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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 6, 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. 44-18

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

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. 45-18

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire  
Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved with the addition of the following subject:

- a) Clarification by Councillor Rhéaume pertaining to remarks made pertaining to the Hearst Wi-FiBe directors' salary (6. Presentation).

**CARRIED**

### **4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

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

Resolution No. 46-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 14-18, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 23, 2018, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

Councillor Rhéaume notes that further to the Council Breakfast held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, in which it was said that members of the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation are not paid \$2,000 per year, he wants to make clarifications. He mentions having confirmed with the Hearst Wi-Fibe Corporation General Manager that indeed, the remuneration of members for 2017 had not reached \$2,000, but that the board had only been created in the spring. The remuneration for the 2018 year will indeed reach at least \$2,000 for each member.

**7. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 47-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the February 6, 2018 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 48-18

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

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

- the Community Mobilization Committee dated November 29, 2017;
- the Public Library Board dated December 18, 2017;

- the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated November 16, 2017;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated December 1, 2017;
- the Hearst Planning Board dated October 25, 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**

**i) Nomination of Paul Sabourin volunteer firefighter**

Resolution No. 49-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Paul Sabourin be appointed volunteer firefighter of the Town of Hearst Fire Department.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

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

Nil

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

i) **2018 water and sewer rates**

Resolution No. 50-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 15-18, being a by-law to adopt:

- a) the 2018 potable water budget, providing for revenues of \$1,065,800 and expenditures of \$1,166,945 and setting the water service charges and the water consumption rates with an increase of 8% over the rates in effect for 2017, and
- b) the 2018 waste water budget providing for revenues of \$770,770 and expenditures of \$686,165 and to set the sewer surcharge rate over the potable water charges at 76.7%, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

ii) **Approval of the report of the Finance Working Group**

Resolution No. 51-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated February 1st, 2018, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

i) **Child Care Centre name change to Centre Éducatôt Hub**

Resolution No. 52-18

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

WHEREAS further to the change of provincial vision for the early years services in Ontario, the Hearst Child Care Centre direction seized the opportunity to change the name and logo of said Centre in order to better reflect the range of services offered,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby adopts a new name for the building commonly known as Hearst Child Care Centre to Centre Éducatôt Hub, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new logo for the Centre Éducatôt Hub, be hereby adopted, a copy of said logo being appended to this resolution.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Request for municipal representation on the national endangered areas advisory committee**

Resolution No. 53-18

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

WHEREAS the federal government has established a national advisory group that will make recommendations that take into account a broad range of perspectives based on the best science and traditional knowledge that governments, non-governmental organizations and Canadians could collectively achieve Canada's goal through a coordinated network of protected areas and conservation areas, and

WHEREAS that the advisory group, while largely composed of representatives from environmental groups, government officials and the economic sector, include no representatives from the municipal sector, and

WHEREAS that the Ontario government recently announced the establishment of a multi-stakeholder panel, including rural and northern communities, non-environmentalist scientists, practitioners and sector,

BE IT RESOLVED to ask the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and responsible for Parks Canada Agency to follow the Government of Ontario's initiative and designate a representative of the Alliance Forêt Boréale on the National Advisory Group, so that the concerns of the Quebec municipalities, which reflect the concerns of the Northern Ontario municipalities, are heard.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Submission of comments on the regulation proposal notice pertaining to the Endangered Species Act**

Resolution No. 54-18

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Hearst and many other small rural communities in Ontario depend on the forest industry as the main source of employment and economy; and

WHEREAS, a socio-economic study completed and verified by the Government of Ontario concluded that the proposed Species at Risk (SAR) policy direction, if passed, will result in numerous mill closures and therefore thousands of job losses across Northern Ontario, which will seriously impact the future and well-being of many communities, and

WHEREAS, climate change has not been considered in the proposed SAR policy direction where other wildlife such as moose could be harmed in the process, and

WHEREAS, Ontario's Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) already provides balanced and sustainable forest management including all species at risk regulation from the federal and provincial governments and Hearst Council

does not see the need for an additional and potentially conflicting legislation to protect a limited number of species, and  
WHEREAS, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposed a two-year extension under section 55 of the SAR Act whereas small rural communities in Ontario dependent on the forest industry have collectively requested for a five-year extension to provide stability to the industry and to ensure that the impact of the policies can be clearly defined and effective solutions developed, and  
WHEREAS, Hearst Council truly believes in a collaborative approach where Practitioners, First Nations, nonpartisan scientific community and municipalities are willing to work together to ensure the development of a logical and effective policy, and  
BE IT RESOLVED that the two-year extension proposed by the government provides no certainty for the forest industry and Council reiterates its request for a five-year extension to ensure the independent panel is able to identify the impacts the climate change will have on the endangered species habitat, the cumulative impact of all Endangered Species Act (ESA) policies will have on communities and to ensure a socio-economic analysis be undertaken for all ESA policies, and  
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario establish an independent panel that includes members of our community or communities such as ours, who understand the direct impact of this policy, but also have an appreciation for the need for resource protection which will result in the most effective and practical policy development and implementation; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED although the deadline to submit comments to the environmental registry is March 5th, Council requests the Province to make its final decision before March 30th.

**CARRIED**

**iv) *Discontinuation of the NEOMA membership***

Resolution No. 55-18

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

WHEREAS Municipal Council considers the efforts made by the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA) are the same as those of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and  
WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to cancel the Town of Hearst's membership with the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA), and  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby cancels its membership to the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association.

**AGAINST:**  
Councillor Rhéaume  
**CARRIED**

**v) Approval of the report of the Policy Working Group**

Resolution No. 56-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated January 30, 2018 be hereby adopted and that items 3 and 4 be removed from work in progress.

**CARRIED**

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

**a) Budgetary allocation for historical book feasibility study**

Resolution No. 57-18

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

WHEREAS there are no complete books on the history of Hearst pioneers, and WHEREAS the Town will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2022, BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes a \$5,000 budget allocation to undertake a feasibility study on the undertaking of a Hearst pioneer writing project by the Franco-Ontarian historian Serge Dupuis.

**CARRIED**

**b) Approval of the report of the Economic Development Working Group**

Resolution No. 58-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Economic Development Working Group dated January 30, 2018 be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 12. NOTICE OF MOTION

### i) **Municipal committee, board and corporation seats**

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.

Resolution no. 59-18

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by: Councillor Claude Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that the notice motion presented by Councillor Rhéaume be  
amended as follows :

a) Amend the second Be it resolved, to read:

“BE IT RESOLVED that Municipal Council aim to reach a 50% female  
composition, and”;

b) Add a new paragraph to read:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that women who submit their candidacy for these  
seats be automatically chosen until the 50% goal is reached, and”.

**CARRIED**



## **VOTE ON AMENDED NOTICE OF MOTION**

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : NIL

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or member of said corporations.

### **13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

### **14. CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution No. 61-18

Proposed by : Councillor Conrad Morin

Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss human resources  
(Section 239 2) d) of the Municipal Act.

**CARRIED**

Resolution No. 62-18

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

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. 63-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on February 6, 2018 be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk