

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 12, 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	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette
Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours
Absent:	Councillor	Conrad Morin (Town business)

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 398-17

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

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. 399-17

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

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

- a) Mayor's participation to Leaders Luncheon with Derek Nighbor in Thunder Bay (11. Functions of Council e) Policy, iii);
- b) Request for support to the City of Timmins' bid for ferrochrome facility by Noront Resources Ltd. (11. Functions of Council, e) Policy, iv).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor André Rhéaume declares a pecuniary interest for the public meeting, being related to the applicant.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 400-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 85-17, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 21, 2017

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Bruce Hayter, Trustee, District School Board Ontario North East

Re: annual communication to local councils

Mr. Hayter thanks members of Council for allowing him to make this presentation. He notes he is new as trustee for the CDSBONE Board; he first off wishes to explain how he became trustee.

He came to Hearst 14 years ago when his wife got a job at the hospital. The first four years, he worked for College Boréal in Constance Lake and then at Clayton Brown Public School. He took over the trustee seat when Wayne Major retired.

Mr. Hayter explains his presence tonight is as messenger for the school board. He notes all school boards are now required by the Province to meet annually with each municipality and industry of the school district. Mr. Hayter proceeds by reading the appended report.

In response to questions from members of Council, Mr. Hayter replies:

- Hearst and Kapuskasing need to recognize that Passeport Jeunesse is the fastest growing school and that enrolment of all other schools is declining;
- Passeport Jeunesse needs space;
- A budget of \$18 million was approved for renovations of all schools in the district;
- He would like to talk with others to see what can be done, together;
- Smooth Rock Falls Grade 7 and 8 students now attend school in Kapuskasing, which boosted enrolments in that community;
- They wish to get input from all Councils of the district;
- The school boards need to prepare now in light of the probable upcoming mining operations in the area, which would bring more students;
- All high schools will get smudging rooms with special ventilation systems.

The Mayor thanks Mr. Hayter for his presentation.

Luc Lanoix, René Fontaine Municipal Airport Manager
Re : Need for infrastructure evaluation of the municipal airport

Mr. Lanoix thanks members of Council for allowing him to make this presentation. He explains the reason of his presentation is to convey the need for the Town to perform a thorough evaluation of the aging airport infrastructure. A documentation package of the presentation is appended herewith.

In response to questions from members of Council, Mr. Lanoix replies:

- We need to invest in the airport if we want to be competitive with other communities in the area;
- An evaluation done by consultants would cost approximately \$35,000;
- The Municipality actually invests \$5,000 per year in the upkeep of the landing strip;
- The fuel system has never been upgraded and the lighting system was last upgraded in 1994;
- A consultant would speak with stakeholders, Council and clients and would evaluate revenues and other possibilities;
- The Notre-Dame Hospital CT scan could create opportunities.

The Mayor thanks Mr. Lanoix for his presentation.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 401-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the December 12, 2017, be hereby filed.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 402-17

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 :

- of the Hearst Accessibility Committee dated October 10, 2017;
- of the Porcupine Health Unit dated October, 27 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 Mathieu Ouellette, Cody Lessard and Steve Richard as volunteer firefighters***

Resolution No. 403-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Mathieu Ouellette, Cody Lessard and Steve Richard, be hereby nominated volunteer firefighters of the Hearst Fire Department.

CARRIED

ii) ***Adoption of consolidated Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan***

Resolution No. 404-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 86-17, being a by-law to:

- approve and consolidate the Emergency Management Program together with the Emergency Response Plan;
- to appoint the Community Emergency Management Coordinator, and
- to establish the Emergency Management Program Committee and the Emergency Control Group,

be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

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

Nil

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

i) ***Funding application to NOHFC for Espace Hearst Place project***

Resolution No. 405-17

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

WHEREAS further to Resolutions no. 71-14 and 444-15, Municipal Council approved funding applications to FedNor and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for the *Espace Hearst Place* project,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby commits to a \$106,508 financial contribution towards the *Espace Hearst Place* project, representing the municipal share, being 10.4% of the project total costs totaling \$1,020,078, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby commits to cover any cost overruns in excess of the submitted project costs.

CARRIED

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Seconded by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

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BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby commits to an \$106,508 financial contribution towards the *Espace Hearst Place* project, representing the municipal share, being 10.4% of the project's revised total costs of \$1,020,078, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby commits to cover any cost overruns in excess of the budgeted project costs.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

Nil

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

i) Dissolution of Economic Development Corporation

Resolution No. 407-17

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

WHEREAS Council conducted an elaborate study on the Municipality's departmental structure and it has been deemed advisable to repatriate the economic development under the municipal structure's umbrella,
BE IT RESOLVED to dissolve the Hearst and Area Economic Development Corporation, effective December 31, 2017, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all capital monies of said Corporation be transferred to the Town of Hearst to be used for similar economic development purposes, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Economic Development Corporation be requested to provide a bill of sale of all their furniture assets and office supplies to the Town of Hearst in the amount of 1.00\$.

CARRIED

ii) Creation of an Economic Development Department

Resolution No. 408-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 87-17, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 11-96 regulating the constitution of the municipal working group and committees, to add an Economic Development Department, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Creation of Economic Development Committee and establishment of terms of reference

Resolution No. 409-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 88-17, being a by-law to create an Economic Development Committee for the Town of Hearst and area and to establish the terms and references of said committee, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Appointment of Hearst and Area Economic Development Committee members

Resolution No. 410-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed members of the Hearst and Area Economic Development Committee:

- Mayor, ex-officio
- Daniel Lemaire, municipal councillor
- Raymond Vermette, municipal councillor
- Luc Pépin, industry
- Mike Fournier, industry
- Ghislain Jacques, tourism
- Luc Bussières, education
- Jacques Doucet, health
- Pierre Richard, employment.

CARRIED

v) Adoption of 2018 Council meetings schedule

Resolution No. 411-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 89-17, being a by-law to adopt the schedule of meetings of Council and municipal committees for the year 2018, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vi) Revision of remuneration and fringe benefits program for non-union employees

Resolution No. 412-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 90-17, being a by-law to revise the remuneration and the fringe benefits program for non-union employees for fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vii) Support to Porcupine Health Unit's concerns on integration of public health

Resolution No. 413-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst hereby supports the Porcupine Health Unit Resolution No. R-2017-61, expressing its concerns on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Report of the Minister's Expert Panel on Public Health which proposes to integrate public health within a broader health care system, a change that would significantly harm the Porcupine Health Unit and residents of Northern Ontario.

CARRIED

viii) Participation of Mayor to Leaders' Luncheon in Thunder Bay

Resolution No. 414-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to attend the Leaders Luncheon with Derek Nighbor in Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

11. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Councillor André Rhéaume reiterates his pecuniary interest. He leaves Council Chambers and does not participate in the public meeting.

Resolution No. 415-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned and that the public meeting pertaining to a zoning amendment request, be hereby opened.

CARRIED

The report of the public meeting is appended herewith.

Resolution No. 416-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the public meeting to hear comments in favor or against a zoning by-law amendment request, be hereby adjourned, and that the regular meeting of Council resume.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 417-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the mediation report of the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board (Section 239 2) d) of the Municipal Act).

CARRIED

Resolution No. 418-17

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

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. 419-17

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on December 12, 2017 be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk