

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 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	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. 396-16

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

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

**CARRIED**

**2. OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Resolution no. 397-16

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

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

- a) Minutes of the Police Services Board dated November 24, 2016 (9. Report and Minutes of Committees and Boards);
- b) Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for financing of the community transportation service (11. Functions of Council d) Finance ii)).

**CARRIED**

**4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

Resolution no. 398-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 95-16, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 22, 2016, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Francois Couture, Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA)**

**Re:** presentation of Bill Henderson Award to Janice Newsome

Mr. Couture presents the OBOA 2016 Bill Henderson Award to Janice Newsome and notes she received the award for her outstanding service to the Association over the years.

Mrs. Newsome thanks members of Council for their support, for having believed in her and for having encouraged her to get involved with the Association. The OBOA has been a source of support during her career which started in 1985, a time when very little women were Chief Building Officials. Now, more than 30% of Chief Building Officials are women. Mrs. Newsome mentions she was fortunate to have held this position, which for her was the best possible career.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution no. 399-16

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

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

**CARRIED**

**8. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Resolution no. 400-16

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 Porcupine Health Unit dated October 21, 2016;
- the Public Library Board dated October 27 and November 17, 2016;
- the Child Care Committee dated December 7, 2016;
- the Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated November 17, 2016;
- the Healthy Community Alliance dated November 17, 2016;
- the Community Transportation Association dated November 1, 2016;
- the Long Term Care Committee dated December 1, 2016;
- the Community Mobilization Committee dated December 13, 2016;
- the Police Services Board dated November 24, 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

#### i) **Designated parking area for users of recreation centre**

Resolution no. 401-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 96-16, being a by-law to amend Traffic By-law No. 17-81 to designate a parking area for users of the recreation centre in proximity of the closed portion of 10th Street, South of Alexandra Street, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### ii) **Participation in FCM's Community Infrastructure Partnership Project**

Resolution no. 402-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst agrees to the participation in the FCM Community Infrastructure Partnership Project (CIPP) from December 20, 2016 to March 31, 2018 which includes the following:

- A one hour meeting with the Mayor and Chief of Constance Lake First Nations in advance of the first workshop;
- Two one-day relationship building and strategic planning workshops with the neighboring community(ies) between December 1, 2016 and March 31, 2018, facilitated by CIPP staff;
- Participation of Chief Administrative Officer Yves Morrissette and Mayor, Roger Sigouin and one alternate for each, to serve on a working group, which will meet monthly between workshops to further the joint service agreement development and coordinate with the CIPP team;
- Regular participation in the First Nation – Municipal Network on LinkedIn.
- Serve as a mentor for others interested in pursuing First Nation – municipal collaboration;
- Ongoing community engagement and keeping the community informed about CIPP;
- Maintaining timely communication with CIPP staff to assist with coordinating the logistics of community visits and workshops, as appropriate.

**CARRIED**

#### iii) **Extension of free parking in downtown area**

Resolution no. 403-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 97-16, being a by-law to make an exception to Traffic By-law No. 17-81 in order to allow free parking in the downtown area on Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and all day on Saturdays, for a period ending on December 31st, 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution no. 404-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated December 13, 2016, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b) Report from the Planning Working Group**

**Zoning amendment application for Lafrance Funeral Home property**

Resolution no. 405-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be hereby authorized and directed to give public notice pursuant to the Planning Act, of a proposed amendment to the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 which would reduce the lot frontage and interior side yard provisions of 45 Eighth Street to permit a consent application to be considered by the Hearst Planning Board for the purpose of separating the Lafrance Funeral Home property from the abutting residence.

**CARRIED**

**c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group**

Nil

**d) Report from the Finance Working Group**

**i) Financial incentives to Dr. Nicole Ranger to establish a medical practice in Hearst**

Resolution no. 406-16

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

WHEREAS the Town of Hearst is working closely with Notre Dame Hospital in its efforts to recruit family physicians, and  
WHEREAS Notre-Dame Hospital has welcomed Dr. Nicole Ranger for her residency in family medicine and wishes to encourage her to establish a medical practice in Hearst, and  
WHEREAS the Town of Hearst deems it advisable to offer the same financial incentives as those offered in the past to physicians who have established a practice in Hearst,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby commits to a financial incentive to Dr. Nicole Ranger, to establish a medical practice in Hearst as follows:

- a) a maximum grant of \$35,000,
- b) a maximum loan of \$25,000, and
- c) over a period of more than five-years.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Amendment to agreement with Lacroix Bus Service for the Community Transportation Service**

Resolution no. 407-16

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

WHEREAS pursuant to By-law No. 77-13, Lacroix Bus Service Inc. currently performs Community Transportation Service under an agreement with the Municipality, and

WHEREAS the Community Transportation Association deems it advisable to clarify the eligibility criteria for users to reflect the intentions and needs of said community transportation service while minimizing competition with the taxi service, and

WHEREAS the Community Transportation Association has also adopted a user fee increase to cover the cost increases to offer the service,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 98-16, being a by-law to amend the agreement with Lacroix Bus Service pursuant to By-law 77-13 as follows:

- a) Increasing the user fee to \$3.25 per trip;
- b) Defining the eligibility criteria as follows:
  - Any person of 70 years of age and older;
  - Persons who normally cannot use other methods of transportation because of limited physical or mental capacity;
  - Any person with mobility constraints or physical handicaps: persons incapable of using ordinary transportation modes because of short or long term physical incapacity such as but not limited to paralysis, confinement to a wheelchair, severe arthritis, and disabling fracture and cancer necessitating accessibility accessories;
  - Any person being a recipient of the Ontario Disability Support Program who has no driver's licence, is unemployed and has no access to a vehicle;
  - Any person being a recipient of the Ontario Works Social Assistance; be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Cancellation of parking tickets deemed irrecoverable**

Resolution no. 408-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of parking tickets issued to out-of-province vehicles for the period of April 2012 to September 2016 totaling \$905 and deemed to be irrecoverable, be hereby cancelled.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Cancellation of Custom Sawmill's tax arrears**

Resolution no. 409-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the cancellation of the tax arrears amounting to \$3,836.05 for the properties commonly known as Custom Sawmill, located on Gaspésie Road, under Roll Nos. 010-005-27500-000, 010-005-28000 and 010-005-28400 be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**v) *List of cheques issued from general fund***

Resolution no. 410-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of cheques issued from the general fund namely number 24113 to 24545 for a total of \$1,793,131.37, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**vi) *Adoption of the report of the Finance Working Group***

Resolution no. 411-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated December 13, 2016 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ii) *Agreement with MTO for funding of public transportation***

Resolution no. 412-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 99-16, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a letter of understanding with the Ministry of Transportation for the Dedicated Gas Tax Funding for Public Transportation Program for use to offer the community transportation service for the Hearst community, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

**13. CLOSED MEETING**

Nil

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution no. 413-16

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on December 20, 2016  
be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk