

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 3, 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. 34-15

Proposed by : Councillor 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. 35-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby waives the rules of procedures to add to the agenda the report of the Economic Development Corporation activities by Sylvie Fontaine, General Manager (6. Delegations and Presentations).

**CARRIED**

**4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Rhéaume declared a pecuniary interest in item 2. of the Operations Working Group, being President of the Parc à maisons mobiles Cécile Ltée and in item 7. of the Finance Working Group, being employee of the Radio CINN.

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

Resolution No. 36-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 9-15, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 13, 2015 and of the special meetings held on January 5, 20 and 21, 2015, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

Nil

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution No. 37-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the February 3, 2015 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

**CARRIED**

**8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Sylvie Fontaine, EDC General Manager

**Re:** presentation of Economic Development Corporation activities

Mrs. Fontaine read the activities report (a copy is annexed hereto).

**9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Resolution No. 38-15

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

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

- the Police Services Board dated January 22, 2015;
- the Heritage Sawmill Exhibit Committee dated January 14 and 28, 2015;
- the Needs of the Elderly Committee dated January 28, 2015;
- the Hearst Planning Board dated December 17, 2014;
- the Foyer Hearst-Mattice Soins de Santé dated January 22, 2015;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated December 10, 2014;
- the Notre-Dame Hospital Board dated December 16, 2014;
- The Public Library Board dated January 22 and 27, 2015.

**CARRIED**

**10. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

The Chief Administrative Officer briefed members of Council on the various municipal ongoing projects.

## 11. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

### a) Report from the Operations Working Group

#### i) **Request from Coopérative du parc à maisons mobiles Cécile to finance the capping of Pépin's well**

**Councillor Rheaume reiterated his pecuniary interest left Council Chambers and did not participate in the discussion and vote of this subject.**

Resolution No. 39-15

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

WHEREAS the private surface water well which provides potable water to the residents of La Coopérative du parc à maisons mobiles Cécile Ltée is located on a private property, and

WHEREAS it is contrary to established municipal practice to perform works on private property, and

WHEREAS Raynald Desrochers, Vice President of La Coopérative du parc à maisons mobile Cécile Ltée has requested that the Town undertake the capping of said well as part of its Highway 11 Water Supply Extension Project, and

WHEREAS the approval of such request would create an unacceptable precedent, and

WHEREAS the project is being carried out with the financial assistance of Industry Canada under the Community Competitiveness Implementation Project, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation under the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program and the Ministry of Rural Affairs under the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund Capital Program, which prohibit the expenditure of funds on work conducted on private lands, BE IT RESOLVED that the request from La Coopérative du parc à maisons mobiles Cécile Ltée be hereby denied.

**CARRIED**

#### ii) **Approval of the revised Workplace of Health and Safety policy**

Resolution No. 40-15

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx

Seconded by : Councillor Claude Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that the revised version of the Workplace Health and Safety policy, dated January 29, 2015, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Annual contribution to Hearst Firefighters Association**

Resolution No. 41-15

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

WHEREAS the Hearst Volunteer Firefighters are members of the Hearst Firefighters Association to which all members donate an annual contribution of \$60 each for the use of the Association for donations, the purchase of equipment used by the Department and other worthwhile causes, and WHEREAS it has been deemed advisable to encourage the participation of the Hearst Volunteer Firefighters in the practices, fire rescue calls and home inspections undertaken by the Hearst Fire Department,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hearst hereby contribute to the fundraising efforts of the Hearst Firefighters Association with an annual amount of \$1 per practice, fire rescue call and home inspection to which each volunteer firefighter has participated, for a maximum annual amount of \$1,000.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 42-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated January 28, 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) Adoption of the 2015 interim tax levy by-law**

Resolution No. 43-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 10-15, being a by-law providing for an interim property tax levy for the 2015 fiscal year before the adoption of the final levy for the year, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Adoption of the 2015 water and sewer charges**

Resolution No. 44-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 11-15, being a by-law to adopt:

- a) the 2015 potable water budget, providing for revenues of \$975,022 and expenditures of \$1,068,952 and setting the water service charges and the water consumption rates with an increase of 3% over the rates in effect for 2014, and
  - b) the 2015 waste water budget providing for revenues of \$611,502 and expenditures of \$648,600 and to set the sewer surcharge rate over the potable water charges at 66.3%,
- be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**iii) Approval of 2015 Summer Student Hiring Plan**

Resolution No. 45-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2015 Summer Student Hiring Plan involving the hiring of 19 students at a total cost of \$142,830.00 be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**iv) Participation in Radio CINN's Buy-Responsibly Campaign**

**Councillor Rheaume reiterated his pecuniary interest left Council Chambers and did not participate in the discussion and vote of this subject.**

Resolution No. 46-15

Proposed by : Councillor Gérard Proulx  
Seconded by : Councillor Daniel Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the participation of the Town of Hearst in a partnership with CINN-FM Radio, Collins Barrow and the Caisse populaire de Hearst for a Buy-Responsibly Campaign on the CINN Radio, over a period of four (4) months for the price of \$1,630 plus HST, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**v) Agreement with CDSSAB for funding of child care services for 2015**

Resolution No. 47-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 12-15, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board for funding for the municipal day care, the private home child care, the special needs resourcing, and the parent resource centre services, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

**vi) Financial assistance**

Resolution No. 48-15

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

WHEREAS requests received for financial assistance have been studied in light of the Municipality's donation policy,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following grants be approved:

- a) Kidney Foundation of Canada – \$150;
- b) Heart and Stroke Foundation – 150\$
- c) Canadian MS Society - \$150.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 49-15

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 18382 to 18829 for a total of \$2,729,512.55, be hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. 50-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated January 27, 2015, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**i) Adoption of a municipal slogan**

Resolution No. 51-15

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

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to adopt a slogan representative of the Town and its citizens, and

WHEREAS further to a public invitation, suggestions were submitted and studied by members of Council,

BE IT RESOLVED that the expression "Hearst, c'est différent/Hearst is different" be hereby adopted as the official slogan of the Town of Hearst.

**CARRIED**

**ii) Candidacy of André Rhéaume to sit on the AFMO Board**

Resolution No. 52-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the candidacy of Councillor André Rhéaume as member of the Association française des municipalités de l'Ontario Board, for a term of nine (9) months.

**CARRIED**

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

Nil

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION**

***Request for intervention of the MPP for rapid re-establishment of power after outages***

Resolution No. 53-15

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

WHEREAS at present, only Hydro One workers may work on numerous power outages, when they occur, and  
WHEREAS many power outages in Northern Ontario could be fixed if power distribution corporations or other enterprises were allowed to work on said outages, given their proximity to the problems, and  
WHEREAS the goal is not to remove work from Hydro One workers but to restore electrical service to the Northern population as quickly as possible,  
BE IT RESOLVED that Timmins-James Bay MPP Gilles Bisson be requested to intervene with the Minister responsible for Hydro One in order to end Hydro One practices and to allow the re-establishment of electricity as quickly as possible after power outages, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 553-14 be hereby repealed.

**CARRIED**

Proposed by : Councillor André Rhéaume  
Seconded by : NIL

WHEREAS the Town of Kapuskasing cancelled 12 fines for overnight parking on the street during the holiday season, and  
WHEREAS it would be appreciated by the Hearst population and its guests that the Town of Hearst do the same during the holidays on the occasion of family gatherings, and  
WHEREAS the Town of Hearst wishes to encourage its citizens not to drink and drive, and  
WHEREAS parking spaces at private residences are often full during the holidays,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the overnight street parking fines issued during the holidays be hereby cancelled.

**REJECTED**

**14. CAUCUS**

Nil

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 54-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on February 3, 2015, be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk