

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 20, 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. 176-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6:08 p.m.

**CARRIED**

### **2. OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

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

Resolution No. 177-17

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

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. 178-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 39-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 30, 2017, of special meetings held on June 6, 2017 and June 15, 2017 and of the public meeting held on May 30, 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Martine Lemaire-Mignault, Collins Barrow**

**Re: presentation of 2016 Financial Statements of the Town of Hearst**

Mrs. Lemaire-Mignault gives an overview of the 2016 Financial Statements and explains the graphics demonstrating revenues and disbursements over the years for each department.

**Presentation of Pitch-In certificates**

The Mayor proceeds together with Councillor Rhéaume in presenting the certificates and thanked everybody for their participation in the Pitch-In program.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 179-17

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the June 20, 2017 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 180-17

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

Seconded by : Councillor André Rhéaume

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

- District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board dated April 20, 2017;
- Hearst Planning Board dated April 12, 2017;
- Porcupine Health Unit dated April 21, 2017;
- Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017;
- Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated May 10, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**9. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

**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) **Exception to Solid Waste Management Policy for “Camp Source de Vie”**

Resolution No. 181-17

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

WHEREAS Camp Source de Vie, a non-profit organization serving the youth, expressed its desire to maintain its privilege of depositing free of charge at the municipal waste disposal site, waste and recyclable material generated from its property located outside Town limits,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby makes an exception to the Municipal Solid Waste Management Policy and accepts at no cost the deposit of waste and recyclable material generated from the Camp Source property, at the municipal waste disposal site.

**CARRIED**

#### ii) **Authorization to dispose recyclable materials at municipal transfer station for Mattice Val-Côté**

Resolution No. 182-17

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

WHEREAS the Township of Mattice-Val Côté wishes to dispose of its community's recyclable materials at the transfer station of the municipal waste disposal site of the Town of Hearst,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mattice-Val Côté be authorized to dispose recyclable materials at the transfer station of the municipal waste disposal site at a cost of \$300/ton.

**CARRIED**

#### iii) **Private Airplane Hangar Construction Policy at Municipal Airport**

Resolution No. 183-17

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

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to adopt a policy on the construction of private hangars at the René Fontaine Municipal Airport in order to regulate the parking lot tenants who wish to erect structures for their personal aircraft;

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law no. 40-17, being a By-law establishing a Private Airplane Hangar Construction Policy at the René Fontaine Municipal Airport, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### iv) **Request for parking fees exemption by Red Cross**

Resolution No. 184-17

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

WHEREAS the Canadian Red-Cross has requested permission be granted to its employees to park on Edward Street near St-Paul court, in order to facilitate deliveries to clients, and

WHEREAS the Canadian Red-Cross has also requested an exemption from parking fees in order to serve customers located in the parking meter area, and WHEREAS parking along Edward Street near schools is prohibited on school days to ensure the safety of schoolchildren, and

WHEREAS parking privileges for social workers was canceled in 2008 due to abuse of said privileges,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Canadian Red-Cross be hereby denied.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 185-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated June 13, 2017 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**vi) Agreement with Villeneuve Construction for replacement of Gaspésie Road culverts**

Resolution No. 186-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 41-17, being a by-law authorizing the signature of an agreement with Villeneuve Construction for the replacement of the culverts on Gaspésie Road, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) Agreement to appoint Janice Newsome Deputy Chief Building Official**

Resolution No. 187-17

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

WHEREAS the current Chief Building Official (CBO) is taking her retirement as an employee for the Town of Hearst, and  
WHEREAS subsection 3.(2) of the Building Code Act directs municipal councils to appoint a CBO and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of said Act in the municipality, and

WHEREAS subsection 15.11(1) prohibits any person from being appointed as a CBO unless they have the qualifications set out in the Building Code for the position,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 42-17, being a by-law appointing Janice Newsome Deputy Chief Building Official for the Town of Hearst, be hereby adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that By-law No. 43-17, being a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with Janice Newsome for the services of Deputy Chief Building Official, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Request for use of Town of Hearst Building Department staff by Mattice-Val Côté**

Resolution No. 188-17

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

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town Hearst is currently under Agreement with the Township of Mattice-Val Côté for the delivery of building services, and

WHEREAS the Township of Mattice-Val Côté is requesting to use the Town of Hearst Building Department staff to conduct inspections to investigate and issue orders under Sections 15.9 and 15.10 of the Building Code Act, which relate to the inspection and prohibition of occupancy of "unsafe buildings", and WHEREAS said request exceeds the tasks assigned to the Town of Hearst Building Department staff under said Agreement between the municipalities, and

WHEREAS the Town currently finds itself in a situation where a major staff reorganization is occurring, limiting the flexibility to offer extra services to Mattice-Val Côté,

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from the Township of Mattice-Val Côté to expand the type of building services provided by the Town of Hearst Building Department staff to said township, be hereby denied.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 189-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated June 14, 2017 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

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

**i) Approval of the 2016 Auditor's Report and Financial Statements**

Resolution No. 190-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Independent Auditor's Report and the Internal Financial Statements of the Corporation of the Town of Hearst for the period ended on December 31, 2016, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Appointment of Collins Barrow as Auditor for 2017**

Resolution No. 191-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Collins Barrow be hereby appointed as Auditor of the financial statements of the Corporation of the Town of Hearst and of its affiliates for the 2017 fiscal year.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Assurances Robichaud appointed to represent Town of Hearst**

Resolution No. 192-17

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

WHEREAS the Municipality has renewed its agreement with PBL Insurance Ltd. given the quality of service and the staff's level of experience, and WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate that the Municipality be represented by brokers with a solid level of experience in municipal insurance, which PBL Insurance Ltd. could no longer offer, and WHEREAS Council wishes to maintain services with the insurer Frank Cowen Company,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 44-17 being a By-law to amend By-law no. 86-16 to appoint Assurance Robichaud as the Town of Hearst broker to represent the Municipality with the insurer Frank Cowen Company, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Financial support requests**

Resolution No. 193-17

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

WHEREAS requests received for financial assistance have been studied in light of the Municipality's donation policy,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following grants be approved:

- Rotary Club – Canada Day Fireworks - \$1000
- Rotary Kids - \$150.

**CARRIED**

**v) List of cheques issued**

Resolution No. 194-17

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 25671 to 26062 for a total of \$1,825,660.72 be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 195-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated June 15, 2017 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) CDSSAB's new funding formula update**

Resolution No. 196-17

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

WHEREAS following the result of the double-majority vote of the new funding formula of the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board, starting January 2018 the Town of Hearst's portion of costs will increase by \$442,000, and WHEREAS the Town of Hearst deems this new funding method to be unfair and malicious, and

WHEREAS the Town of Hearst cannot bear such a cost increase without significantly reducing essential services or imposing substantial property tax increases, which would seriously impact the well-being of its residents,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby notifies the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board of its refusal to pay any increase to its annual contribution levy of \$889,074.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Nomination of EDC's directors**

Resolution No. 197-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Luc Pépin, Ghislain Jacques, Luc Bussièrès and Jacques Doucet be appointed Directors of the Hearst Economic Development Corporation, for a term of 2 years.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 198-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated June 8, 2017 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

**14. CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution No. 199-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the following subjects:

- Sale of land former Foyer des Pionniers (Section 239 2) c) of the Municipal Act;
- Human Resources (Section 239 2) b) of the Municipal Act).

**CARRIED**

Resolution No. 200-17

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

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. 201-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on June 20, 2017 be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk