

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

Present:	Acting Mayor	André Rhéaume
	Councillor	Daniel Lemaire
	Councillor	Conrad Morin
	Councillor	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette
Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours
Absent:	Mayor	Roger Sigouin (personal)

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 27-17

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette
Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Acting Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 28-17

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 following subject:

a) Minutes of the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated November 17, 2016 (9. Reports and minutes of committees and boards).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Rhéaume declares a pecuniary interest in item 2) of the Operations Working Group and in item 9) of the Finance Working Group.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 29-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 05-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 24, 2017 and of the special meeting held on February 5, 2017, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Marylène Tremblay Comeau, Notre-Dame Hospital
Re : 2016 report of recruitment of health professionals

Mrs Tremblay-Comeau goes through the 2016 report of activities, a copy being appended herewith.

7. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 30-17

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

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

CARRIED

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 31-17

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

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

- the Healthy Community Alliance dated January 12, 2017;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated December 9, 2016;
- the Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated February 2, 2017;
- the Public Library Board dated December 8, 2016;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated December 14, 2016;
- the Police Services Board dated February 2, 2017;
- the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated November 17, 2016.

CARRIED

10. 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.

11. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) **Adoption of Solid Waste Management policy**

Resolution No. 32-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 87-16, being a by-law establishing the Town of Hearst Solid Waste Management Policy, be hereby adopted in third reading, as amended.

CARRIED

ii) **Request for preferential rate for sewage services at Coopérative du parc à maisons mobiles**

Acting Mayor Rheume reiterates his pecuniary interest, leaves Council Chambers and does not participate in the discussion and vote of this subject. Councillor Lemaire takes the seat of chair for this subject.

Resolution No. 33-17

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

WHEREAS according to the *Coopérative du parc à maisons mobiles Cécile*, the Town of Hearst does not maintain the sewer system of the park, except for the lagoon and the pumping station, and residents bear the cost of maintaining the private sewage system, and

WHEREAS the *Coopérative* wishes to be billed at a preferential rate for sewage services, instead of the current rate of 76.7%, and

WHEREAS a study of the actual costs could be conducted but would require several hours of work to compare the operations and maintenance costs for the park's infrastructure with those of the rest of the town, and a different rate would represent the need to add a series of separate accounts,

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from the *Coopérative du parc à maisons mobiles Cécile* be refused and that the sewer rate be maintained at 76.7%, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a study to compare the costs of operating and maintaining the park's infrastructure to those of the rest of the town be offered to the *Coopérative du parc à maisons mobiles Cécile*, subject to the *Cooperative* agreeing to pay a rate increase in the event the results show that the cost for the sewer service to Park residents is higher than the rate in effect.

CARRIED

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

Resolution No. 34-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated February 7, 2017, be hereby adopted.

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) **Report of 2016 Council members' remuneration**

Resolution No. 35-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report of remuneration for fiscal year 2016 for members of Council totaling \$155,294.66, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

ii) **2017 Summer Student Hiring Plan**

Resolution No. 36-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2017 Summer Student Hiring Plan involving the hiring of 13 students at a total cost of \$113,800.00 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iii) **Approval of Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited 2017 budget**

Resolution No. 37-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2017 budget of Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited totaling \$11,995,787 in revenues and \$11,955,533 in expenditures, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iv) **Donation of \$1,000 for the Fête d'hiver activities**

Councillor Rheume reiterates his pecuniary interest, leaves Council Chambers and does not participate in the discussion and vote of this subject. Councillor Lemaire takes the seat of chair for this subject.

Resolution No. 38-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a donation of \$1,000 to the *Médias de l'épinette noire Inc.* for the *Fête d'hiver* activities, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

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

Resolution No. 39-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of cheques issued from the general fund namely cheques number 24546 to 25050 for a total of \$1,487,141.99, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

vi) Adoption of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 40-17

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

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

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

i) Attendance to the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association meeting

Resolution No. 41-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that members of Council be authorized to attend the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association meeting in Kapuskasing on February 17, 2017.

CARRIED

ii) Intention to create a municipal telecommunications corporation

Resolution No. 42-17

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

WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) Telecom Regulatory Policy 2016-496, declared that Canadian residential and business fixed broadband Internet access service subscribers should be able to access speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 10 Mbps upload, and the internet service in the area is considerably lower than the prescribed standards,

WHEREAS in order to meet the growing needs of citizens and institutions, to ensure the safety of citizens and to increase economic development opportunities, the Hearst Power Distribution Company proposes that the Town of Hearst establish a municipal fibre optic telecommunications corporation, and

WHEREAS a business case study for fiber optics in Hearst has been prepared and studied,

BE IT RESOLVED that the conclusions of the Fibre Optic in Hearst business case study dated February 10, 2017, be hereby adopted in principle, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst proposes the creation of a wholly-owned corporation (a corporation where all actions are retained by the Town of Hearst) whose mission will be to provide a system, a network and / or telecommunications service to deliver high-speed Internet, telephone and television services to citizens of the area, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public be invited to make comments during a public consultation on the intent of establishing a municipal telecommunications corporation to be named *Hearst Wi-Fibe*, on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

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.

AMENDMENT TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED to amend the notice of motion to add the following: "except for the on-call employees".

AGAINST
Councillor Lemaire
Councillor Proulx
Councillor Vermette
DEFEATED

VOTE ON INITIAL NOTICE OF MOTION

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Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

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AGAINST
Councillor Lemaire
Councillor Morin
Councillor Proulx
Councillor Gagnon
DEFEATED

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 43-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on February 14, 2017 be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk