

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

Present:	Acting Mayor	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	André Rhéaume
	Councillor	Daniel Lemaire
	Councillor	Conrad Morin
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette

Absent:	Mayor	Roger Sigouin (Town business)
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Staff:	Clerk	Janine Lecours
	Director of Engineering Services	Luc Léonard (Operations W/G)
	Treasurer	Manon Higgins (Finance W/G)

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 7-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Acting Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 8-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillors Rhéaume and Morin declare a pecuniary interest in item 2 of the Planning Working Group, being related to the applicant.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 9-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 02-18, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 12, 2017 and of the special meeting held on January 11, 2018, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

7. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Jean-Marc St-Amour, Fire Chief and Jean-Michel Chabot, Fire Prevention Officer

Re: 2017 report of the Fire Department

Mr. St-Amour and Mr. Chabot present the 2017 Fire Department report to members of Council. A copy of the report is appended herewith.

The Acting Mayor thanks the all members of the Fire Department for their good work and Mr. St-Amour and Mr. Chabot for their presentation.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 10-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the January 23, 2018 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

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

Resolution No. 11-18

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 :

- the Healthy Community Alliance dated December 14, 2017;
- the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated September 21 and October 18, 2017;
- the Child Care Committee dated November 22, 2017;
- the Hearst Police Services Board November 30, 2017;
- the Accessibility Committee dated November 23, 2017;
- the Needs of the Elderly Committee dated December 7, 2017;
- the Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de santé dated November 30, 2017;
- the Hearst Power Distribution Corporation dated March 3 and 31, May 19, September 15 and November 2, 2017;
- the North Eastern Ontario Municipal Association dated December 8, 2017;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated November 15 and December 13, 2017;
- the Provincial Offences Act Board dated July 21, 2017;
- the Public Library Board dated November 16, 2017.

CARRIED

10. **REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

The written report is appended hereto.

11. **FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL**

a) **Report from the Operations Working Group**

i) **Set fines for infractions to the Solid Waste Management Policy**

Resolution No. 12-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 03-18, being a by-law to amend the Set Fines By-law No. 39-16 to establish set fines for infractions to the Solid Waste Management Policy, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) Agreement with CLFN for use of waste disposal site

Resolution No. 13-18

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

WHEREAS the Constance Lake First Nation waste disposal site is at its full capacity and its closure is scheduled for January 31, 2018, and
WHEREAS Council considers it appropriate to help out the community of Constance Lake to ensure this essential service to its residents,
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 04-18, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Constance Lake First Nation for the use of the waste disposal site for a period of two years, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Use of municipal land for Magie des Glace winter carnival

Resolution No. 14-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Magie des glaces be authorized to use and erect a community tent on the municipal land located south of Club Action and the Curling Club for the Magie des glaces winter carnival events to be held from February 16 to 18, 2018 and to conduct a smash up derby on said land on February 17th, subject to adequate public liability insurance coverage being secured for all of the activities and the Town being named as an insured party, and that adequate security measures be undertaken during the derby event, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that an exception be made to the Town of Hearst Alcohol Management Policy in order to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on municipal property during said activities.

CARRIED

iv) Agreement with MTO for winter maintenance of connecting link

Resolution No. 15-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 05-18, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for the 2017-2018 winter maintenance of the Connecting Link, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) *Renewal of Fire Chief services contract with Jean Marc St-Amour*

Resolution No. 16-18

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

WHEREAS the staff reorganization plan adopted by Municipal Council included the hiring of a Fire Chief on a contractual and part-time basis, and WHEREAS further to a review of work reports and an analysis of the Fire Chief job description, it was determined that a total of 12 hours of work is needed to accomplish the task,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 06-18, being a by-law to authorize the renewal of the Fire Chief Services Contract with Jean-Marc St-Amour for a period of two years, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vi) *Approval of the report of the Operations Working Group*

Resolution No. 17-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated January 16, 2018, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

b) *Report from the Planning Working Group*

i) *Refusal of offer to purchase former Foyer des pionner land*

Resolution No. 18-18

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

WHEREAS Groupe Taïga has offered to purchase part of a vacant municipally owned land commonly known as the former Foyer des Pionniers property located at 1317 Edward Street, identified as PIN 65039-0331 (LT), in order to erect a seniors residence, and

WHEREAS this Council deems it advisable that the Town conserve said land for the benefit of dedicating it for municipal or institutional uses or for the future development of the medical hub, and

WHEREAS a second option has been presented to Groupe Taïga, for which the group has shown interest,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council declines the offer to sell the property located at 1317 Edward Street, commonly known as the former Foyer des Pionniers land, to Group Taïga.

CARRIED

ii) Zoning amendment to allow dog kennel at 21 Cloutier Road South

Councillors Rhéaume and Morin reiterate their pecuniary interest, leave the room and do not participate in the deliberation and vote of this subject.

Resolution No. 19-18

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

WHEREAS Council received no public comment during its public meeting held on December 12, 2017, pertaining to a proposed dog kennel at 21 Cloutier Road South located in a Rural Residential Zone, except for the applicant, and WHEREAS there are no dog kennel services in the vast area of Cochrane to Wawa,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 07-18, being a by-law to amend Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04, to allow the construction and operation of a dog kennel at 21 Cloutier Road South, be hereby adopted, subject to the kennel being erected in the rear or side yard and that no noise nuisance is generated from said operation.

CARRIED

iii) Consent for urban residential lot on Prince Street

Resolution No. 20-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council has no objection to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent to an urban residential building lot on Prince Street as requested by Elsa Perman in consent application file no. C10/17, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board be hereby requested to impose a condition requiring 5% cash in lieu of parkland dedication on such consent.

CARRIED

iv) Consent for lot addition on Jolin Street

Resolution No. 21-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no objections to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent of a lot addition to an Industrial lot on Jolin Street, as requested by Joel Lebel on behalf of G. Morin Logging Ltd in consent application file No. C11/17.

CARRIED

v) Consent for residential lot at 421 Tremblay Street

Resolution No. 22-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council has no objection to the Hearst Planning Board giving consent to an urban residential lot for the existing dwelling located at 421 Tremblay Street, as requested by Pierre Delage on behalf of Expert Garage Limited in consent application file no. C12/17, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board be hereby requested to impose a condition requiring 5% cash in lieu of parkland dedication on such consent.

CARRIED

vi) Appointment of Jean-Michel Chabot as Deputy CBO

Resolution No. 23-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 08-18, being a by-law to appoint Jean-Michel Chabot as Deputy Chief Building Official, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vii) Adoption of the report of the Planning Working Group

Resolution No. 24-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated January 18, 2018 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group

i) Refusal of request to rent Johnson's Lake park for private event

Resolution No. 25-18

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

WHEREAS a citizen has requested to rent the Johnson's Lake park to conduct a private event, and

WHEREAS in order to protect the interests of local businesses and organizations who rent halls and not to hinder public access to Johnson's Lake, it is deemed preferable to refuse the rental of municipal properties for private activities, BE IT RESOLVED that the request to rent the Johnson's Lake park to Remi Picard, be hereby refused.

CARRIED

ii) Assistance of municipal staff to NEOAA school swimming competition

Resolution No. 26-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Aquatics and her assistant be hereby authorized to help out during the swimming competition of Northeastern Ontario secondary schools (NEOAA) on February 5, 2018, subject to the school covering the salaries totalling \$242.80.

CARRIED

iii) Adoption of the report of the Parks and Recreation Working Group

Resolution No. 27-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group dated January 17, 2018 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

i) Tax rebate for charities

Resolution No. 28-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 09-18, being a by-law to allow rebates to eligible charities for relief from taxes on eligible property they occupy, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) Interim tax levy by-law

Resolution No. 29-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 10-18, being a by-law providing an interim property tax levy for the 2018 fiscal year before the adoption of the final levy for the year, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Agreement with CDSSAB for financing of child care services

Resolution No. 30-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 11-18, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board for funding for the municipal day care, the private home child care, the special needs resources, and the parent resource centre services for the year 2018, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Commitment of financial contribution for establishment of medical practices

Resolution No. 31-18

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

WHEREAS the Municipality has, in the past, offered financial incentives of \$35,000 to doctors opening a medical practice in Hearst and deems it necessary to pursue said practice to ensure quality medical care to its taxpayers, and

WHEREAS the Notre-Dame Hospital and the Family Health Team will need to unite their efforts to recruit six to eight doctors within a short term in order to replace the medical practice of four doctors who will be retiring within the next two to four years, and

WHEREAS it had been agreed that contributions from the Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté will be combined to those of the Town of Hearst, thus reducing the financial burden on the Municipality,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council commits to contribute a financial incentive equivalent to \$35,000 to the six to eight doctors who will establish a medical practice for at least five years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an amount of \$35,000 be annually allocated to the municipal operations budget in order to lighten the tax burden for those

years where two or more doctors establish a practice in Hearst and this, for the next eight years.

CARRIED

v) *Guarantee of Hearst Wi-Fibe credit card at Caisse populaire*

Resolution No. 32-18

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

WHEREAS with the adoption of By-law No. 26-17, the Town of Hearst is the guarantor of Hearst Wi-Fibe's \$3 million line of credit at the Bank of Nova Scotia, and

WHEREAS Hearst Wi-Fibe has opted for a \$2.9 million line of credit at the Bank of Nova Scotia and a \$50,000 credit card at the Caisse populaire Alliance limitée – Succursale Hearst,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the signature of the necessary documents to guarantee Hearst Wi-Fibe's \$50,000 credit card at the Caisse populaire Alliance limitée – Succursale Hearst.

CARRIED

vi) *Agreement with MTO for financing of community bus*

Resolution No. 33-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 12-18, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a letter of understanding with the Ministry of Transportation for the Dedicated Gas Tax Funding for Public Transportation Program for use to offer the community transportation service for the Hearst community, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vii) *Participation to Rural Ontario Summit*

Resolution No. 34-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Director of Economic Development Services be hereby authorized to attend the 2018 Rural Ontario Summit in Newcastle on February 15, 2018.

CARRIED

viii) 2017 Council remuneration report

Resolution No. 35-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report of remuneration for fiscal year 2017 for members of Council totalling \$153,097.46, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

ix) Increase of Lifeline Service fees

Resolution No. 36-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 13-18, being a by-law to authorize the increase of the Lifeline user fee service for the years 2018 and 2019, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

x) 2018 summer student hiring program

Resolution No. 37-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2018 Summer Student Hiring Plan involving the hiring of 18 students at a total cost of \$157,400.00 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

xi) Contribution for Community Curling Club bonspiels

Resolution No. 38-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves a sponsorship of \$150 to the Hearst Community Curling Club for various curling bonspiels to be held during the 2018 season.

CARRIED

xii) Contribution to Magie des Glaces for winter carnival

Resolution No. 39-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a donation of \$1,000 to La Magie des Glaces for the 2018 winter carnival, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

xiii) List of cheques issued from general account

Resolution No. 40-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of cheques issued from the general fund namely cheques number 27365 to 27852 for a total of \$3,586,144.60 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

xiv) Adoption of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 41-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated January 18, 2018 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

i) Participation to DSBONE community consultation in Kapuskasing

Resolution No. 42-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to attend the District School Board Ontario Northeast's community consultation in Kapuskasing on February 6, 2018.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

i) NEOMA membership

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : NIL

WHEREAS it is important to maintain a relationship with the Northeastern municipalities, on an economical, political, francophone and geographical point of view, and

WHEREAS individuals change within the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA), but the institution's mandate remains the same,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst maintain its membership within NEOMA.

ii) Seats of volunteer members of municipal committees and boards

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

WHEREAS it is best for the Municipality to encourage the participation of all, and

WHEREAS it is also best to encourage equity in the municipal participation, BE IT RESOLVED that the term of directors and of members of municipal boards, commissions and committees terminate at the end of a term of Council, every four years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 50% of its members be composed of women, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that citizens be invited to participate within municipal corporations, boards, commissions and committees with the use of local and social media in the spring preceding the end of the terms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons eligible to sit at different seats be residents or ratepayers of the Town of Hearst or persons working with organizations or enterprises that are ratepayers of the Town of Hearst, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list of interested persons be submitted to members of Council one month before the assignment of positions, in order to allow members of Council to undertake recruitment, if necessary, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of Council be called to choose amongst the list of names of persons who have applied for the seat of director or member of said corporations.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 43-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on January 23, 2018 be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor

Clerk