

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the special meeting of Council held on April 7, 2015 at noon in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 925 Alexandra Street, Hearst, Ontario.

Present: Acting Mayor Daniel Lemaire
 Councillor André Rhéaume
 Councillor Conrad Morin
 Councillor Gérard Proulx
 Councillor Claude Gagnon
 Councillor Raymond Vermette

Absent: Mayor Roger Sigouin (illness)

Staff: CAO Monique Lafrance
 Clerk Janine Lecours

1. Adoption of the order of business

Resolution No. 144-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby waives the rules of procedures and that this special meeting of Council be hereby opened at 12:00 p.m. to consider the following items :

- a) Public meeting to receive comments on the proposed 2015 municipal budget and on the increase of municipal fees;
- b) Adoption of the 2015 municipal budget;
- c) Adoption of the 2015 tax rates for municipal education purposes;
- d) Adoption of the 2015 tax ratios;
- e) Adoption of the 2015 tax rebate for eligible charities ;
- f) Increase of fees for copies of engineering plans and blueprints;
- g) Increase of airport user fees;
- h) Promotion of the Franco-Ontarian flag during filming of *La petite seduction*;
- i) Presentation from the Far Northeast Training Board.

CARRIED

Public meeting

Resolution No. 145-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this special meeting of Council be hereby adjourned and that the public meeting pertaining to the proposed 2015 municipal budget and increases of municipal fees, be hereby opened.

CARRIED

Report of the public meeting is appended hereto.

Resolution No. 146-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the public meeting to hear comments in favor or against the proposed 2015 municipal budget and increases of municipal fees, be hereby adjourned, and that the special meeting of Council resume.

CARRIED

Adoption of the 2015 municipal budget

Resolution No. 147-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 29-15, being a by-law to approve the 2015 revenue fund budget comprising revenues totaling \$13, 205,200 and expenses totaling \$13,205,200, the 2015 capital financing plan totaling \$3,107,200, the 2015 budget of the Hearst Public Library Board comprising revenues totaling \$280,700 and expenses totaling \$280,700, the Hearst Economic Development Corporation comprising revenues totaling \$1,134,700 and expenses totaling \$1,134,700 and the 2015 budget of Centre-Ville Hearst Downtown totaling \$65,125, be hereby adopted in third reading.

CARRIED

Adoption of the 2015 tax rates

Resolution No. 148-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 32-15, being a by-law to establish the estimates of all municipal taxation sums required for 2015 and to set the tax rates for the year, providing for an increase of 2% in the case of municipal taxation rates, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Adoption of the 2015 tax ratios

Resolution No. 149-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 33-15, being a by-law to establish the municipal tax reduction program, the optional property class and the tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Adoption of the 2015 tax rebate for eligible charities

Resolution No. 150-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 34-15, being a by-law to allow rebates to eligible charities for relief from taxes on eligible property they occupy, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Increase of fees for copies of engineering plans and blueprints

Resolution No. 151-15

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 third reading.

CARRIED

Increase of airport user fees

Resolution No. 152-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 28-15, being a by-law to increase user fees at the René Fontaine Municipal Airport, be hereby adopted in third reading.

CARRIED

Promotion of the Franco-Ontarian flag during filming of *La petite seduction*

Councillor Rhéaume presented a citizen's suggestion for the Municipality to show its franco-ontarian culture during the filming of *La petite seduction* by displaying the franco-ontarian flag on municipal buildings and encouraging citizens and businesses to purchase them at the *Librairie le Nord* for display throughout town.

Presentation from the Far Northeast Training Board

Ms. Julie Joncas from the Far Northeast Training Board, summed up the Board's mandate and presented highlights of the document entitled *Prévisions du marché du travail local 2011-2031*, a report on the projections of the workforce for the Hearst area. Ms. Joncas also talked about the *Place aux jeunes* recruitment event which will take place on May 8 and 9, 2015. She invited members of Council to participate.

Adjournment

Since Acting Mayor Lemaire left at 1:00 p.m., the next Acting Mayor, Councillor Morin, proceeded to adjourn the meeting.

Resolution No. 153-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this special meeting of Council held on April 7, 2015 be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor

Clerk