

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 1, 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	Daniel Lemaire
	Councillor	Conrad Morin
	Councillor	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette
Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 347-16

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

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

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 348-16

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

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. 349-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 79-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 12, 2016 and of the special meetings held on October 18 and 27, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 350-16

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

Seconded by : Councillor Conrad Morin

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the November 1, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 351-16

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

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

- the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association dated October 14, 2016;
- the Porcupine Health Unit Board dated September 16, 2016;
- the Hearst Planning Board dated August 31, 2016;
- the Airport Development Committee dated October 14, 2016;
- the Needs of the Elderly Committee dated September 29, 2016;
- the Waste Management Committee dated October 7, 2016;
- the Hearst Power Distribution Corporation dated June 10, July 20 and September 28, 2016;
- the Public Library Board dated October 5, 2016;
- Emergency Planning Committee dated October 5, 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 continued

i) Participation to 2017 ROMA and OGRA Conferences

Resolution No. 352-16

Proposed by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that one member of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend the 2017 annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference in Toronto, from January 29 to January 31, 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one member of Council, the Director of Engineering Services and the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend the 2017 annual Ontario Good Roads Association in Toronto, from February 26 to March 1, 2017.

AGAINST

Councillor André Rhéaume

Councillor Raymond Vermette

CARRIED

11. PUBLIC MEETING

Resolution No. 353-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned in order that a public meeting be convened to hear comments on :

- a) Request for tax rebates; and
- b) Proposed amendments to the Hearst Zoning By-Law No. 65-04 :
 - i) to change the zoning of the land located on Highway 11 East, from a Rural (A) Zone to a Secondary Industrial (M2) Zone. This zoning amendment will permit the property to be developed and used by a forestry equipment operator; and
 - ii) to change the zoning of the land located at 328 Highway 11 East, from a First Density Residential (R1) Zone to a Second Density Residential (R2) Zone to permit the existing single detached dwelling to be converted back to a semi-detached dwelling containing two (2) dwelling units.

Report of the Public Meeting is appended hereto

Resolution No. 354-16

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

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

CARRIED

a) *Requests for tax rebates*

Resolution No. 355-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the rebate of municipal taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act totalling \$8031.71 as per the report prepared by the Treasurer dated October 2016.

CARRIED

b) *Amendments to the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04*

i) *Zoning amendment for Hwy 11 East – Forestry equipment operator*

Resolution No. 356-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 80-16, being a by-law to amend the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 by changing the zoning of that land identified as PIN 65042-0389(LT), and described as parcel 6588 Section Centre Cochrane, being part of Lot 20 in Concession 10 in the Township of Kendall, designated as Part 1 on reference plan CR-483, in the Town of Hearst, from a Rural (A) Zone to a Second Industrial (M2) Zone to permit the property to be developed and used by a forestry equipment operator, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) Zoning amendment for Hwy 11 East – semi-detached dwelling unit

Resolution No. 357-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 81-16, being a by-law to amend the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 by changing the zoning of that land identified as PIN 65041-0054(LT), and described as parcel 12046 Section Centre Cochrane, being Lot 9 on plan M-275 Cochrane, in the Town of Hearst, from a First Density Residential (R1) Zone to a Second Density Residential (R2) Zone to permit the existing single detached dwelling to be converted back to a semi-detached dwelling containing two (2) dwelling units, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Operations Working Group continued

ii) Agreement with Stewardship Ontario and Waste Diversion Ontario for funding of Curbside Recycling Program

Resolution No. 358-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 82-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Stewardship Ontario and Waste Diversion Ontario for funding of the Town of Hearst's Curbside Recycling Program, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Circulation and parking on 10th St. and Alexandra St. during school days

Resolution No. 359-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 83-16, being a by-law to amend Traffic By-law No. 17-81 to alter the No Stopping sections, the Barricaded Area, the School Bus Loading zones, the Restricted Parking in school areas and to designate parking spaces for visitors in proximity of the closed portion of 10th Street, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Adoption of the report of the Operations Working Group

Resolution No. 360-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated October 25, 2016 be hereby adopted and that item 3 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) **Adjustment of contract price for Telephone Answering Service with CommunicAction**

Resolution No. 361-16

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

WHEREAS in light of financial hardships, CommunicAction, the Town of Hearst contractor for the delivery of telephone answering services, has requested a contract price adjustment of \$12,178, effective January 1st, 2017, and WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to make all reasonable efforts to preserve local service contracts, ensuring the best quality of service and conserving local full time jobs,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 84-16, being a by-law amending the Telephone Answering Service contract with CommunicAction to increase the price paid by \$12,178 for a total of \$106,569.73 per year, be hereby adopted.

AGAINST

Councillor Conrad Morin

CARRIED

ii) **Tax rebate program for Hearst Community Curling Club**

Resolution No. 362-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 85-16, being a by-law to establish a tax rebate program for the land and building owned and occupied by the Hearst Community Curling Club, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) **Additional contribution of 1,000\$ a year, for three years, to the Écomusée de Hearst**

Resolution No. 363-16

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

WHEREAS the Town of Hearst annually contributes \$6,000 plus an amount equal to the annual municipal taxes of the Blais House to Écomusée de Hearst, and WHEREAS in a letter dated August 31, 2016 the Écomusée de Hearst requested an additional contribution of \$2,000 per year for three years to undertake repair work on the Blais House, and

WHEREAS Council deems it advisable to request that Écomusée de Hearst explore other financing opportunities from different other contributors,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes an additional annual contribution of \$1,000 per year for a period three years to the Écomusée de Hearst to undertake repair work to the Blais House roof.

CARRIED

iv) PBL Insurance Ltd. / Frank Cowen for general insurance program for 2017

Resolution No. 364-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 86-16, being a by-law to designate the Frank Cowan Company for the 2017 general insurance program of the Town of Hearst and, subject to similar terms and conditions and reasonable pricing,

renewable every year until 2021, and to appoint PBL Insurance Ltd. for corresponding annual terms, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) Contribution to EDC for Hearst Summit 2016

Resolution No. 365-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a contribution of \$500 be hereby approved for the 2016 *Communauté entrepreneuriale Hearst* summit to be held in Hearst on November 26, 2016 organized by the Hearst Economic Development Corporation.

CARRIED

vi) List of cheques issued from general fund

Resolution No. 366-16

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 23851 to 24112 for a total of \$1,717,955.75, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

vii) Adoption of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 367-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated October 27, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

i) Marc Bédard nominated member of EDC

Resolution No. 368-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby nominates Marc Bédard member of the Hearst Economic Development Corporation as representative of education/employment/ youth.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 369-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on November 1st, 2016 be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk