

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 23, 2015 at 18:00 p.m. 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. 248-15

Proposed by: Councillor Daniel Lemaire
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. 249-15

Proposed by: Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by: Councillor André Rhéaume

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

- a) Town of Hearst delegation during the AFMO annual conference in North Bay (Policy);
- b) Report of meeting on the ACR passenger train in Sault Ste. Marie (Policy).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Rhéaume declared a pecuniary interest in item 2 of the Planning Working Group pertaining to a watermain loop at Cécile's Trailer Park, being president of the Coopérative du Parc à maisons mobiles Cécile.

Councillor Rhéaume also declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 of the Policy Working Group pertaining to the request from CINN Radio for the street dance, being an employee of CINN Radio.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 250-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 53-15, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 2, 2015 and of the special meetings held on June 9 and 11, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 251-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the June 23, 2015 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 252-15

Proposed by: Councillor Raymond Vermette
Seconded by: Councillor Claude Gagnon

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

- the Public Library Board dated May 21, 2015;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated April 24, 2015;
- the Planning Board dated March 18, 2015;
- the Emergency Planning Committee dated June 11, 2015;
- the Child Care Committee dated June 3, 2015;
- the Northeastern Ontario Municipalities Association dated May 15, 2015;
- the Needs of the Elderly Committee dated June 4, 2015.

CARRIED

8. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer briefed members of Council on the various projects worked on since the last meeting. The written report is annexed hereto.

9. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) Villeneuve Construction authorized to proceed with Phase 2 of the 9th Street Reconstruction Project in 2015

Resolution No. 253-15

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

WHEREAS the Ninth Street Reconstruction Project tender documents stipulate that the project is to be undertaken over a period of two years, from the Mattawishkwia River to Prince Street in 2015 and from Prince Street to Front Street to be completed by July 30, 2016, and

WHEREAS Villeneuve Construction has requested permission to complete the project up to Front Street in 2015, weather and time permitting,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes Villeneuve Construction to proceed with Phase 2 of the Ninth Street Reconstruction Project in 2015, weather and time permitting.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

i) Renewal of Temporary Zoning By-law providing for a garden suite at 28 Riverside Drive

Resolution No. 254-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be hereby authorized and directed to give public notice pursuant to the Planning Act, of a proposed amendment to the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 which would renew By-law No. 41-04, permitting a garden suite to be located and occupied at 28 Riverside Drive, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Site Plan control Officer be hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with François Lemieux, Denise Doyon and Marc Lemieux setting out terms and conditions with respect to the renewal and occupancy of the garden suite at 28 Riverside Drive, for an additional period of ten (10) years.

CARRIED

ii) Easement for watermain loop across pumping station land at Cécile`s Trailer Park

Councillor Rhéaume reiterated his pecuniary interest, left Council Chambers and did not participate in discussion and vote for this subject.

Resolution No. 255-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 54-15, being a by-law to establish an easement in favour of la Coopérative du parc à maisons mobiles Cécile Ltée in order that an existing private water line be looped across the municipal land described as PIN 65042-0093 and designated as Part 2 on r.p. 6R-4935, be hereby adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said By-law make provisions for an Agreement with said Coopérative to set out the terms and conditions for maintaining and operating such easement, and further authorize and direct the Mayor and Clerk to execute the same.

CARRIED

iii) Sale of buffer/drainage reserve to abutting landowners

Resolution No. 256-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the municipal buffer and drainage reserve identified as Part 1 on reference plan 6R-3444 be hereby declared surplus land, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff be hereby authorized and directed to do all work necessary for the sale of said land to abutting landowners, in accordance with the procedures set out in By-law No. 73-07.

CARRIED

iv) Approval of the report of the Planning Working Group

Resolution No. 257-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Planning Working Group dated June 17, 2015 be hereby adopted and that item 2 be removed from work in progress.

CARRIED

10. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Public meeting to hear comments on the proposed increases of Lifeline user fees

Resolution No. 258-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned and that the public meeting pertaining to the proposed increases for Lifeline user fees, be hereby opened.

CARRIED

Report of the public meeting is appended hereto.

Resolution No. 259-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the public meeting to hear comments in favour or against the proposed increases for the Lifeline user fees, be hereby adjourned, and that the regular meeting of Council resume.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 260-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 51-15, being a by-law to authorize the increase of the Lifeline user fee service in the years 2015 and 2016 and to increase the installation charge for the Lifeline service in Hearst and in the service areas outside the Town limits, be hereby adopted in third reading.

CARRIED

11. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Wayne Major, District School Board Ontario North East Trustee

Re: school board concerns and future direction

Mr. Major thanks members of Council for allowing him to address Council and explains the reason for his presentation, being the school board's challenges in surviving with the decline in the number of students. A detailed copy of the presentation is appended hereto.

The Mayor thanks Mr. Major for his presentation.

Hélène Côté

Re: proposal for innovative concept for public transportation service in Hearst

Mrs. Cote thanks members of Council for receiving her in delegation to hear her proposal. Mrs. Cote wishes to share her public transport concept idea for the Town of Hearst in order to resolve the taxi dilemma in the community. Presently, citizens are inconvenienced due to the lack of public transportation and many organizations and businesses had to take individual initiatives to bridge this shortage. Her idea is to create a collective public transportation system with the people of Hearst; Hearst Transpo.

The Town of Hearst, through the Economic Development Corporation and different community partners, could create a Transportation Department comprised of municipal community vehicles for public transportation for a variety of needs of citizens. This approach would serve individuals, companies and organizations to meet the social, health, business and tourism needs while contributing to the operation of various services and improving the quality of life of citizens.

Mrs. Cote continues by giving details on how this system could work (see annexed copy of presentation).

The Mayor thanks Mrs. Cote for her presentation.

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

i) **3-year term for Ambassador Award**

Resolution No. 261-15

Proposed by: Councillor Raymond Vermette

Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Lemaire

WHEREAS in 2014, Council had created the Ambassador of the Year award to be presented each year at the annual Volunteer Awards event, and
WHEREAS Council deems it advisable to extend the recognition term to a period of three (3) years,

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 126-14 and its appendix be hereby amended to specify that the Ambassador of the Year recognition be awarded every three (3) years.

CARRIED

ii) Closure of part of Tenth Street for community festival

Resolution No. 262-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law no. 55-15, being a by-law to authorize the closing of the part of 10th Street between Edward Street and Alexandra Street, from June 23, 2015 to August 14, 2015, for community festivals and an outdoor play area for the Parks and Recreation Summer Program, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Approval of the report of the Parks and Recreation Working Group

Resolution No. 263-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group dated June 18, 2015 be hereby adopted and that item 4 be removed from work in progress

CARRIED

j) Report from the Finance Working Group

Nil

k) Report from the Policy Working Group

i) Erection of a monument of cultures by Comité de la francophonie

Resolution No. 264-15

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

WHEREAS the Comité de la francophonie de Hearst wishes to construct and erect a monument representative of all cultures involved in the development of Hearst, and

WHEREAS the land where was located the Queen's Hotel is considered the appropriate place for the installation of the monument and for the creation of a green space downtown,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Comité de la francophonie de Hearst be authorized in principle to use the vacant site of the former Queen's Hotel for the erection of the monument of cultures and the creation of a green space.

CARRIED

ii) Support to request for rail service up to Ring of Fire

Resolution No. 265-15

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

WHEREAS the Ring of Fire project is a major economic development opportunity for Northern Ontario residents, and
WHEREAS the improvement of the rail service and transportation corridors throughout Northern Ontario is crucial for the sustainability and growth of the area,

BE IT RESOLVED that Municipal Council hereby supports Mushkegowuk Council's conceptual plan to bring the railway to the Ring of Fire and to maintain existing public assets such as the ONTC in the public sector, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Municipal Council also supports the need to develop an essential access to First Nations communities and the Northeastern Ontario communities in order to create social and economic growth.

CARRIED

iii) Support to TransCanada Energy East project

Resolution No. 266-15

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

WHEREAS TransCanada Pipelines Limited has put forward an application to develop the Energy East Pipeline which would convert an existing natural gas pipeline into oil and construction of a new pipeline, and
WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy has mandated the Ontario Energy Board to examine and report on TransCanada Pipeline Limited's project through a consultation process, and

WHEREAS this pipeline would have significant impacts across Northern Ontario, and

WHEREAS research has demonstrated that fewer accidents occur while transporting oil by pipeline as opposed to alternate modes of transportation such as road or rail, and

WHEREAS TransCanada has demonstrated their commitment to pipeline safety for communities, residents and employees through safety and prevention maintenance programs, and

WHEREAS the Energy East project would generate significant economic benefits to northeastern Ontario by providing direct and indirect jobs during the six year development and construction phase and during the forty year operations phase, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst supports the development of the Energy East Pipeline, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.

CARRIED

iv) Support to Sault Ste. Marie for proclamation of William H. Hearst Day

Resolution No. 267-15

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

WHEREAS the Town of Hearst was named after William H. Hearst, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines from 1911 to 1914 and Premier of Ontario from 1914 to 1919, and
WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie proposes to declare its August Civic Holiday "Sir William H. Hearst Day" in honor of Mr. Hearst,
BE IT RESOLVED that Municipal Council hereby supports the City of Sault Ste. Marie in its efforts to declare its August Civic Holiday "Sir William H. Hearst Day".

CARRIED

v) Closure of part of George Street for CINN street dance

Councillor Rhéaume reiterated his pecuniary interest, left Council Chambers and did not participate in discussion and vote for this subject.

Resolution No. 268-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law no. 56-15, being a by-law to authorize the closure of the downtown parking lot between George Street and Prince Street and of parts of George Street between 8th Street and 9th Street, for the proposed Street Dance by Radio de l'épinette noire Inc. on July 17, 2015 or in the event of inclement weather, on July 18, 2015, subject to adequate security measures and to compliance with the Municipal Alcohol Policy, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vi) Approval of the report of the Parks and Recreation Working Group

Resolution No. 269-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Policy Working Group dated June 17, 2015 be hereby adopted and that item 4 be removed from work in progress.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor Sigouin realizes he has a conflict of interest on this subject, being related to the person mentioned in the Notice of Motion. He left his seat and asked Acting Mayor Lemaire to take his place as Head of Council for this subject.

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

WHEREAS Mr. Nelson Coulombe is the person who made the request to have a railway crossing on the trail used by employees of Columbia Forest Products to travel from St-Pie-X to their place of work, and
WHEREAS said trail is also used by the entire population, and
WHEREAS Nelson Coulombe's life represents the Hearst area workers' contribution in their work and also to the economic outbreak, and

WHEREAS Nelson Coulombe's family agrees with the nomination of Nelson Coulombe for said trail and crossing,
BE IT RESOLVED that the trail and crossing of the aforementioned trail be named in honour of Mr. Nelson Coulombe.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CAUCUS

Resolution No. 270-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in closed meeting in accordance to Section 239 (2)(d) of the Municipal Act, to discuss the workshop on Heads of Department and Members of Council Responsibilities held on June 16, 2015.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 271-15

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

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 272-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on June 23, 2015 be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk