

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 31, 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	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Conrad Morin
Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 350-17

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 Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 351-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Conrad Morin declares a pecuniary interest in item 1) of the Planning Working Group being related to the applicant.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 352-17

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume
Seconded by : Councillor Conrad Morin

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 76-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 11, 2017 and of the special meeting dated October 17, 2017, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

7. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bill Bradfield, President and Founder of MichCanSka Snowmobile Club Re: Presentation of recognition award to the Town of Hearst

Mr. Bradfield thanks the Mayor for allowing him to make a presentation to Council and introduces David Lowe, his snowmobile partner who is celebrating his 90th birthday. Both Mr. Bradfield and Lowe felt the need to give recognition and thanks to the Hearst community for its continued support towards MichCanSka's mission of 'riding for the Diabetes Research and Awareness Promotion'.

Mr. Bradfield notes that MichCanSka Snowmobile Club started riding from Michigan USA going through five states and five provinces ending in Alaska, all the while raising money for diabetes research and awareness. The MichCanSka rides snowballed and in 2015, the Club undertook a World Tour riding up to Russia, Hearst being a stopover. Over the years, a total amount of \$37,000 has been raised for the cause.

Mr. Bradfield takes this opportunity to thank the Town of Hearst for its continued support and warm welcome given to the MichCanSka group. He notes how fortunate they are to meet people like Hearstians who help make these fundraising events so great!

Mr. Bradfield proceeds with the presentation of the honorary plaque to Mayor Sigouin.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 353-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the October 31, 2017 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 354-17

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor André Rhéaume

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

- of the District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board dated June 22 and September 6, 2017
- of the Hearst Accessibility Committee dated September 22, 2017
- of the Hearst Planning Board dated August 30 and September 27, 2017
- of the Hearst Airport Committee dated September 8, 2017
- of the Healthy Community Alliance dated September 14, 2017
- of the Public Library Board dated October 12, 2017
- of the Police Services Board dated September 28, 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 and Councillor André Rhéaume realizes he has a pecuniary interest for the same item. They both leave Council Chambers and do not participate in the discussion and vote of this subject.

i) **Zoning amendment application to allow kennel at 21 Cloutier Road South**

Resolution No. 355-17

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

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 site-specific zoning amendment to the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 which would change the zoning provision for that specific property located at 21 Cloutier Road South from Rural Residential Zone to Rural Zone, to recognize a dog kennel as a permitted use on this land.

CARRIED

ii) **Adoption of the Planning Working Group Report**

Resolution No. 356-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated October 26, 2017 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

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

Nil

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

i) **Donation request for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Workshop**

Resolution No. 357-17

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

WHEREAS an area resident wishes to organize a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Workshop in the Hearst community, and
WHEREAS a request for financial or in-kind assistance was distributed to the Town and various regional organizations, and
WHEREAS the municipal donation policy allows monetary contributions to non-profit organizations, and
WHEREAS since this request is for an individual initiative, it is deemed advisable to contribute directly towards incurred expenses,
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby commits to defray travelling expenses, up to \$500, for a speaker hired to present a lecture during the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Workshop to be held in Hearst in December 2017.

DEFEATED

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

i) **Tenant Pylon design at Gilles Gagnon Welcome Centre**

Resolution No. 358-17

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

WHEREAS the enhancement of the tenants' pylon at the Gilles Gagnon Welcome Centre is included in the Economic Development Corporation's Wayfindings billboard project, and
WHEREAS it is best that all signage of the Municipality's attractions be uniform,
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby selects Signé Sigouin's Option 1 proposal for the Tenant Pylon at the Gilles Gagnon Welcome Centre, with brushed alupanel lettering and gooseneck lighting.

CARRIED

ii) **Appointment of Melissa Vernier member of the Hearst Public Library Board**

Resolution No. 359-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Mélissa Vernier be appointed director of the Hearst Public Library Board.

CARRIED

iii) **Appointment of Pierre Richard as Director of the Hearst Economic Development Corporation**

Resolution No. 360-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Pierre Richard be appointed director of the Hearst Economic Development Corporation as representative of the finance sector.

CARRIED

iv) **Support request to maintain Weather Network on basic television packages**

Resolution No. 361-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports Pelmorex Weather Networks' efforts in its request that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) keeps the Weather Network on the basic television package, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hearst citizens be invited to support this request individually.

CARRIED

v) Support request to expand the OWDCP

Resolution No. 362-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the resolution of the Township of Oro Medonte in its request that the Province expand the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) to include evidence of partial carcasses as legitimate claims to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, as a result of wildlife predation.

CARRIED

vi) Support to GEMS's petition for development of two plus one road

Resolution No. 363-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Hearst hereby supports Going the Extra Mile for Safety (GEMS)'s petition to the federal and provincial governments and to the Ministry of Transportation for the development of a pilot project involving a two plus one road program between North Bay and Nipigon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and all municipalities in the Nipissing, Timiskaming, Cochrane and Thunder Bay Districts for their support.

CARRIED

vii) Adoption of the Policy Working Group report

Resolution No. 364-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated October 30, 2017 be hereby adopted and to terminate subject 4 of work in progress.

CARRIED

i) Hiring of PMC firm to undertake evaluation of CAO

Resolution No. 365-17

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

WHEREAS Council wishes to create an evaluation practice of its Chief Administrative Officer,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council contracts Mississauga's PMC firm to undertake the evaluation of the Chief Administrative Officer, at the cost of \$6,200 plus travelling expenses.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

i) Request for support for mental health patients

Resolution No. 366-17

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

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.

CARRIED

ii) Request for French services from OPP and 911 call centre

Resolution No. 367-17

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

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, Francois Boileau, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Timmins James Bay MPP Gilles Bisson and Minister of Francophone Affairs, Marie-France Lalonde.

CARRIED

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 368-17

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

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

- a) Sale of former Foyer des pionniers land (Section 239 (2) c) of the Municipal Act;
- b) Municipal restructuration (Section 239 (2) c) of the Municipal Act).

CARRIED

Resolution No. 369-17

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire
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. 370-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on October 31, 2017 be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk