

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 20, 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	Conrad Morin
	Councillor	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette

Staff:	CAO	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 64-18

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

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. 65-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 66-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 16-18, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 6, 2018, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 67-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the February 20, 2018 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 68-18

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

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

- Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated February 2 and 8, 2018;
- the Needs of the Elderly Committee dated January 18, 2018;
- the Waste Management Committee dated February 7, 2018.

CARRIED

9. 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.

10. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) Set fines for No Stopping and Recreation Centre No Parking infractions

Resolution No. 69-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 17-18, being a by-law to amend the Set Fines By-law No. 39-16 to establish set fines for the following infractions:

- a) \$50 for disobeying a No Stopping Sign;
 - b) \$15 for disobeying a No Parking sign, in the users designated parking spaces west of the Claude Larose Recreation Centre,
- be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

Nil

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

i) ***Discontinuation of invitation of members of parliament to annual Municipal Volunteer Awards Night***

Resolution No. 70-18

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

WHEREAS further to Resolution No. 312-13, Council officially invites the provincial and federal members of parliament to participate in the annual Volunteers Award Night and to present their respective certificates of recognition, and WHEREAS Council deems it important that the Volunteer Awards Night be independent and distinct to the Municipality,

BE IT RESOLVED that the invitation to provincial and federal members of parliament to present certificates of recognition at the annual Town of Hearst Volunteer Awards Night be hereby discontinued.

AGAINST:

Councillor Rhéaume

CARRIED

i) ***Renewal of Snack Bar lease with Réjeanne Blanchette***

Resolution No. 71-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 18-18, being a by-law to authorize the renewal of the agreement with Réjeanne Blanchette for the Snack Bar lease at the Claude Larose Recreation Centre for a two-year period, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) ***Adoption of the report of the Parks and Recreation Working Group***

Resolution No. 72-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group dated February 14, 2018, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

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

i) ***Amendment to the financial incentive for recruitment of doctors***

Resolution No. 73-18

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

WHEREAS that in its resolution no. 31-18 adopted on January 23, 2018, Municipal Council has pledged a commitment of \$ 35,000 to any new physician deciding to establish a medical practice in Hearst for a minimum of five (5) years, and WHEREAS in order to be able to offer the same financial incentive as Notre-Dame Hospital, it is preferable to add the guarantee of a loan of \$ 25,000 at a local financial institution, including interest payment and loan insurance, for a term of five (5) years,

BE IT RESOLVED to add a loan guarantee of \$ 25,000 to a local financial institution, plus the payment of interest and insurance expenses to the financial incentive offered to any new physician deciding to establish a medical practice in Hearst.

CARRIED

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

Nil

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by: NIL

WHEREAS it is in the best interest to encourage the participation of all in the municipal process,

BE IT RESOLVED that the term of directors and members of municipal boards, corporations and committees terminate at the end of each term of Council, every four years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that citizens be invited to participate in the composition of corporations, boards and committees in the spring prior to the end of the four-year term, by promoting seats in local and social media.

12. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Marylène Tremblay-Comeau, Recruitment Coordinator, Notre-Dame Hospital
Re: presentation of the 2017 recruitment report**

Mrs. Tremblay-Comeau presents her report, a copy which is appended hereto.

In response to questions from members of Council, Mrs. Tremblay-Comeau responds as follows:

- The greatest challenge is the retention;
- College Boréal has made cutbacks in the nursing program in response to the decrease of students and smaller centres like Hearst are the ones suffering from the consequences;
- The implication of municipalities would certainly help in political efforts for the reinstatement of nursing programs in the area;
- We must prepare in anticipation of the retirement of several doctors;
- The hospital is still trying to recruit a general surgeon;
- Incentives are offered to nursing students, including nursing practitioners, not only for doctors;
- Young doctors are now also looking at the social aspect of what a community has to offer;
- Approximately 30 students graduate each year in the North Bay/Sudbury nursing programs, versus 40 to 50 in past years;
- A partnership with Hôpital Montfort is a great idea but psychiatrists need to be on board.

The Mayor thanks Mrs. Tremblay-Comeau for her presentation and congratulates the team for their hard work.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 75-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on February 20, 2018
be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk