

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 7, 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	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette
Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours
Absent:	Mayor	Roger Sigouin (Town business)
	Councillor	Gérard Proulx (personal)

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 49-17

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

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

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Acting Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 50-17

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

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. 51-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 07-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 14, 2017 and of the special meetings held on February 21 and 23, 2017, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 52-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the March 7, 2017 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 53-17

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

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

- the Emergency Planning Committee dated February 8, 2017;
- the Healthy Community Alliance dated February 9, 2017;
- the District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board dated December 21, 2016;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated January 11, 2017;
- the Public Library Board dated January 26, 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

Nil

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

i) Amendment to Zoning By-law to reduce setbacks at 45 Eight Street

Resolution No. 54-17

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

WHEREAS Monique Lafrance on behalf of Monique Lafrance and François Lafrance has requested that By-law No. 65-04, being the Hearst Zoning By-law, be amended to permit consents to be granted to realign the lot boundaries of the existing residence located at 45 Eighth Street and existing funeral home located at 715 Edward Street, in order that the back yard area associated with said residence can be transferred to the residential property as a lot addition and the parking lot associated with said funeral home can be transferred to the funeral home property as a lot addition, and

WHEREAS certain conditions relating to the connection of an existing balcony on the dwelling unit's roof, panels that enclose exterior exit passageways, and the filling in of an existing swimming pool must be satisfied in order for such consents to proceed, which conditions shall be requested to be imposed by the Hearst Planning Board as conditions of any provisional consents that may be given, and

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable by this Council to authorize the realignment of said lot boundaries in order that the funeral home can continue to operate and provide a local service for the convenience of the community residents under new ownership,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 08-17, being a By-law to amend By-law No. 65-04 by reducing the lot frontage and rear yard setback of the residence located at 45 Eighth Street, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) Public notice to modify residential provisions of the Hearst Zoning By-law for secondary units and group homes

Resolution No. 55-17

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

WHEREAS pursuant to Provincial legislation on affordable housing and as part of the Official Plan Review, Urban Residential policies must be expanded to permit second dwelling units in single detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row houses and in ancillary residential building, as of right, in addition to removing certain conditions for the establishment of group homes, and

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 zoning amendment to modify residential provisions of the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04.

CARRIED

iii) Committee of Adjustment application for domestic garage at 22 Quirion

Resolution No. 56-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council has no objections to the Committee of Adjustment approving minor variance relief from the provisions of Hearst's Zoning By-law No. 65-04 to enable a detached domestic garage to be constructed at 22 Quirion at a distance of 2.13 metres from the exterior side lot line located along Berville Avenue.

CARRIED

iv) Adoption of the Planning Working Group report

Resolution No. 57-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated February 21, 2017 be hereby adopted and that items 2 and 3 be removed from work in progress.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group

Nil

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

i) Free use of swimming pool for Swim-A-Thon

Resolution No. 58-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the use of the Stéphane Lecours Swimming Pool free of charge for the fund-raising Swim-A-thon of the Hearst Phoenix Swim Team which was held March 4, 2017, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

ii) Reduced swimming pool rate for NEOR swim meet

Resolution No. 59-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the use of the Stéphane Lecours Swimming Pool at 50% of the regular rental rate for the Northeastern Ontario Region swim meet that was held on January 21 and 22, 2017, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iii) Sponsorship to the Hearst Community Curling Club bonspiels

Resolution No. 60-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves a sponsorship of \$150 to the Hearst Community Curling Club for various curling bonspiels to be held during the 2017 season.

CARRIED

iv) Objection to new funding model proposal from CDSSAB

Resolution No. 61-17

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

WHEREAS in 2016, the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board (CDSSAB) proposed to amend the apportionment of municipal costs from a weight assessment calculation to a per capita calculation and that this resolution did not receive the double-majority of municipalities, and WHEREAS the CDSSAB has adopted a new resolution proposing, once again, an amendment to the distribution of costs from a weight assessment calculation to

a calculation based on the level of services and on population, representing an annual increase of \$442,438 for the Town of Hearst,
BE IT RESOLVED that Council does not support Resolution No. 17-020 of the District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board which approves a new funding model from a weight assessment calculation to a calculation based on the level of services and on the population count.

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 organization of 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.

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.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 62-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on March 7, 2017 be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor

Clerk

