



# SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026

## POLICY

- Adoption of new Council Committees By-law and dissolution of the Hearst Heritage Committee and the Heritage Sawmill Exhibit Committee.
- Amendment to the agreement with Lacroix Bus Service to reduce the age of eligibility for community bus services to 60 years.
- Adoption of by-law to authorize the use of French language in notices, forms and other election information, as provided for in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
- Support to MPP Bourgoin's Bill, the *Making Northern Ontario Highways Safer Act, 2026*, which proposes amendments to the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act* with respect to winter maintenance standards for northern Ontario roads, including the reclassification of Highways 11 & 17 as Class 1 highways, requiring snow removal within eight hours of the end of a snowfall.
- Support to the Municipality of Wawa's resolution calling on the Province and the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within northern Ontario, including maintaining the LifeLabs laboratory in Greater Sudbury.



## FINANCES

- Adoption of the 2024 Asset Management Plan for the Town of Hearst prepared by psdcitywide and municipal employees, and Council's commitment to take into consideration the strategies proposed for the Municipality.
- Approval of Council members' remuneration report for fiscal year 2025, totalling \$213,836.20.
- Renewal of the software agreement with Amilia for the management of municipal rentals and recreational programming, for a period of three years.
- Authorization granted to the Nord-Aski Family Health Team for the free use of the community pavilion for its Mental Health Awareness Week activities, which will take place on May 9, 2026.
- Authorization granted to the Hearst Community Living for the free use of the community pavilion for its Community Appreciation Day, which will take place on June 25, 2026.





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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The Meeting Forum with funding partners designated as a priority commitment in the 2026 budget, for an amount of \$1,500.



## PLANNING

- Deferral of any amendments relating to the ground-floor residential use of properties in the Downtown CI Zone until the review of the Official Plan of the Hearst Planning Area in 2027, which will allow for a comprehensive assessment of all commercial and residential policies in the downtown sector within a broader planning context.
- Retention of the lands within the Hallé Street subdivision in municipal ownership, following the transfer of a parcel to Université de Hearst, in order to preserve the potential for future municipal-led or partnership-based affordable housing initiatives.
- Hiring of the firm Solution Incendie Inc. designated as a priority commitment in the 2026 budget, for an amount of \$12,000, for the training of pump operators and level 1 officers, as required by Ontario Regulation 343/22.

## OPERATIONS

- Approval of the Hearst Drinking Water System 2025 Annual Compliance and Summary Report prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

