, being part of the former ONR lands in Kendall Township, in the Town of Hearst, designated as Part 3 on reference plan 6R-6648 and part 1 of reference plan 6R-6964, being PIN 65037-0115LT to undertake a land greening project, be hereby adopted, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a \$30,000 budget to undertake the landscaping work be hereby approved, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED to undertake the publication of request for quotations to perform said landscaping maintenance work.

CARRIED

iii) **Transfer of Transitional Mitigation Payment to Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé**

Resolution No. 302-16

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

WHEREAS the Ministry of Finance has confirmed payment of a transitional mitigation to eligible municipalities to support the implementation of a property tax exemption for non-profit long-term care homes, and

WHEREAS the Municipality has received notice of payment in the amount of \$126,826, being the Town's Transitional Mitigation Payment for the year 2016, BE IT RESOLVED that \$71,550 of the \$126,826 Transitional Mitigation Payment for the year 2016 be hereby transferred to Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé, said amount representing Foyer's 2016 budget shortfall.

CARRIED

iv) Purchase of spare electric transformer and rebuilding work of culvert boiler

Resolution No. 303-16

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

WHEREAS the Town foresees surpluses in its budget for the year 2016,
BE IT RESOLVED that in light of said 2016 budgetary surpluses, Council hereby approves the following capital expenses for a total of \$46 000:

- 1) Purchase of a spare electric transformer for the water treatment plant or the recreation centre - \$30 000; and
- 2) Rebuilding work to the culvert boiler - \$16 000.

CARRIED

v) Vacation rebate of municipal taxes

Resolution No. 304-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the rebate of municipal taxes under Sections 354 of the Municipal Act totalling \$9,692.74 as per the vacancy rebate report prepared by the Treasurer dated September 2016.

CARRIED

vi) Donations to Community Living, "Foire Cristal" and "Les médias de l'épinette noire radiothon".

Councillor Rhéaume reiterats his conflict of interest, vacated Council Chambers during discussions and did not participate in deliberations and vote on this subject.

Resolution No. 305-16

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

WHEREAS requests received for financial assistance have been studied in light of the Municipality's donation policy,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following grants be approved:

- Community Living – 20 hours of free use of swimming pool
- Foire Cristal - \$50 sponsorship
- Les Médias de l'épinette noire radiothon - \$150.

CARRIED

vii) List of cheques issued from general fund

Resolution No. 306-16

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 23362 to 23850 for a total of \$2,669,280.11, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

viii) Adoption of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 307-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated September 15, 2016 be hereby adopted and that item 1 be removed from work in progress.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 308-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the telephone answering service contract (Section 239 2)b) of the Municipal Act).

CARRIED

Resolution No. 309-16

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

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. 310-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on September 20, 2016 be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk