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FINANCE

- Establishment of tax ratios and taxation rates for the year 2026, providing for an increase of 3.0 %.
- Signature of an agreement with PSD Citywide Inc. for the preparation and delivery of Phase 3 of the Town of Hearst Asset Management Plan, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 588/17, at a cost of $35,100 plus HST, including the preparation of a Council engagement survey.
- Monetary contribution of $1,200 to the *Club des enfants du quartier* to cover the costs of snow removal of the outdoor skating rink on West Street, to be disbursed until the end of the lease agreement in 2031.
- Signature of a new financial incentive agreement with Dr. Mansour Vafi for the provision of optometry services in the town of Hearst, subject to a five-year commitment period commencing on October 16, 2023, being the date on which Dr. Vafi began practicing in Hearst.
- Denial of the Constance Lake Education Authority for the Mamawmatawa Holistic Education Centre's bursary and awards program.
- Ratification of the 2026 budget of the Hearst Public Library including operating revenues and expenses totaling $344,400, and no capital budget.
- Ratification of the 2026 budget of the Hearst Connect Corporation, projecting revenues of $3,311,559 and expenditures of $2,406,572 before amortization and taxes, as well as capital projects valued at $90,000.
- Ratification of the 2026 budget of the Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited, projecting revenues of $11,430,353 and expenditures of $11,319,439, as well as capital projects valued at $579,675.
- Ratification of the 2026 budget of the Hearst Power Sales and Services Company Limited, projecting revenues of $155,000 and expenditures of $149,000.
- Ratification of the 2026 budget of the Centre-ville Hearst Downtown and establishment of the Business Improvement Area tax levy for the year 2026.

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OPERATIONS

- Approval of the 2025 Annual Operating Report for the Hearst Sewage Treatment Lagoon, prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency.
- Approval of the 2025 Annual Operating Report for the Cécile Trailer Park Sewage Treatment Lagoon, prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

POLICY

- Denial of the Hearst Golf Club's request for a donation of two stop signs.
- Delegation of certain powers to the Chief Administrative Officer during any lame duck period of the 2026 election year, said delegation being limited to the actions listed in Section 275(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001.
- Assignment of municipal staff to provide the administrative and operational support required by the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association during Mayor Sigouin's term as president.
- Support to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' resolution calling upon the Governments of Canada and Ontario to ensure that housing-enabling infrastructure programs are applied equitably across all regions, including municipalities that do not levy development charges.

PARKS AND RECREATION

- Signature of an agreement with LiveBarn Inc. for the installation of an automated online streaming service at the Claude Larose Recreation Centre.