

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 28, 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 in Training	Yves Morrissette
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 280-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 6:13 p.m.

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor recited the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 281-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the order of business be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Conrad Morin declares a pecuniary interest in item 4 of the Operations Working Group pertaining to the contract with the Hearst Trappers' Council, being a director of said Council.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 282-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 57-15, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the June regular meeting of Council held on June 23rd and of the special meetings held on June 30 and July 13, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 283-15

Proposed by: Councillor Claude Gagnon
Seconded by: Councillor Conrad Morin

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the July 28, 2015 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 284-15

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

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

- the Committee of Adjustment dated July 13, 2015;
- the Foyer des pionniers dated June 25, 2015;
- the 2016 AFMO Conference Organizing Committee dated June 23, 2015;
- the Hearst Planning Board dated May 20, 2015;
- the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board dated April 21 and May 21, 2015;
- the Porcupine Health Unit dated May 22, 2015.

CARRIED

8. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer in Training briefed members of Council on the various projects worked on since he started working for the Town. The written report is annexed hereto.

9. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Resolution No. 285-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned in order that a public meeting be convened to hear comments on the following propositions:

- a) A proposed site specific amendment to the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 which will extend the authorization for the installation of a garden suite at 28 Riverside Drive for a period of ten (10) years; and
- b) A proposed amendment to the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 which will revise the definition of "personal service shop" by deleting reference to "shoe repair shop".

CARRIED

Report of the Public Meeting is appended hereto.

Resolution No. 286-15

Proposed by: Councillor Conrad Morin
Seconded by: Councillor Claude Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that the public meeting to hear comments in favor or against zoning by-law amendments, be hereby adjourned, and that the regular meeting of Council resume.

CARRIED

Extension of zoning by-law authorizing a garden suite at 28 Riverside Drive

Resolution No. 287-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 60-15, being a by-law to amend the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 to renew By-law No. 41-04, authorizing the installation of a garden suite at 28 Riverside Drive for an additional period of ten (10) years, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Amendment to the Zoning By-law to change the definition of shoe repair shop

Resolution No. 288-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 61-15, being a by-law to amend the Hearst Zoning By-law No. 65-04 by revising the definition of "personal service shop" by deleting reference to "shoe repair shop", be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

10. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nancy Lacroix, resident

Re: asphalt on Highway 11 East pedestrian path

Mrs. Nancy Lacroix, introduces herself and mentions she represents Highway 11 East residents in giving their opinion on Council's decision to remove the asphalt on the Highway 11 East pedestrian trail.

She was told that "members of an Embellishment Committee composed of Monique Lafrance and Luc Léonard" have decided to remove the asphalt on the pedestrian trail for security and financial reasons. Mrs. Lacroix has gathered the signatures of residents opposing this decision. Residents are still waiting for the asphalt and they hope that Council will change its mind.

She goes on to state the concerned area is at the Town entrance, which gives the first impression to tourists entering the Town. Hearst citizens are proud and take care of their properties. For example, she mentions her parents have been maintaining the trees and grass fronting their property for over 45 years. Only once did they ask that the Municipality supply burlap to cover the trees in the fall, but no one ever came. Her parents never asked for financial compensation to upkeep that portion of municipal land.

Mrs. Lacroix mentions the Highway 11 Reconstruction project includes asphalt and she wonders if the Municipality will use the project funds to finance other projects.

As for the security rationale in which the Director of Engineering Services mentions that an accident occurred when a cyclist's wheel was caught in a crack, she asks if the Municipality removes the bricks from the downtown area sidewalks whenever someone falls. She mentions that since the asphalt has been removed on the Highway 11 East trail, cyclists (and youth) now travel on the highway, which is not very secure.

Mrs. Lacroix also raises the issue of damages to Bergeron Street caused by contractors using said road for storage purposes. She mentions that these companies have been using that portion of road for over three years and she wonders what are Council's intentions for repairing the street.

Mrs. Lacroix ends her presentation by asking Council to reconsider its decision and to pave the pedestrian path fronting their properties. She wonders, if saving money should be the only focus.

The Mayor thanks Mrs. Lacroix for her presentation and mentions the matter will be brought to the Operations Working Group.

11. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) Agreement with the Trappers' Council for control of nuisance bears

Councillor Morin reiterates his pecuniary interest, leaves Council Chambers and does not participate in the discussion and vote on this subject.

Resolution No. 289-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 58-15, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a three-year agreement with the Hearst Trappers Council for managing and undertaking measures for the control of nuisance bears, be hereby adopted, subject to the Ministry of Natural Resources renewing its annual agreement with the Hearst Trappers' Council.

CARRIED

ii) New ATV by-law to allow side-by-sides

Resolution No. 290-15

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

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2014, Municipal Council adopted Resolution No. 203-14 requesting the Provincial Government to amend the Highway Traffic Act and the Off-Road Vehicles Act in order to allow a passenger on an off-road vehicle for travel on authorized highways and to recognize side-by-side all-terrain vehicles as off-road vehicles, and

WHEREAS effective July 1st, 2015, the Ministry of Transportation added two-up all-terrain vehicles (ATV), side-by-side ATVs and utility terrain vehicles in the list of vehicles allowed to travel on municipally-owned highways in municipalities where a by-law permits their use,

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 59-15, being a by-law to authorize all-terrain vehicles, including two-up ATVs, side-by-side ATVs and utility terrain vehicles, to be driven on certain roads within the Hearst municipal boundaries and in accordance with Ontario Regulation 316/03 of the Highway Traffic Act, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

iii) Nomination of new volunteer firefighters

Resolution No. 291-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Maxime Roussel and Cloé Lepage/St-Amour be hereby nominated volunteer firefighters and Cloé Roussel junior firefighter of the Hearst Fire Department.

CARRIED

iv) Approval of the report of the Operations Working Group

Resolution No. 292-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated July 22, 2015 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Planning Working Group

Nil

c) Report from the Parks and Recreation Working Group

i) Closing part of Tenth Street for activities of the Festival country de la perdrix

Resolution No. 293-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 62-15, being a by-law to authorize the closing of part of Tenth Street, between Alexandra and Edward streets, from September 24 to 27, 2015, for the Conseil des arts' Festival country de la perdrix activities, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Finance Working Group

i) Rental of Council Chambers for the POA court sessions

Resolution No. 294-15

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Offences Act (POA) Court Hearst location at the Legion Hall is no longer suitable to conduct court, and
WHEREAS the Attorney General of Ontario does not intend to renew its lease with the Hearst Legion which terminates at the end of this year, and
WHEREAS the new Hearst Satellite Court Facilities rental fee is almost double the amount paid at other locations within the District, which represents an injustice, and
WHEREAS the POA Board has determined it best to conduct its court sessions at the Hearst Town Hall until a formal agreement is signed,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the rental of the Council Chambers and its adjoining office space to conduct POA court sessions for the rental fee of \$218 plus HST per session, starting in October 2015, until a lease agreement is adopted for a suitable accessible location.

CARRIED

ii) Registration fee for new children attending the Child Care Centre and Familigarde Agency

Resolution No. 295-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 63-15, being a by-law to establish a non-refundable registration fee for new children attending the Hearst Child Care Centre and the Familigarde Agency, be hereby adopted in first and second reading.

CARRIED

iii) Adjustment of monthly contribution to the Conseil des arts

Resolution No. 296-15

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

WHEREAS further to By-law No. 52-15, the Municipality has confirmed its commitment to support the Conseil des arts de Hearst in its initiatives by financially contributing to the cultural and artistic development, and WHEREAS the amount of said contribution does not reflect the inflation rate which should have been paid since 2009, and WHEREAS the Conseil des arts de Hearst has requested that an adjustment be made, starting January 1st, 2016,
BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the signature of a letter of understanding with the Conseil des arts de Hearst in order to amend the agreement authorized by By-law No. 52-15, to increase their monthly contribution to reflect inflation since 2009, representing an amount of \$ 1,544.76 as of January 1st, 2016, plus the Consumer Price Index (CPI) at December 31st, 2016.

CARRIED

iv) Policy on the responsibilities of customers for the payment of repairs and relocation of water meters

Resolution No. 297-15

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

WHEREAS the Municipality pays the Hearst Power Distribution Corporation for maintenance, repairs and replacement of residential and commercial water meters, and WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to establish a policy specifying that a customer is responsible to pay the costs of repair, replacement or relocation of a water meter when said repair, replacement or relocation is caused or requested by the customer,
BE IT RESOLVED to establish as a municipal policy that any client of the Town of Hearst is responsible to pay the costs of repair, replacement or relocation of a water meter if said repair, replacement or relocation is the result of negligence on the part of the customer or is requested by the customer.

CARRIED

v) Tax rebate for Community Curling Club

Resolution No. 298-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 64-15, being a by-law to establish a tax rebate program for the land and building owned and occupied by the Hearst Community Curling Club, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vi) Tax rebate for Club Action Hearst

Resolution No. 299-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 65-15, being a by-law to establish a tax rebate program for the land and building owned and occupied by the Club action Hearst, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

vii) Tax rebate for Royal Canadian Legion

Resolution No. 300-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 66-15, being a by-law to establish a tax rebate program for the land and building owned and occupied by the Royal Canadian Legion, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

viii) Tax rebate for Conseil des arts de Hearst

Resolution No. 301-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 67-15, being a by-law to establish a tax rebate program for the land and building owned and occupied by the Conseil des arts de Hearst, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ix) Financial contribution for a caribou protection socio-economic impact study

Resolution No. 302-15

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

WHEREAS the Town of Hearst is a member of the task force representing municipalities, the forest industry, Constance Lake First Nation, the Hearst Forest Management Association, the union and workers to join efforts in convincing the Provincial Government to move its caribou protection boundary northward, and
WHEREAS despite ministry statements affirming that a socio-economic impact study was available, such study does not exist, and

WHEREAS considering such information, the task force deems it paramount that a study be performed to determine the socio-economic impacts this boundary will have on Northern Ontario,

BE IT RESOLVED that Municipal Council hereby approves a contribution of \$2,678.76, plus HST, being the Town of Hearst's share in the Hearst/Constance Lake Socio-Economic Impact Analysis of the proposed caribou protection boundary, to be conducted by Crupi Consulting Group of Thunder Bay for the total amount of \$30,790.00, plus HST.

CARRIED

x) *Financial contribution for the Caisse populaire community conference*

Resolution No. 303-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a contribution of \$500 be hereby approved for the community conference given by Pierre Lavoie to be held in Hearst on October 28, 2015 organized by the Caisse populaire de Hearst

CARRIED

xi) *List of cheques issued from the general account*

Resolution No. 304-15

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 19747 to 20260 for a total of \$2,518,190.75, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

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

Resolution No. 305-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated July 23, 2015 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

Nil

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

13. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor Sigouin realizes that he would rather declare a conflict of interest on this matter. He asks Acting Mayor Daniel Lemaire to take his seat as Head for the remainder of the meeting and vacates Council Chambers.

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.

AGAINST:
Councillor Morin
Councillor Proulx
Councillor Vermette
REJECTED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 306-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on July 28, 2015 be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk