

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 10, 2015 at 18:00 hrs 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	Monique Lafrance
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

Public:	CINN	Francis Bouchard
	Le Nord	Louis Corbeil

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 87-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor recited the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 88-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby waives the rules of procedures to add to the agenda the following subjects:

- a) Activities report of the Economic Development Corporation (6. Delegations and Presentations);
- b) Candidates for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (closed meeting);
- c) Administrative issue concerning a member of personnel (closed meeting).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Gagnon declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 of the Finance Working Group pertaining to the Salon du livre, being related to one of the event's organizers.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 89-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 20-15, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 17, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 90-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the March 10, 2015 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 91-15

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

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

- the Hearst Planning Board dated January 21, 2015;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated December 12, 2014;
- the Hearst Power Distribution Corporation dated February 19, 2015;
- the Notre-Dame Hospital Administration Board dated January 22, 2015;
- the Ami-e-s de la francophonie dated March 4, 2015;
- the Accessibility Committee dated January 22, 2015.

CARRIED

8. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer briefed members of Council on the various municipal ongoing projects. The written report is annexed hereto.

9. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) Approval of OCWA's 2014 water compliance report

Resolution No. 92-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that 2014 Annual Compliance and Summary reports, as required under Ontario's Drinking Water Systems Regulation, under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, as prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

ii) Replacement of the Hearst boundary signs at town entrances

Resolution No. 93-15

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

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has advised that the boundary signs for the Town of Hearst are in need of replacement, and
WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation offers the possibility to choose enhanced boundary signs that may include a logo and/or a slogan, at the Town's expense,

BE IT RESOLVED that Municipal Council hereby approves Option 2 of the enhanced bilingual boundary sign containing the Town's population and municipal slogan, to be installed at the East and West boundaries on Highway 11 and North and South boundaries on Highway 583.

CARRIED

iii) Designation of unopened road allowances and summer roads

Resolution No. 94-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 21-15, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 16-05, the Minimum Road Maintenance By-law, in order to designate Summer Road and Unopened Road Allowances, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Approval of the report of the Operations Working Group

Resolution No. 95-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated March 4, 2015 be hereby adopted and that item 1 be removed from work in progress.

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) **Approval of the 2013 financial statements of Hearst Power Distribution Corporation**

Resolution No. 96-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the financial statements of Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited for the year ended on December 31st, 2013, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

The Finance Working Group report was interrupted at 7:00 p.m. to hear the presentation and to hold the public meeting.

10. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Sylvie Fontaine, Economic Development Corporation General Manager

Re: Report of activities of the Corporation

Mrs. Fontaine reported on the Corporation's activities (a copy of the report is annexed hereto).

11. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Resolution No. 97-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned and that the public meeting pertaining to the proposed increase of building permit fees, be hereby opened.

CARRIED

The report of the public meeting is annexed hereto.

Resolution No. 98-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the public meeting to hear comments in favor or against the proposed increase of building permit fees be adjourned, and that the regular meeting of Council resume.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 99-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 14-15, being a by-law to increase fees charged for processing and administering building permits and to modify certain classes of permits pursuant to the 2012 Building Code, be hereby passed in third reading.

CARRIED

...Finance Working Group report continued

ii) Agreement with OMAFRA for funding of the Ninth Street Reconstruction Project

Resolution No. 100-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 22-15, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for funding under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund for the Ninth Street Reconstruction Project, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Extension Agreement with OMAFRA for the Highway 11 East Water Supply Project

Resolution No. 101-15

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

WHEREAS on March 6, 2014, the Town of Hearst entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for funding under the Small Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund – Capital Program, for the Highway 11 East Water Supply Project, and
WHEREAS the project completion date could not be met due to unforeseen circumstances,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 23-15, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an amending agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to extend the project completion date to October 15, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iv) Annual contribution to Salon du livre de Hearst

Councillor Gagnon reiterated his pecuniary interest, left Council Chambers and did not participate in discussions and vote of this subject.

Resolution No. 102-15

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

WHEREAS further to Resolution No. 540-14, Council had approved a financial contribution of \$2,000 for the Salon du livre 2015, and
WHEREAS further to a presentation to Council by Salon du livre organizers, members of Council recognize the event's scope and its benefits to the community, its citizens and social organizations,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby commits to a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 per year to the Salon du livre, starting in 2015.

AGAINST :
Councillor Morin
CARRIED

v) ***Increase of fee charged for copies of Engineering Department plans and blueprints***

Resolution No. 103-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 24-15, being a by-law to increase fees to be charged for photocopies and scanned copies of engineering plans and blueprints, be hereby adopted in first and second reading.

CARRIED

vi) ***List of cheques issued from general account***

Resolution No. 104-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of cheques issued from the general fund namely cheques number 18830 to 190494 for a total of \$1,979,654.79, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

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

Resolution No. 105-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated March 5, 2015, be hereby adopted and that item 1 be removed from work in progress.

CARRIED

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

Nil

12. ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS***

Nil

13. ***NOTICE OF MOTION***

Resolution No. 106-15

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

WHEREAS approximately 50% of the Porcupine Health Unit board members come from communities outside of Timmins, and
WHEREAS only the Hearst representative on the Health Unit, André Rhéaume, has signified his community's intention to invite the Health Unit to hold a board meeting outside of Timmins,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hearst Municipal Council invites the Porcupine Health Unit to hold a board meeting per year outside of Timmins, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this first meeting outside of Timmins be held in Hearst.

CARRIED

14. CAUCUS

Resolution No. 107-15

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette
Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting to discuss the following items:

- a) Extension of contract for waste collection;
- b) Candidates for the position of Chief Administrative Officer;
- c) Administrative issue concerning a member of personnel.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 108-15

Proposed by : Councillor Claude Gagnon
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

Extension of garbage collection contract with RDL (Raymond Belanger)

Resolution No. 109-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 25-15, being a by-law to authorize the extension of the garbage collection contract with R.D.L. (Raymond Bélanger) for a period of one (1) year, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 110-15

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume
Seconded by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on March 10, 2015 be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk