

## **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 28, 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	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette
	Councillor	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Conrad Morin

Staff :	AEC	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours
	Treasurer	Manon Higgins

### **1. OPENING OF MEETING**

Resolution No. 66-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6:02 p.m.

**CARRIED**

### **2. OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

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

Resolution No. 67-17

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin  
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 Porcupine Health Unit dated January 20, 2017 (9. Reports of committees and boards);
- b) Meeting of Council with Councils of Kapuskasing and Cochrane on April 3, 2017 in Kapuskasing to discuss CDSSAB funding formula (11. E) Policy ii).

**CARRIED**

### **4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Rhéaume declares a pecuniary interest in item 5) of the Policy Working Group.

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

Resolution No. 68-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 11-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 7, 2017 and of the special meetings held on March 14 and 21, 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**7. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

Nil

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 69-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the March 28, 2017 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 70-17

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

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

- the Hearst Planning Board dated November 30, 2016 and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017;
- the Airport Development Committee dated February 10, 2017;
- the Long-Term Care Committee dated February 16, 2017;
- the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association dated February 17, 2017;
- the District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board dated January 24, 2017;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated January 20, 2017.

**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) **2016 Annual Compliance and Summary reports of drinking water**

Resolution No. 71-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that 2016 Annual Compliance and Summary reports, as required under Ontario's Drinking Water Systems Regulation, under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, as prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

#### ii) **André Bourgon promoted to Captain of the Hearst Fire Department**

Resolution No. 72-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that André Bourgon be hereby promoted to Captain of the Hearst Fire Department brigade.

**CARRIED**

#### iii) **Request for free parking downtown week before Christmas**

Resolution No. 73-17

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

WHEREAS further to Resolution No. 126-06, the Town of Hearst accepted the responsibility of the installation and dismantling of the downtown Christmas lights, in exchange of the discontinuance of the free parking during the month of December and under the agreement that any additional request for free parking be the financial responsibility of Centre-Ville Hearst Downtown, and WHEREAS since 2009, free parking has been extended on Friday nights and Saturdays with no financial implication to Centre-ville Hearst Downtown, and WHEREAS in its letter dated January 23, 2017, Centre-ville Hearst Downtown requests that parking be free of charge the week before Christmas of every year,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council allow free parking in the downtown area the week before Christmas, subject to Centre-ville Hearst Downtown agreeing to assume 50% of the estimated loss of revenues, estimated at \$600.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 74-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated March 21, 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) **Adoption of the 2017 operations and capital budgets**

Resolution No. 75-17

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 12-17, being a by-law to approve:

- the 2017 operating budget comprising revenues totaling \$13,116,900 and expenses totaling \$13,116,900,
- the 2017 capital budget totaling \$7,384,400 (includes a water project in the amount of \$1,648,400 for which funding has been refused after the adoption of the water budget in January);
- the 2017 Hearst Public Library Board operating budget comprising revenues totaling \$256,900 and expenses totaling \$256,900 and a capital budget of \$1,100,
- the Hearst and Area Economic Development Corporation and the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace budget comprising \$415,800 in operating revenues, \$415,800 in operating expenditures, \$188,900 in capital expenditures for special projects; the municipal subsidy for operation amounts to \$369,00 and for special projects, the municipal contribution amounts to \$27,300, and
- the 2017 budget of Centre-Ville Hearst Downtown totaling \$61,450, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

ii) **Adoption of 2017 tax rates**

Resolution No. 76-17

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 13-17, being a by-law to establish the estimates of all municipal taxation sums required for 2017 and to set the tax rates for the year, providing for an increase of 2% in the case of municipal taxation rates, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

iii) **Adoption of the 2017 tax ratios**

Resolution No. 77-17

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 14-17, being a by-law to establish the municipal tax reduction program, the optional property class and the tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Agreement with Michael Fournier for janitorial and maintenance work at swimming pool**

Resolution No. 78-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 15-17, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Michael Fournier for janitorial duties and maintenance tasks at the Stéphane Lecours Swimming Pool for a period of three years commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**v) Agreement with Luc Lanoix for management services at Municipal Airport**

Resolution No. 79-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 16-17, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Commercial Aviation for management services of the René Fontaine Municipal Airport for a period of five years commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**vi) Agreement with the CDSSAB for financing of child care services**

Resolution No. 80-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 17-17, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board for funding for the municipal day care, the private home child care, the special needs resourcing, and the parent resource centre services for the year 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**vii) Termination of agreement with LAS for electricity procurement**

Resolution No. 81-17

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

WHEREAS by adopting Resolution No. 294-14, the Municipality enrolled in the Electricity Procurement Program in partnership with Local Authority Services (LAS) in order to save on the cost of electricity, and  
WHEREAS the anticipated savings have not materialized to date, except for the street lights,  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes and directs the Treasurer to give notice of termination of the agreement with Local Authority Services for the Electricity Procurement Program, effective December 31, 2017, with the exception of the street lights account.

**CARRIED**

**viii) *President of Accessibility Committee to attend regional forum in Thunder Bay***

Resolution No. 82-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that in her capacity as President of the Hearst Accessibility Committee, Anne-Marie Portelance be authorized to attend the regional forum for municipal accessibility advisory committees in Thunder Bay, on June 14, 2017 with travelling expenses to be reimbursed in accordance to the Town of Hearst travelling expenses policy.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 83-17

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 25051 to 25337 for a total of \$1,294,144.47, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**x) *Adoption of the Finance Working Group***

Resolution No. 84-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated March 23, 2017 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) *Support for a Francophone Community Health Centre in Timmins***

Resolution No. 85-17

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

WHEREAS for over 20 years, Francophone citizens of the city of Timmins have been asking for a community health center to serve Francophone residents, who represent more than 40% of the population,  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the efforts of the *Alliance de la francophonie de Timmins* for the establishment of a Francophone Community Health Centre in Timmins.

**CARRIED**

**ii) *Support request to reinstate Local Initiative Contribution Fund Program***

Resolution No. 86-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Opasatika requesting the federal government to reinstate the Local Initiative Contribution Fund Program.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Adoption of the Policy Working Group**

Resolution No. 87-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated March 23, 2017 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

WHEREAS persons without a physician who are waiting for social assistance or disability pensions in Ontario need medical reports, and  
WHEREAS the Notre-Dame Hospital may organize locum clinics,  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests the Notre-Dame Hospital organize locum clinics in consultation with local representatives of the Regional Council of Social Services in order to meet the needs of said group of persons.

**AGAINST**

Councillor Daniel Lemaire  
Councillor Conrad Morin  
Councillor Gérard Proulx  
Councillor Raymond Vermette

**DEFEATED**

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

WHEREAS in order to support persons situated below the poverty line in the community,  
BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Hearst adopt a policy combining all of its assistance programs such as affordable housing, public transit, sports and recreation programs and library service, and  
BE IT RESOLVED that all other existing services be included in this policy and these departments continue to develop programs to support these persons, and  
BE IT RESOLVED that this policy be made known to agencies that deal with low-income persons, and  
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the policy be used for grants and/or funding applications to provincial, federal or other agencies.

**DEFERRED**

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

**14. CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution No. 88-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the following items:  
a) Municipal restructuring (Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act);  
b) Nomination of directors to the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation Administration Board (Article 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act).

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Rhéaume reiterates his pecuniary interest and leaves Council Chamber for the rest of the meeting.*

Resolution No. 89-17

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

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**

***Adoption of Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation Shareholder Declaration***

Resolution No. 90-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 18-17, being a by-law to establish and approve the Shareholder Declaration for the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation / La Corporation Hearst Wi-Fibe, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

***Appointment of directors to the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation Board***

Resolution No. 91-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be hereby appointed as Directors on the Board of Directors of the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation:

1. Daniel Lemaire as representative of the Town of Hearst, for a term ending on November 30, 2018;
2. Raymond Vermette as representative of the Town of Hearst, for a term ending on November 30, 2018;
3. Robert Proulx as representative of the public at large, for a term ending on March 30, 2018;
4. Jason Levesque as representative of the public at large, for a term ending on March 30, 2019;
5. Gilles Boucher as representative of the public at large, for a term ending on March 30, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 92-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on March 28, 2017 be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk