

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 24, 2017 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. 1-17

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

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. 2-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Rhéaume declares a pecuniary interest in item 6 of the Recreation Working Group.

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

Resolution No. 3-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 01-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 20, 2016 and of the special meetings held on December 19, 2016 and January 9, 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 4-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the January 24, 2017 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 5-17

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

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

- the Hearst Accessibility Committee dated December 2, 2016;
- the Mobilization Committee dated December 30, 2016;
- the Healthy Community Alliance dated December 15, 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**

Nil

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

**i) Refusal of application to amend Zoning by-law to allow medical marijuana greenhouse at 1807 Hwy 11**

Resolution No. 6-17

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

WHEREAS Eric Leclerc applied for and was granted a consent for a lot addition to consolidate that land identified as PIN 65031-1210 (LT) and known by its previous civic address as 1807 Highway 11 West in Hearst, and  
WHEREAS Eric Leclerc applied for and subsequently obtained Building Permit No. 073-2016 for the purpose of erecting an accessory domestic garage on said lot addition, and

WHEREAS Eric Leclerc has now made application to the Municipality to amend By-law No. 65-04, being the Hearst Zoning By-law, to permit a commercial greenhouse for the production of medical marijuana to be established and operated in the aforementioned building erected on said lot addition,  
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby refuses to amend By-law No. 65-04, as the building permit to permit the erection of such building was obtained under false pretences, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to forward notice of this decision pursuant to subsections 34 (10.9) and (11) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Adoption of the report of the Planning Working Group**

Resolution No. 7-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated January 9, 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) Council support Karate Hearst for funding application to Jumpstart**  
*Councillor Rhéaume reiterated his conflict of interest, vacated Council Chambers during discussions and did not participate in deliberations and vote on this subject.*

Resolution No. 8-17

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

WHEREAS Karaté Hearst has submitted a funding application to Jumpstart for the purchase of karate equipment, and  
WHEREAS in order for a non-profit organization to be eligible to receive funding, Jumpstart requires the support from the Municipal Parks and Recreation Department,  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the funding application from Karate Hearst submitted to Jumpstart for the purchase of various karate equipment totaling an amount of \$1,100.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Director of Parks and Recreation to explore the possibilities of re-establishing a Midget BB hockey team in Hearst**

Resolution No. 9-17

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

WHEREAS the Les Élans Midget AA Hockey Team board of directors have announced the team's dissolution and the Hearst Minor Hockey Association has also opted to forego its Midget A team due to a lack of interest, and  
WHEREAS it is deemed in the best interest of the Hearst youth that the Hearst community have a midget level elite hockey team, and  
WHEREAS the Municipality endeavours to actively support all initiatives to promote sports in the community,  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes and directs the Director of Parks and Recreation to explore the possibilities of re-establishing a Midget BB hockey team in Hearst for the 2017-18 season.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 10-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group dated January 19, 2017, be hereby adopted and that item 1 be removed from work in progress.

**CARRIED**

**11. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

***Zoning amendment request for Lafrance Funeral Home***

Resolution No. 11-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned and that the public meeting pertaining to a zoning amendment request, be hereby opened.

**CARRIED**

***Report of the Public Meeting is appended hereto***

Resolution No. 12-17

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

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

**CARRIED**

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

**i) *Interim property tax levy for 2017 fiscal year***

Resolution No. 13-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 02-17, being a by-law providing for an interim property tax levy for the 2017 fiscal year before the adoption of the final levy for the year, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ii) 2017 potable water and waste water rates**

Resolution No. 14-17

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 03-17, being a by-law to adopt:

- a) the 2017 potable water budget, providing for revenues of \$1,022,237 and expenditures of \$1,137,300 and setting the water service charges and the water consumption rates with an increase of 5% over the rates in effect for 2016, and
- b) the 2017 waste water budget providing for revenues of \$738,170 and expenditures of \$674,300 and to set the sewer surcharge rate over the potable water charges at 76.7%, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 15-17

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated January 18, 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Contribution for Aboriginal Culture Awareness workshop**

Resolution No. 16-17

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a \$ 2,000 contribution for the Aboriginal Culture Awareness Workshop organized by the Nord-Aski Family Health Team to be held on March 30 and 31, 2017.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) Approval of Settlements Committee's Action Plan and appointment of Mayor, member of said committee**

Resolution No. 17-17

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED to approve in principle the action plan submitted by the Hearst Economic Development Corporation following its symposium: A Hospitable and Inclusive Community, which was held in May 2016 to attract and welcome new residents, subject to the Municipality having the flexibility to adjust its commitments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be appointed member of the Economic Development Corporation Settlements Committee's.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Adoption of Town of Hearst Social Media Policy**

Resolution No. 18-17

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

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to adopt a social media use policy to govern both municipal employees and the public on the usage of said municipal website and Facebook page,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 04-17, being a by-law establishing the Town of Hearst Social Media Policy, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Support to Bill C-274: Transfer of small business, family farm and fishing operation**

Resolution No. 19-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports Bill C-274: the Transfer of small business, family farm and fishing operation, which seeks to facilitate the transfer said businesses between members of the same family by giving owners and buyers of the same family the same rights and privileges extended to non-related persons involved in a transaction.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Support request to recognize municipal fire service as critical infrastructure**

Resolution No. 20-17

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

WHEREAS the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire prevention, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility, and

WHEREAS the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure, and

WHEREAS there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst hereby supports the Municipality of Hornepayne's petition to the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for fire department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Gilles Bisson, MPP for Timmins James Bay, FONOM and ROMA.

**CARRIED**

**v) Support to Bill C-323, to create tax credits for historic buildings**

Resolution No. 21-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports Bill C-323, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Rehabilitation of Historic Property) that proposes to create tax credits for historic buildings, which includes:

- 1) a 20% tax credit on eligible costs for rehabilitation work done to designated historic places, and
- 2) an accelerated Capital Cost Allowance for eligible capitalized costs incurred under the same conditions of the tax credit; which would transform the economic fundamentals for renewing historic places, and encourage building conservation of every size and type.

**CARRIED**

**vi) Appointment of Robert Gladu By-law Enforcement Officer**

Resolution No. 22-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 04-17, being a by-law appointing Robert Gladu, By-law Enforcement Officer, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**vii) Adoption of the report of the Policy Working Group**

Resolution No. 23-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated January 18, 2017, be hereby adopted and that item 2 be removed from work in progress.

**CARRIED**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a 10\$ fee be payable to the Hearst Food Bank by the person whose cell phone, or any of apparatus, is ringing during a meeting of Council or during a Working Group.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

**14. CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution No. 24-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the departmental restructuring (Section 239 (2) (f) of the Municipal Act).

**CARRIED**

Resolution No. 25-17

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

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. 26-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on January 24, 2017 be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk