

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

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

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

Resolution No. 283-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6: 10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

### **2. OPENING PRAYER**

The Acting Mayor recites the opening prayer.

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

Resolution No. 284-17

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

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. 285-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 66-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on August 29, 2017 and of the special meeting held on September 12, 2017, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**7. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

Nil

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 286-17

Proposed by: Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the September 19, 2017 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 287-17

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:

- Hearst Planning Board dated April 12, May 31, June 21 and July 26, 2017;
- Town of Hearst Non-Profit Housing dated June 14, 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**

*Councillor Conrad Morin reiterates his pecuniary interest, leaves Council Chambers and does not participate in the discussion and vote of this subject. Councillor Gérard Proulx took the presiding seat during the discussion.*

**i) Consent for lot addition to industrial lot on Rouse Street**

Resolution No. 288-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no objections to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent of a lot addition to an Industrial lot on Rouse Street as requested by Dianne Hardy on behalf of Gabrielle Veilleux and Paul-Emile Veilleux in consent application file No. C06/17,

**CARRIED**

**ii) Consent for lot addition to industrial lot on Gaspésie Road**

Resolution No. 289-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no objections to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent of a lot addition to an Industrial lot on Gaspésie Road as requested by Luc Pépin on behalf of Pepco Corp, Luc Pépin and Nathalie Coulombe, in consent application file No. C07/17

**CARRIED**

**iii) Request for quotations for the evaluation of geothermal system at Inovo Centre**

Resolution No. 290-17

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

WHEREAS problems with the geothermal energy system at the Inovo Centre have been occurring on a regular basis and it deemed advisable to undertake an evaluation of possible solutions,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby directs staff to obtain quotations of options to increase the efficiency and reliability geothermal system at the Inovo Centre.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Appointment of Jean-Michel Chabot, Building Inspector/Fire Prevention Officer**

Resolution No. 291-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Jean-Michel Chabot be hereby hired in the capacity of Building Inspector/Fire Prevention Officer, effective September 18, 2017, conditional upon the execution of a Conditional Hiring Agreement, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that By-law No. 67-17, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Conditional Hiring Agreement with Jean-Michel Chabot, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**v) Delegation of powers and authorities of Fire Chief to Fire Prevention Officer**

Resolution No. 292-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 68-17, being a by-law to delegate certain powers and authorities of the Fire Chief to the Fire Prevention Officer, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**vi) Adoption of the Planning Working Group report**

Resolution No. 293-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated September 7, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**vii) Agreement with Strategik Builders for roof repair of Child Care Centre**

Resolution No. 294-17

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

WHEREAS the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board has confirmed funding for the repairs of the roof at the Hearst Child Care Centre, BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 69-17, being a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with Strategik Builders, the lowest tenderer, to undertake repair work of the Child Care Centre building roof for a total amount of \$62,051.00, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) Payment of invoices for repairs to ice surfaces refrigeration system**

Resolution No. 295-17

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

WHEREAS in preparation for the 2017/18 season, it was determined that emergency repairs to the ice rink refrigeration system at the Claude Larose Recreation Center were necessary, and

WHEREAS that the final invoices for the said repairs total \$ 95,810.11,

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Treasurer to carry out a payment financed from the accumulated surplus for the ice rink refrigeration system repair bills totalling \$ 95,810.11.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Agreement with Fournier Funeral Services, agent for the Town of Hearst**

Resolution No. 296-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 70-17, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Fournier Funeral Services to act as Agent for the Town of Hearst and to sell interment rights and other municipal services to customers of Fournier Funeral Services on behalf of the Town, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Free use of swimming pool by Community Living**

Resolution No. 297-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the use without charge of 20 hours of the swimming pool by the Hearst and Area Association for Community Living to train for their participation in the 2017-2018 Special Olympic games, provided the use is during non-prime time.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Request from HPST to cancel lifeguard fees for triathlon**

Resolution No. 298-17

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

WHEREAS the municipal practice is to charge organizations for the additional costs caused to the Town for organizing community activities, with the exception of an activity whose budget is in deficit,

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Phoenix Swim Team to cancel the lifeguard fees during the triathlon which took place on August 12, 2017 be hereby denied and that the swim team be billed the amount of \$89.70.

**CARRIED**

**v) Adoption of the Parks and Recreation Working Group report**

Resolution No. 299-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group dated September 14, 2017 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

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

i) **Request from Maison Arc-en-Ciel to re-establish funding agreement with RLISS**

Resolution No. 300-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby supports the resolution from the Maison Arc-en-Ciel requesting the Northeast Local Health Integration Network to re-establish its funding agreement for said treatment centre.

**CARRIED**

ii) **Attendance to ROMA and OGRA 2018 Conferences**

Resolution No. 301-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that one member of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Engineering Services be hereby authorized to attend the 2018 annual Ontario Good Roads Association in Toronto, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one member of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend the 2018 annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference, subject to a ministerial presence.

**CARRIED**

iii) **Attendance to Naturallia Forum in Roberval**

Resolution No. 302-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend the Naturallia Forum in Roberval, Québec from October 16 to 19, 2017.

**CARRIED**

iv) **Adoption of the Policy Working Group report**

Resolution No. 303-17

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

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

**CARRIED**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Request to MNR to put on hold any new development in Don Valley region for species at risk**

Resolution No. 304-17

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

WHEREAS the following species are threatened in the region of Don Valley: the eastern meadowlark, the blanding turtle, the eastern musk turtle, the eastern spiny soft shell turtle and the queen snake;

BE IT RESOLVED to request to the Ministry of Natural Resources of Ontario to put on hold all new development in the Don Valley region until adequate measures are taken to protect the survival of these species;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne and to Gilles Bisson, MPP, Timmins James Bay.

**AGAINST:**

Councillor Daniel Lemaire

**CARRIED**

Proposed by: Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

WHEREAS it is important to encourage the consumption of local food, and WHEREAS is important to give the entire population the opportunity to have access to fresh produce,

BE IT RESOLVED to allow residents to have a maximum of four chickens in order to have access to fresh eggs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to create a chicken by-law similar to that of the City of Vancouver, which requires, among other things, that there be no chickens in the front yard, no roosters, a maximum of four hens aged four months or more and that the chicken coop be kept clean.

### **13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

### **14. CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution No. 305-17

Proposed by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

Seconded by: Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the departmental restructuring (Section 239 2) d) of the Municipal Act).

**CARRIED**

Resolution No. 306-17

Proposed by: Councillor Gérard Proulx

Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Lemaire

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. 307-17

Proposed by: Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on September 19, 2017 be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Acting Mayor

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Clerk