

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 22, 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	Daniel Lemaire
	Councillor	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette

Absent:	Councillor	Claude Gagnon (Sick)
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Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 373-16

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

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

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 374-16

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

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. 375-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 88-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 1st, 2016 and of the special meeting held on November 14, 2016, be hereby adopted.
CARRIED

6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

7. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 376-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the November 22, 2016 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 377-16

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

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

- the Hearst Mobilization Committee dated October 28, 2016;
- the District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board dated September 15, 2016;
- the Healthy Community Alliance Committee dated October 13, 2016;
- the Hearst Accessibility Committee dated October 25, 2016;
- the Good Start Committee dated October 7, 2016;
- the Child Care Committee dated October 19, 2016;
- the Hearst Community Transportation Association dated June 8, 2016;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated September 14 and October 26, 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

Nil

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

i) Consent to urban residential lot for the existing dwelling at 421 Tremblay Street

Resolution No. 378-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council has no objection to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent to an urban residential lot for the existing dwelling located at 421 Tremblay Street, as requested by Pierre Delage on behalf of Expert Garage Limited in consent application file no. C11/16, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board be hereby requested to impose a condition requiring 5% cash in lieu of parkland dedication on such consent.

CARRIED

ii) Support request to limit OMB's jurisdiction

Resolution No. 379-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby declares its support for the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora resolution dated September 13, 2016 endorsing Report No. CS16-020 which calls for limiting the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to questions of law and process and requiring the OMB to uphold municipal council decisions unless such decisions that have been made are contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation.

CARRIED

iii) Adoption of the report of the Planning Working Group

Resolution No. 380-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated November 15, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group

i) Agreement with Villeneuve Construction for lease of land for outdoor hockey rink

Resolution No. 381-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 90-16, being a by-law to authorize the signature of a lease agreement with Villeneuve Construction for the lease of land located on Part of Parcel 9445 Centre Cochrane, being the Surface Rights of Part of Lot 2, Concession 10, Township of Way, in the Town of Hearst, being located at the end of Arkinstall Street, North of West Street, said land to be used for the erection of a community outdoor hockey rink, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) Agreement with Club des enfants du quartier for Community Outdoor Hockey Rink Project

Resolution No. 382-16

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

WHEREAS further to By-law 90-16, the Town of Hearst undertook a lease of land with Villeneuve Construction for the use of land by the Town for a community outdoor hockey rink, and

WHEREAS Club des enfants du quartier, a non-profit organization, wishes to acquire the exclusive privilege of using the land to erect a community hockey rink,

WHEREAS Club des enfants du quartier proposes to assume the Community Outdoor Hockey Rink Project by undertaking fund-raising, construction and maintenance of the rink on said land,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 91-16, being a by-law to authorize the signature of an agreement with *Club des enfants du quartier* for the Community Outdoor Hockey Rink Project, be hereby adopted, subject to the hockey rink being accessible to the entire community.

CARRIED

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

Resolution No. 383-16

Proposed by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group dated November 17, 2016, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

i) Agreement with MTO for 2016-2017 Winter Maintenance of Connecting Link

Resolution No. 384-16

Proposed by: Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by: Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 92-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for the 2016-2017 winter maintenance of the Connecting Link (Front Street between 6th Street and 15th Street), be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

i) Support request for reinstatement of passenger train service in Northern Ontario

Resolution No. 385-16

Proposed by: Councillor Conrad Morin

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

WHEREAS passenger rail in Northern Ontario is an essential infrastructure for economic development, resource-based industries, tourism, access to health care, sustainability and socio-economic connectivity,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst supports the Northern and Eastern Ontario Rail Network (NEORN) in their advocacy for reliable and affordable passenger train service throughout Northern Ontario, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst recommends to the Province of Ontario to retain existing passenger rail services, reinstate train services that have been cut and provide interconnectivity with corresponding bus and shuttles.

CARRIED

ii) Nomination of Julien Plourde as a member of the Hearst Airport Committee

Resolution No. 386-16

Proposed by: Councillor Conrad Morin

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that Julien Plourde be hereby nominated member of the Hearst Airport Committee.

CARRIED

iii) Support to AMO effort to closing the municipal fiscal gap

Resolution No. 387-16

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

WHEREAS recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities, and

WHEREAS infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government, and

WHEREAS a ten-year projection of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs, and

WHEREAS the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years, and

this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled, and

WHEREAS if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years, and

WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faces by all municipal governments.

CARRIED

iv) Schedule of Meetings of Council and municipal committees for 2017

Resolution No. 388-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 93-16, being a by-law to establish the date of meetings of Council and municipal committees for the year 2017, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) Adoption of the report of the Policy Working Group

Resolution No. 389-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated November 16, 2016 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vi) Change of Council meeting date

Resolution No. 390-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 94-16 being a by-law to amend By-law 87-15 in order to reschedule the regular meeting of Council set for December 13th to December 20th, 2016.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 391-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on November 22, 2016 be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk