

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 26, 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	Daniel Lemaire
	Councillor	Conrad Morin
	Councillor	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette

Absent:	Councillor	André Rhéaume (personal)
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Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 234-16

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette
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. 235-16

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire
Seconded by : Councillor Conrad Morin

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby waives the rules of procedures to add to the agenda the funding application for an accessibility project at the Claude Larose Recreation Centre (11.d) Finance ii).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 236-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 58-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 21 and of the special meeting held on July 11, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 237-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the July 26, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 238-16

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

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

- the Airport Committee dated July 8, 2016;
- the Child Care Committee dated June 8, 2016;
- the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated May 19, 2016;
- the Public Library Board dated May 26, 2016;
- the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association dated May 27, 2016;
- the Hearst Accessibility Committee dated June 3, 2016;
- the Hearst Mobilization Committee dated June 29, 2016.

CARRIED

9. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer briefs members of Council on the various municipal ongoing projects. The written report is appended hereto.

10. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) Ministry of the Environment 2016-2017 Drinking Water System report

Resolution No. 239-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby takes note of the 2016-2017 inspection report of the Ministry of the Environment for the Hearst Drinking Water System.

CARRIED

ii) No stopping on North side of Edward Street between 9th and 10th Street

Resolution No. 240-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 61-16, being a by-law to amend Traffic By-law 17-81 to prohibit the stopping of vehicles on the North side of Edward Street, between 9th and 10th Street, during school days, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Free downtown parking during Taste of Hearst activities

Resolution No. 241-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby makes exception to Traffic By-law No. 17-81 to permit free parking in the downtown area during the Taste of Hearst activities on September 8 and 9, 2016.

CARRIED

iv) Approval of the report of the Operations Working Group

Resolution No. 242-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated July 19, 2016 be hereby adopted and that items 2, 4 and 5 be removed from work in progress.

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) Publication for the Assistant to the Clerk position

Resolution No. 243-16

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

WHEREAS further to the appointment of Janine Lecours as Municipal Clerk in January 2015, the position of Clerk's Assistant has been left vacant, and WHEREAS due to the retirement of numerous heads of department the Clerk's workload is deemed to be excessive,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the Administration Department to reactivate the position of Clerk's Assistant and to publish advertisement for the hiring of a person to hold said position.

CARRIED

ii) Agreement with Northeastern Ontario Family and Children Services for funding of child care services

Resolution No. 244-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 62-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the North Eastern Ontario Family and Children Services for funding for the delivery of services under the Early Years Centre program at the Hearst Child Care Centre for the 2016 fiscal year, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Endorsement of Curling Club line of credit by the Town

Resolution No. 245-16

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

WHEREAS further to By-law No. 17-12, the Town of Hearst endorsed the Hearst Community Curling Club`s loan, totaling \$325,000, and
WHEREAS the Curling Club encounters liquidity difficulties and wishes to increase its line of credit but requires the Town`s endorsement,
BE IT RESOVLED that By-law No. 63-16, being a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Treasurer to execute de required documents to endorse the Hearst Community Curling Club line of credit at the Caisse populaire de Hearst Ltee in the amount of \$15,000, be hereby adopted, conditional upon said line of credit being repaid in full by March 31, 2017 and the signature of a Letter of Understanding.

CARRIED

iv) Establishment of fee for production of Fire Department Alarm Report

Resolution No. 246-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 64-16, being a by-law establishing a fee for the production of a Fire Department Alarm Report, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) Adjustment to price paid for delivery of Lifeline Service in Kapuskasing

Resolution No. 247-16

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

WHEREAS pursuant to By-law 4-15, a Service Agreement was executed with Philippe Allard to perform the duties of Agent for the Lifeline service to residents of the Kapuskasing area, and
WHEREAS due to changes in the subscription process, the current agreement does not take into account the extra time required to set up the systems for each client,
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 65-16, being a by-law to amend By-law 4-15, in order to add a 15% administrative fee to the monthly invoices' total amount before taxes for the Lifeline service in Kapuskasing, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vi) Tax rebate for Club Action

Resolution No. 248-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 66-16, being a by-law to establish a tax rebate program for the land and building owned and occupied by the Hearst Club action, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Tax rebate for Conseil des Arts de Hearst

Resolution No. 249-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 67-16, being a by-law to establish a tax rebate program for the land and building owned and occupied by the Conseil des Arts de Hearst, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Tax rebate for Royal Canadian Legion

Resolution No. 250-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 68-16, being a by-law to establish a tax rebate program for the land and building owned and occupied by the Royal Canadian Legion, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vii) Investment of additional \$700,000 amount with CHUMS/LAS

Resolution No. 251-16

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

WHEREAS further to By-law 74-14, the Town of Hearst entered into an Agency Agreement jointly with CHUMS Financing and the Local Authority Services Limited (LAS) as Agent and Eligible Investor under The One Investment Program and authorized the Treasurer to sign necessary documents for that purpose, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be hereby authorized and directed to invest an additional amount of \$700,000 with CHUMS Financing/LAS.

CARRIED

viii) Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board 2015 financial statements

Resolution No. 252-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby takes note of the Audited Financial Statements of the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board for the year ended December 31, 2015.

CARRIED

ix) Porcupine Health Unit 2014-2015 financial statements

Resolution No. 253-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby takes note of the Audited Financial Statements of the Porcupine Health Unit for the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015.

CARRIED

x) Financial contribution to Conseil des Arts

Resolution No. 254-16

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

WHEREAS requests received for financial assistance have been studied in light of the Municipality's donation policy,
BE IT RESOLVED that a contribution of \$250 for the Conseil des Arts de Hearst's sponsorship plan be hereby approved.

CARRIED

xi) List of cheques issued from the general account

Resolution No. 255-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of cheques issued from the general fund namely cheques number 22966 to 23361 for a total of \$1,585,093.18, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

xii) Approval of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 256-16

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

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

CARRIED

xiii) Grant application for accessibility of recreation centre

Resolution No. 257-16

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

WHEREAS the Hearst Accessibility Committee has proposed the installation of four automated door openers to access the main lobby, the washroom area a, the entrance to the elevator, and the entrance to the Stephane Lecours Swimming Pool at the Claude Larose Recreation Centre,

BE IT RESOLVED that an application be made to Employment and Social Development Canada under the Enabling Accessibility Fund for financial assistance to undertake the project, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Municipal Council hereby confirms its contribution in the amount of \$5,280 in the project, in the event said financial assistance is approved.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

Nil

11. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

a) Request for zoning amendment to authorize the construction of self-storage buildings at 207 Highway 583 South

b) Request for zoning amendment to authorize the construction of eight row house residential units on 15th Street

Mayor Sigouin realized he had a pecuniary interest in item b. Mayor Sigouin vacated his seat and left Council Chambers during the public meeting and adoption of the resolutions.

Councillor Gagnon took the seat of President during the public meeting and adoption of resolutions.

Resolution No. 258-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned in order that a public meeting be convened to hear comments on the following proposed amendments to the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04:

- a) to change the zoning of the land located at 207 Highway 583 South, being PIN 65042-0259 (LT), from a Rural (A) Zone to a Light Industrial (M1) Zone to permit the erection and operation of self-service storage buildings on said land; and
- b) to change the zoning of the land identified as PIN 65031-0564(LT), being part of Lot 1 in Concession 11 in the Township of Way from a Shopping Centre (C4) Zone to a First Density Residential (RM1) Zone to permit the row housing to be developed on said land.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Public Meeting are appended herewith.

Resolution No. 259-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meeting of this Council be hereby reconvened, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council hereby takes note of the comments made by Nancy Beal and Zelinka Priamo Ltd. with respect to the proposed zoning amendment for the 8-unit housing development.

CARRIED

Zoning amendment to authorize construction of self-storage buildings at 207 Highway 583 South

Resolution No. 260-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 59-16, being a by-law to amend the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 by changing the zoning of that land identified as PIN 65042-0259(LT), described as parcel 12949 Section Centre Cochrane, being part of Lot 28 in Concession 9 in the Township of Kendall, designated as Part 1 on reference plan 6R-7071, from a Rural (A) Zone to a Light Industrial (M1) Zone to permit self-service storage buildings to be erected and operated on said land, be hereby passed.

CARRIED

Zoning amendment to authorize construction of eight row house residential rental units on 15th Street

Resolution No. 261-16

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

WHEREAS this Council is concerned with the lack of suitable rental accommodations in this community for seniors and a growing labour force, and WHEREAS Zelinks Priamo Ltd. on behalf of Your Independent Grocers has raised concerns about the close proximity of a proposed 8-unit row house development and potential noise and land use compatibility issues that may arise from the ongoing operations of the existing established food store building at 1521 Highway 11 West, and

WHEREAS said proposed row house development will be subject to a Site Plan Control/Development Agreement which will address such matters as access and egress, parking, landscaping and noise mitigating measures aimed at resolving such concerns,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 60-16, being a by-law to change the zoning of that land identified as PIN 65031-0564 (LT), described as parcel 12573 in Section Centre Cochrane, being part of Lot 1 in Concession 11 in the Township of Way, designated as Part 9 on reference plan 6R-6558 from a Shopping Centre Commercial (C4) Zone to a First Density Residential (RM1) Zone, to permit the construction of eight (8) row house residential rental units on this property, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 262-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on July 26, 2016 be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk