

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 13, 2018 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

Absent:	Councillor	Conrad Morin (personal)
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Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

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

Resolution No. 75-18

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

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

**CARRIED**

### **2. OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

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

Resolution No. 76-18

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

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

a) Collection of waste and recycling at Notre Dame Hospital and Foyer des Pionniers (11. Functions of Council a) Public Works ii)).

**CARRIED**

### **4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

### **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

Resolution No. 77-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 19-18, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 20, 2018, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

Nil

**7. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 78-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the March 13, 2018 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

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

Resolution No. 79-18

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

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

- the Porcupine Health Unit dated December 1, 2017;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated January 17, 2018;
- the Waste Management Committee dated February 16, 2018;
- the Mobilization Committee dated February 16, 2018;
- the Public Library Board dated January 18, 2018;
- the Hearst Power Distribution Corporation dated January 12, 2018;
- the Community Transportation Association dated January 29, 2018;
- the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation dated April 5, May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 18, May 29, June 22, July 19, July 28, August 31, September 28, October 12, November 2, November 30 and December 6, 2017 and January 11 and 12, 2018.

**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 Public Works Working Group**

**i) Agreement with MNR for forest fire within town limits**

Resolution No. 80.18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 20-18, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources for the Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement for years 2018 to 2023, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Waste collection services for Notre-Dame Hospital and Foyer des Pionniers**

Resolution No. 81-18

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

WHEREAS despite Municipal By-law No. 87-16, which requires that establishments that are ineligible to receive recycling and garbage collection services make arrangements with the private sector for garbage collection, Notre Dame Hospital and Foyer des Pionniers were unable to locate a reasonably priced subcontractor for garbage collection services, and WHEREAS Council deems it advisable not to cause a financial burden to these two institutions that provide essential services to the community, BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts to make an exception to By-law No. 87-16 and authorizes the Municipality to offer waste collection services to Notre-Dame Hospital and Foyer des Pionniers, for the price of \$14,213.21 for year 2018, and in accordance to the rates established in Appendix 3 of the Municipal By-law, for all subsequent years.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) Purchase of part of Riverside Drive road allowance**

Resolution No. 82-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 21-18, being a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute documents necessary to transfer that part of the Riverside Drive road allowance, described as being part of Lot 22A of Concession 10, in the Township of Kendall, designated as Parts 2 and 5 on Registered Plan 6R-9026, in the Town of Hearst, from Denise Doyon and François Lemieux for the amount of two dollars, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Support request to Province, Re: Building Code**

Resolution No. 83-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Norwich in its request that the Province ensure that the intent of the legislation and regulations relative of the Ontario Building Code continues to be principally for the protection of the public and occupant health and safety of the population.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 84-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated March 6, 2018 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

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

Nil

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

i) **Revision to the community bus service agreement with Lacroix Bus Service, change to the age eligibility criteria to 65 years**

Resolution No. 85-18

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

WHEREAS pursuant to By-law No. 98-16, Council amended the contract with Lacroix Bus Service for the community bus, changing the eligibility criteria for users of said service, and

WHEREAS at its meeting held on January 29, 2018, the Community Transportation Association further amended the eligibility criteria by reducing the minimum age of users to 65 years,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 22-18, being a by-law to amend the agreement with Lacroix Bus Service pursuant to By-law 77-13 by changing the age of eligibility of the community bus service to 65 years, be hereby adopted.

AGAINST :

Councillor André Rhéaume

**CARRIED**

ii) **Payment of child care expenses for volunteer members sitting on municipal committees**

Resolution No. 86-18

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

WHEREAS the Municipality has, since 1993, a policy stipulating that volunteer members of municipal committees have free access to the services offered by the Childcare Center, to have their children looked after during committee meetings on which they sit, and

WHEREAS it is recommended to update said policy to include all child care expenses incurred,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality commits to pay the childcare expenses of volunteer members attending municipal committee meetings, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Child care expenses for children 11 years of age or younger only;
- b) Filing of a receipt for child care expenses incurred, up to a maximum of \$10 per hour;
- c) Expenses for the duration of the meeting only;
- d) Immediate family members are not eligible to receive payment for childcare, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resolution 603-93 be hereby repealed.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 87-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated March 7, 2018, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Attendance of mayor to dinner-meeting in Thunder Bay to discuss caribou matter**

Resolution No. 88-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to participate in a dinner-meeting with representatives of municipalities, the forest industry and First Nations to discuss the caribou matter, which will be held in Thunder Bay on March 20, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**v) Renewal of Robert Proulx's appointment as Director of the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation**

Resolution No. 89-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby renews the appointment of Robert Proulx as Director of the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation, for a term ending March 30, 2021.

AGAINST :  
Councillor André Rhéaume  
**CARRIED**

**f) Report from the Economic Development Working Group**

**i) Rental rates for meeting rooms at the Inovo Center and the Heritage Sawmill MarketPlace**

Resolution No. 90-18

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

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to revise the rental rates for the various meeting rooms available for rental at the Inovo Center and at the Heritage Sawmill MarketPlace,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 23-18, being a by-law establishing the rental rates for the Inovo Center video conference room and the main hall of the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace, as follows:

- a) \$60 per hour;
  - b) \$170 per half day;
  - c) \$275 per day,
- be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Adoption of the 2018 Economic Development Action Plan**

Resolution No. 91-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Action Plan for 2018 presented by the Hearst and Area Economic Development Committee, a copy being appended to this resolution, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Town of Hearst bid to host the 2019 NOCA provincial curling championship**

Resolution No. 92-18

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

WHEREAS in recent years, the Hearst community has manifested a leadership role in the social, recreational, cultural and tourism sectors by the development of key feature projects, namely the Hearst Heritage Sawmill Marketplace, the Hearst Green Business Technology Centre, the Club Action, the Curling Club and the Place des arts, as well as major renovations to the Claude Larose Recreation Centre, and

WHEREAS these modern facilities were attentively designed to support the needs and the taste of the community for services and activities in the social, recreational, cultural and tourism fields, were tailored as attractions for tourists and are perfectly suited to host sporting events, and

WHEREAS curling has been identified as a sport which holds strong potential for a positive return on investment in the Hearst Sport Tourism Strategy,

BE IT RESOLVED that in light of such elaborate attributes, the Town of Hearst hereby offers to host the 2019 NOCA men's and women's provincial curling championship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Town of Hearst is selected to host the 2019 championship event, it be understood that the Municipality commits to financially endorse said event.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Adoption of the report of the Economic Development Working Group**

Resolution No. 93-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Economic Development Working Group dated March 8, 2018, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**i) Hearst centenary book project**

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

WHEREAS further to the Letter to the Editor published in Le Nord newspaper on March 1st, it is obvious that the feasibility study for the publication of the historical book of the Town of Hearst could have been undertaken locally,  
BE IT RESOLVED that once the feasibility study is completed, the *Université de Hearst* and *Librairie Le Nord* be involved in the Hearst centenary book project.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

**14. CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution No. 94-18

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

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

- a) Public Library Human Resources – (Section 239 2) b));
- b) Collin Road (Section 239 2) e)).

**CARRIED**

Resolution No. 95-18

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette  
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. 96-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on March 13, 2018 be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk