SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



FINANCE

- Rebate of municipal and school taxes in the amount of $1,080.72 under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act.
- Council directed municipal staff to examine the possibility of implementing a financial incentive program comparable to that currently offered to healthcare professionals, to facilitate the recruitment of a veterinarian in Hearst.
- Free rental of the municipal space occupied by Dépôt Gamelin at the Claude Larose Recreation Centre for an additional period of five years.
- Renewal of the snow removal service agreement with Les Entreprises Forma-Jeunes Inc. for a period of five years.



PARKS AND RECREATION

- Free use of the storage space located in the basement of the Claude Larose Recreation Centre by the Hearst Minor Hockey Association, for the 2026-27 season.
- Free use of the storage space located in the basement of the Claude Larose Recreation Centre by the Hearst Figure Skating Club and of La Limite Hall during the club's competitions, for the 2026-27 season.

PUBLIC MEETING

- Public meeting pertaining to a request for tax rebates.



POLICY

- Adoption of the Town of Hearst's new Accountability and Transparency Policy.
- Appointment of Stéphane Lapointe (Hearst), Linda Semczyszyn (Kapuskasing) and Chantal Chabot (Mattice), members of the 2026 Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee.
- Support to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution, calling upon the Government of Ontario to enable municipalities to retain the 1.76% non-refundable portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) and reinvest these dollars in local infrastructure.

PLANNING

- Renewal of the agreement with Les Médias de l'épinette noire Inc. for the broadcast of live audio communications during emergencies or disruptions of essential services.
- Due to the absence of several members of Council, deferral of the consideration of the request from Université de Hearst regarding the donation of municipal land.

