

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 11, 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	Conrad Morin

Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Deputy Clerk	Manon Higgins

Absent:	Councillor	Gérard Proulx (personal)
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1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 324-17

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

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

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 325-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 326-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 72-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 19, 2017 and of special meetings dated September 28, October 3 and October 4, 2017, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 327-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the October 11, 2017 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 328-17

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 :

- Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated September 21, 2017
- Porcupine Health Unit dated June 23, 2017

CARRIED

9. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Members of Council take note of the Chief Administrative Officer's report. The report is appended hereto.

10. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) Nomination of Miguel Gagné as volunteer firefighter

Resolution No. 329-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Miguel Gagné be hereby nominated volunteer firefighter of the Hearst Fire Department.

CARRIED

ii) Installation of lamp posts on Tremblay and 15th streets

Resolution No. 330-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the installation of (1) one lamp post at the south end of Fifteenth Street, near the pedestrian trail, and (1) one west of the intersection of Quirion and Tremblay Street, near the 400 Tremblay Street property.

CARRIED

iii) Agreement with Train-A-Youth Enterprises for clearing of hydrants

Resolution No. 331-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 73-17, being a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with Train-A-Youth Enterprises for the clearing of snow around fire hydrants and transformers and entrances of municipal building, for a three-year term commencing on November 1st, 2017 and ending on October 31, 2020, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Purchase of rebuilt engine and foam for tires for 1991 loader

Resolution No. 332-17

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

WHEREAS the John Deer 1991 loader is required daily to undertake various work by the Public Works Department, and
WHEREAS in light of the good condition of the loader, it is deemed advisable to undertake the replacement of the engine and to fill the tires with foam, an investment that will extend the loader's life-span,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves a budget of \$31,100 for the purchase of a rebuilt engine for the John Deer 1991 loader and fill-up its tires with foam, said maintenance work to be financed from the budgeted allocation for the upgrade of the backhoe and other Public Works capital projects savings.

CARRIED

v) Resurfacing of Downtown Municipal Parking Lot

Resolution No. 333-17

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

WHEREAS the Downtown Municipal Parking Lot pavement is in an advanced state of deterioration, and
WHEREAS Centre-Ville Hearst Downtown wishes for the Town to undertake the parking lot's resurfacing,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the use of the Municipal Parking Lot Reserve of \$57,200 and of the the general reserve to undertake the resurfacing of the Downtown Municipal Parking Lot, including a new granular material base, for an estimated total cost of \$81,000.

CARRIED

vi) Adoption of the Operations Working Group report

Resolution No. 334-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated October 3, 2017 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

i) Consent to reinstate a commercial lot at 910 Front Street

Resolution No. 335-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no objection to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent to reinstate a commercial lot, being Part 9 on reference plan 6R-6679, located at 910 Front Street, as requested by Gérard Grondin on behalf of 865072 Ontario Limited, being file no. C08/17.

CARRIED

11. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Resolution No. 336-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned and that the public meeting pertaining to requests for tax rebates, be hereby opened.

CARRIED

Report of the public meeting is appended herewith.

Resolution No. 337-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the public meeting to hear comments in favor or against requests for tax rebates, be hereby adjourned, and that the regular meeting of Council resume.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group

Nil

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

i) Municipal tax rebates

Resolution No. 338-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the rebate of municipal taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act totalling \$5,196.05 as per the report prepared by the Tax Collector dated October 2, 2017.

CARRIED

ii) Donation to Médias de l'épinette noire Radiothon

Councillor André Rhéaume reiterates his pecuniary interest, leaves Council Chambers and does not participate in the discussion and vote of this subject.

Resolution No. 339-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes a \$150 donation to the Médias de l'épinette noire Radiothon.

CARRIED

iii) List of cheques issued from general fund

Resolution No. 340-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of cheques issued from the general fund namely cheques number 26631 to 27036 for a total of \$5,270,529.12 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iv) Adoption of the Finance Working Group report

Resolution No. 341-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated October 5, 2017 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

Nil

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to have chickens in residential zones

Resolution No. 342-17

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.

AGAINST :

Councillor Conrad Morin
Councillor Daniel Lemaire

CARRIED

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

WHEREAS when Hearst patients suffering from mental health problems are referred to the Timmins District Hospital for psychiatric evaluations, most of them are discharged and sent back to Hearst without any medication, no prescription, and without any warning to the Hearst resources (hospital, counselling, doctors, police officers), to the family and/or to the patient's relatives, and

WHEREAS the Timmins District Hospital's staff does not consult Hearst's organizations to obtain any information on the patients to provide them with the resources they need, and

WHEREAS the Timmins District Hospital sends the instruction for the patient by mail, which takes several days,

BE IT RESOLVED to ask the Minister of Health, Dr. Eric Hoskins to intervene, in this case to resolve this situation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to ask the Ministry to make sure that francophone patients from Hearst are referred to the Montfort Hospital to receive French services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to ask the Ministry to respect the guidelines on patients' priority from the Health care system of Ontario, and

BE IT RESOLVED to send a copy of this resolution to Gilles Bisson, MPP, Timmins James Bay.

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

WHEREAS it was mentioned at the last Police Services Board meeting that there is not always French services available at the North Bay 911 Communication Centre, and

WHEREAS it was mentioned that during a visit at a resident's place, that the two officers couldn't or wouldn't speak in French,

BE IT RESOLVED to ask the North Bay 911 Communication Centre to provide services in French, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during police interventions, with the French population, at least one officer be able to speak in French, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to send a copy of this resolution to the Ministry of the Attorney General, Yasir Naqvi, MPP, the Office of the French Language Services Commissioner of Ontario, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Timmins James Bay MPP Gilles Bisson.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 343-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on October 11, 2017 be adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk