



# SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2026

## POLICY

- Adoption of new Urban Chickens By-law, which regulates the keeping of hens within urban residential areas of the town of Hearst.
- Establishment of set fines for infractions to the new Urban Chickens By-law.
- Amendment to the Animal Care and Control By-law in order to update the definition of livestock for the purpose of allowing hens within urban areas under the new by-law.
- Amendment to the Delegation of Powers By-law in order to delegate to the Director of By-law Department the authority to issue permits for urban hens
- Support to MP Gaétan Malette's Motion M-26, calling upon the Government of Canada to designate Highway 11 as a Project of National Interest under the Building Canada Act, and requesting the establishment of a coordinated strategy to improve the safety, reliability, and long-term capacity of this vital transportation corridor.
- Support to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' resolution calling upon the Province to urgently accelerate the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force Final Report aimed at improving safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario's transportation network.

## PLANNING

- No objection to the Hearst Planning Board granting consent to the proposed lot addition requested by Lise Joanis, as set out in Hearst Planning Board Application File No. C02-26, which would consolidate the abutting residential parcels located at 705 and 707 George Street into a single parcel.

## FINANCE

- Adoption of a Standby Duty Policy for non-union employees of the Town of Hearst who do not hold management positions.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Authorization granted to the Economic Development Department to act as interim coordinator of the 2026 Canada Day celebrations by engaging prospective community partners to deliver specific components of the festivities, ensuring that activities align with available resources and timelines, and preparing a detailed event budget for Council consideration.

