

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 21, 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

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 154-15

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

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. 155-15

Proposed by : Councilor Conrad Morin
Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

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

- a) Designation of Student By-law Officer – Public Works 11. a) iii);
- b) Request for support against Greenpeace campaign against Rite Aid – Politiques 11. e) iv);
- c) Make Way for Youth Event – Discovery Days May 8 and 9, 2015 – Policy 11. e) v).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

Resolution No. 156-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 35-15, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 31, 2015 and of the special meeting held on April 7, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. **HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

Nil

7. **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).

Julie Culverhouse, Business Development Manager, Ontario Clear Water Agency

Re: *presentation on drinking water responsibilities*

Mrs. Culverhouse explained that the purpose of this short presentation was to inform members of Council on their responsibilities concerning the potable water for the Town of Hearst.

Mrs. Culverhouse started by mentioning that OCWA is the biggest operator in Canada, has five intervention teams for emergency situations, is a non-profit agency and receives no funding from the Province. OCWA's role is to ensure all water and waste water treatment are executed in conformity with the Provincial regulations.

She went on to present the Hearst team serving the territory from Hearst to Val Rita and stressed that all were essential services employees, which means that in case of a strike, the Hearst service would not be affected.

She reported that two-thirds of OCWA's 200 municipal clients have a rating of 100% in water quality, Hearst's rating being 93.16%.

Mrs. Culverhouse explained that as the owner of a municipal drinking water system, the Town, thereby its Council members, is responsible of its operation. Members of Council must ensure they are kept up to date with the water system by:

- reading the water reports,
- adopting the annual reports; and
- hearing presentations from its operators on the on-going issues.

The Municipality must demonstrate due diligence over the operations of its water system. Said diligence is achieved by having a contract with an operator, being in possession of a water licence and adopting a financial plan. On the administrative side, the Municipality must approve annual reports, participate in the operations of the water system, be informed, and make decisions.

Finally, Mrs. Culverhouse enumerated suggestions of what can be done to achieve the Province's requirements of conformity:

- Know the legislation (Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002);
- Visit and learn about the water treatment plant;
- Know your responsibilities;
- Know the Guide for Members of Council (Taking Care of Your Drinking Water);
- Know the OCWA personnel;
- Comprehend each members' /employee's role (who does what);
- Know the procedures (emergency preparedness);
- Be informed;
- Ask questions;
- Obtain answers.

The Mayor thanked Mrs. Culverhouse for her presentation and informed her that a visit of the water treatment plant will be scheduled in the near future.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 157-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the April 21, 2015 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 158-15

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume
Seconded by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

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

- the Child Care Committee dated February 4, 2015;
- the Notre-Dame Hospital Administration Board dated March 12, 2015;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated January 23, 2015;
- the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated February 19, 2015;
- the Needs of the Elderly Committee dated April 2, 2015;
- the Sports Tourism Committee dated April 14, 2015.

CARRIED

10. 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.

11. **FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL**

a) **Report from the Operations Working Group**

i) **OCWA 2014 report of the Hearst Sewage Treatment Lagoon**

Resolution No. 159-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2014 Annual Operating Report for the Hearst Sewage Treatment Lagoon prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

ii) **OCWA 2014 report of the Cécile Trailer Park Sewage Treatment Lagoon**

Resolution No. 160-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2014 Annual Operating Report for the Cécile Trailer Park Sewage Treatment Lagoon prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iii) **True Grit 2013-2014 report of the Hearst Waste Disposal Site water quality**

Resolution No. 161-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2013-2014 report for the water quality at the Town of Hearst Waste Disposal Site, as prepared by True Grit Consulting, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

iv) **Handicap parking space at municipal airport and at public library**

Resolution No. 162-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 36-15, being a by-law to amend Schedule B-1 of Traffic By-law No. 17-81 in order to cancel parking spaces for handicapped persons on Prince Street and on George Street and the designated parking space for the medical van of Constance Lake on 9th Street and to designate two new parking spaces for handicapped persons at the Rene Fontaine Municipal Airport and in the Public Library parking lot, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) **Approval of the report of the Operations Working Group**

Resolution No. 163-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated April 16, 2015 be hereby adopted and that items 1, 4 and 6 be removed from work in progress.

CARRIED

vi) **Appointment of Kayla Laurin Student By-law Enforcement Officer**

Resolution No. 164-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 37-15, being a by-law to provide for the appointment of Kayla Laurin as Student By-law Enforcement Officer for the period starting on May 4, 2015 and ending on August 15, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

b) **Report from the Planning Working Group**

i) **Request for a zoning amendment to permit a retail business at 715 Prince Street**

Resolution No. 165-15

Proposed by : Councilor Daniel Lemaire
Seconded by : Councillor Conrad Morin

WHEREAS Renée Charette Daigle on behalf of Jonathan Daigle has requested that an amendment be made to By-law No. 65-04, being the Hearst Zoning By-law, to permit a retail store selling natural and handcrafted soaps to operate in the dwelling located at 715 Prince Street, within a designated Urban Residential District and Third Density Residential (R3) Zone, and

WHEREAS the development policies of Section 6.5.3.1 of the Official Plan of the Hearst Planning Area specify that the predominant land use within such District shall be for a variety of dwelling types, as well as ancillary uses such as churches, schools and neighbourhood convenience stores, which complement and serve the day-to-day needs of the residential neighbourhood, and WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the community to support and sustain the Centre-Ville Hearst Downtown as the primary focus for commerce, personal services and retail business within the Town of Hearst,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby denies the request of Renée Charette Daigle on behalf of Jonathan Daigle to amend the zoning by-law for such aforementioned purpose, as the operation of a retail business in this residential zone would be contrary to established planning policies.

AGAINST:

Councillor Rhéaume
Councillor Morin
Councillor Proulx
Councillor Gagnon
Councillor Vermette

DEFEATED

Resolution No. 166-15

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

WHEREAS Renée Charette Daigle on behalf of Jonathan Daigle has requested that an amendment be made to By-law No. 65-04, being the Hearst Zoning By-law, to permit a retail store selling natural and handcrafted soaps to operate in the dwelling located at 715 Prince Street, within a designated Urban Residential District and Third Density Residential (R3) Zone,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be hereby authorized and directed to give public notice of a proposed amendment to the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04, to permit a retail store selling natural and handcrafted soaps to operate in the dwelling located at 715 Prince Street.

AGAINST :
Councillor Lemaire

CARRIED

c) **Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group**

Nil

d) **Report from the Finance Working Group**

i) **Undertaking of the LED Streetlight Project**

Resolution No. 167-15

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

WHEREAS the \$108,112 incentive from the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) for the replacement of street lights under the LED Streetlight Project will only be available in the year 2015, and

WHEREAS by undertaking the replacement of streetlights to LED lights, the Municipality will save substantial sums of money with the reduced consumption of electricity,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the undertaking of the LED Streetlight Project in 2015, at the total cost of \$586,960, to be financed from the General Surplus and to be refunded to the General Surplus from the yearly savings due to the conversion to LED streetlights.

CARRIED

ii) **By-law to deem 1/3 of Council remuneration as expenses**

Resolution No. 168-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 38-15, being a by-law to deem one third of the remuneration paid to elected members of Council as expenses incidental to the discharge of their duties of office, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Approval of the 2014 Council remuneration report

Resolution No. 169-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report of remuneration for fiscal year 2014 for members of Council totalling \$101,720.09, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

iv) Participation in the Ontario/France Alliances et Affaires twinning project

Resolution No. 170-15

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

WHEREAS RDÉE Ontario in partnership with the Francophone Association of Municipalities of Ontario launched the project Alliances et Affaires to create twinning between francophone/ bilingual municipalities of Ontario with municipalities of France, with the goal of sharing links with French municipalities in the areas of economic development and international trade, and WHEREAS it is considered appropriate to participate in this project, since the free trade agreement between Canada and Europe will come into force in 2016 and that bilingualism will be a gateway to Europe,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the participation of the Town of Hearst to the Ontario/France Alliances et Affaires Twinning project of the RDÉE and AFMO, to be financed from savings of participation in the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian municipalities and the Francophone Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AFMO) in 2015.

AGAINST :

Councillor Vermette

CARRIED

v) Purchase of franco-ontarian flags for the filming of la Petite seduction

Resolution No. 171-15

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

WHEREAS it is deemed important to promote the French language of citizens of Hearst during the filming of La Petite séduction, and WHEREAS a good way to promote our language is to display the Franco-Ontarian flag,

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the purchase of one hundred 10" X 6" Franco-Ontarian flags at a cost of \$ 3.25 each, which will be available for purchase by the public at the Librairie Le Nord.

CARRIED

vi) Donation to the Enfants du Rotary

Resolution No. 172-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a donation of \$150 be hereby approved for the Enfants du Rotary 2015 campaign.

CARRIED

vii) List of cheques issued from the general account

Resolution No. 173-15

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 19095 to 19405 for a total of \$1,902,160.50, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

viii) Approval of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 174-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated April 14, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

i) Support to resolution against the Greenpeace campaign

Resolution No. 175-15

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

WHEREAS the forest products sector is the largest industrial sector in Hearst, and
WHEREAS Hearst's forest products sector supports over 1,000 direct and indirect jobs, and
WHEREAS the forest products sector is Ontario's second largest industrial sector that has been growing a stronger greener Ontario for generations, and
WHEREAS Ontario's renewable natural resource supports 200,000 direct and indirect jobs in over 260 communities, and
WHEREAS all forest product companies operating in Ontario are governed by a world-class forest management regime, the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) with its obligatory environmental standards and under this stringent regime, all forest products made in Ontario are sustainable, and
WHEREAS the objective of sustainable forest management is to maintain or to improve the long-term health of forest ecosystems, so that the generations of today and tomorrow can enjoy the environmental, economic and social benefits of such ecosystems, and
WHEREAS in Ontario less than 0.5% of the forest in the Boreal region is harvested annually and that, in a sustainable manner, and 44.2% of the forest in the Boreal is unavailable for harvest, and
WHEREAS organized activist campaigns targeted at forest products sourced from Canada's Boreal forest are negatively impacting local economies and threatening the future livelihoods of hardworking Ontario citizens, and
WHEREAS the Town of Hearst supports Quebec's Boreal Forest Alliance's objective to inform Greenpeace and other like organizations of the negative effects of their actions and activist campaigns,
BE IT RESOLVED that Greenpeace and other like organizations be made aware and held accountable for the impacts of their campaigns that cost Ontario forest companies their customers, their reputations and their viability as well as the damaging consequences to forest company workers and their families, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Greenpeace and other like organizations cease and desist all campaigns targeting consumers of renewable forest products sustainably harvested from Ontario's Boreal Forest region, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Richard Brooks, Forest Campaign Coordinator of Greenpeace Canada;
- Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario;
- Philippe Couillard, Premier of Québec;
- Minister Mauro, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;
- Minister Gravelle, Ministry of Northern Development and Mining;
- Minister Oraziotti, Minister of Government and Consumer Services;
- Ontario Forest Industries Association.

CARRIED

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

13. CAUCUS

Resolution No. 176-15

Proposed by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

Seconded by : Councillor Conrad Morin

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

- a) Hiring of an Equipment Operator;
- b) Selection of the recipient for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award;
- c) Report on interviews held for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 177-15

Proposed by : Councillor Raymond Vermette

Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

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

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 178-15

Proposed by : Councilor André Rhéaume

Seconded by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on April 21, 2015 be adjourned at 21:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk