

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

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

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

Resolution No. 114-17

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

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

**CARRIED**

### **2. OPENING PRAYER**

The Acting Mayor recites the opening prayer.

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

Resolution No. 115-17

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

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

- a) Introduction of Melanie Tanner from Sweden, in Hearst under the Rotary Club Student Exchange Program (Delegations and Presentations 6.);
- b) Request for contribution towards prizes for ParticipAction 150 program (Finance Working Group – item 8. g)).

**CARRIED**

### **4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

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

Resolution No. 116-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 21-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 19, 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

Nil

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 117-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the May 9, 2017 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 118-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council takes note of the reports and minutes of meetings of :  
-the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated February 16, 2017;  
-the Porcupine Health Unit dated March 17, 2017;  
-the Child Care Committee dated April 5, 2017;  
-the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated March 22, 2017;  
-the Hearst Planning Board dated March 8, 2017;  
-the Waste Management Committee dated May 26, June 15, June 23 and June 30, 2016 and February 6, March 29 and April 24, 2017.

**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**

**i) Exception to Solid Waste Management policy; collection of waste at Université de Hearst**

Resolution No. 119-17

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

WHEREAS the new Solid Waste Management policy states that the collection of waste and recycling material will not be offered to tax exempt properties, and WHEREAS the Town reserves the right to make an exception to the Solid Waste Management Policy, and WHEREAS the *Université de Hearst*, a tax exempt property, requests that the Municipality make an exception to its policy to authorize the collection of waste and recycling material, since the institution generates significant economic benefits on many levels for the town, and this for over 65 years,  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby makes an exception to the Municipal Solid Waste Management Policy in order to allow the collection at the *Université de Hearst*.

**CARRIED**

**ii) OCWA 2016 Report for the Hearst Sewage Treatment**

Resolution No. 120-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2016 Annual Operating Report for the Hearst Sewage Treatment prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**iii) OCWA 2016 Report for the Cécile Trailer Park Sewage Treatment Lagoon**

Resolution No. 121-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2016 Annual Operating Report for the Cécile Trailer Park Sewage Treatment Lagoon prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**iv) MOE 2016 Inspection Report for the Parc à maisons mobiles Cécile Sewage Treatment Lagoons**

Resolution No. 122-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2016 Inspection Report submitted by the Ministry of Environment for the Parc à maisons mobiles Cécile Sewage Treatment Lagoons, be hereby noted.

**CARRIED**

**v) Policy on sewer charge credits for swimming pool fillings**

Resolution No. 123-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the policy on credits for sewer charges for clients undertaking the filling of swimming pools, be hereby adopted as follows:

- Clients are required to make arrangements with the billing department before water consumption to qualify for a sewer credit.
- Sewer credits will be authorized for the filling of swimming pools only, subject to a minimum volume of 3,500 gallons of water (13,250 litres) per credit request.
- No sewer credit will be given for leaks involving piping located on the property or common household fixtures; homeowners are expected to maintain the fixtures of their homes.
- No sewer credit is given for watering of lawns or washing of cars.

**CARRIED**

**vi) Adoption of the Operations Working Group Report**

Resolution No. 124-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated May 2, 2017 be hereby adopted and that item 3 be removed from work in progress.

**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) Tax rebates for charities**

Resolution No. 125-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 22-17, being a by-law to allow rebates to eligible charities for relief from taxes on eligible property they occupy, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Rental of parking space for portable patio at Hearst Theatre**

Resolution No. 126-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 23-17, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a three-year agreement with Killy-Ann Brunet and Derek Chirta on behalf of Hearst Theatre for a licence to occupy and use one metered parking space adjacent to their property for the installation of a portable outdoor patio platform during the summer season, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iii) User fees increase of at René Fontaine Municipal Airport**

Resolution No. 127-17

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

WHEREAS a review of the René Fontaine Municipal Airport user fees was undertaken and increases have been approved in By-law No. 28-15, and WHEREAS during the negotiations for the airport management agreement, some fees had to be revised to improve the terms of the agreement and the work conditions of airport personnel,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 24-17, being a by-law to amend Schedule A of By-law 28-15, to increase the call-out fees, the medical evacuation landing fees and the terminal user fees, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Loan to Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation to cover the Corporation's startup costs**

Resolution No. 128-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 25-17, being a by-law authorizing a loan in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation to cover the Corporation's startup costs, be hereby adopted, subject to the signature of a Promissory Note by the Corporation's signing authorities.

**CARRIED**

**v) Town to provide credit line guarantee for the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation**

Resolution No. 129-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 26-17, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign documents with the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation and the Bank of Nova Scotia for the intent of the Town to provide a credit line guarantee of up to \$3,000,000, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

***The finance working group is interrupted to hear the presentation.***

**11. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

***Julie Cheff and Melanie Tanner***

***Subject: Rotary Club Student Exchange Program***

Julie Cheff, Rotarian responsible for the Rotary Club Student Exchange Program introduces Melanie Tanner from Switzerland who has been in Hearst since August 2016. Ms. Tanner lives in the Town of Zug, population 90,000 and speaks four languages: German-Sweden, German, English and French. Melanie is currently in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and attends the Hearst High School.

Ms. Tanner talks about her experience since in Hearst. She mentions the different activities she experienced up to date, such as hunting and fishing, snowmobiling, curling, visit of the Maison Verte and attendance to the Harem Music Festival. She also had the opportunity to travel to Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Notre-Dame and at the end of the school year, she will travel to Toronto and Halifax. She notes that hobbies and pastimes differ from what she is used to since where she comes from, activities are practiced inside contrary to here where most activities are in the nature.

Ms. Tanner mentions she enjoys her experience and only has good comments of Hearst and its citizens.

Acting Mayor Lemaire thanks Ms. Tanner for her presentation.

**Finance working group continued...**

**vi) Purchase of backup computer for the Public Works Department**

Resolution No. 130-17

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

WHEREAS in light of occurrences of cyber-attacks, it is deemed advisable to protect the Municipality's network by acquiring a computer on which Public Works files will be copied,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the purchase of a computer workstation as backup for the Public Works Department valued at \$2,700 along with a \$150 monthly managed internet security layer for data security on the municipal network.

**CARRIED**

**vii) Lease with Serco Canada Inc. for the use of Two-Ice Tournament Hall**

Resolution No. 131-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 28-17, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a letter of agreement with Serco Canada Inc. for the use of the Two-Ice Tournament Hall at the Claude Larose Recreation Centre for driver examination services period ending on June 30, 2021, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**viii) Requests for financial assistance**

Resolution No. 132-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following grants be approved:

- École secondaire catholique de Hearst – bursary fund - \$150
- Hearst High School – bursary fund - \$150
- Maison renaissance - \$100
- Association des étudiants et étudiantes de l'Université de Hearst – 150\$
- École publique Passeport Jeunesse – bursary fund - \$150;
- Pierre Drouin – word karate competition - \$300
- Economic Development Corporation – ParticipAction 150 - \$200 gift certificates.

**CARRIED**

**ix) List of cheques issued from the general account**

Resolution No. 133-17

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 25338 to 25670 for a total of \$1,805,961.60, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 134-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated May 4, 2017 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) Attendance to Habitat for Humanity Farming Feeds Cities in Toronto**

Resolution No. 135-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to attend the Greater Toronto Area Habitat for Humanity Farming Feeds Cities: Forestry Builds Communities event on May 18, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

**14. CLOSED MEETING**

Nil

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 136-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on May 9, 2017 be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Acting Mayor

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Clerk