

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HEARST

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 27, 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	Gérard Proulx
	Councillor	Claude Gagnon
	Councillor	Raymond Vermette

Absent:	Councillor	Conrad Morin (personal)
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Staff:	CAO	Monique Lafrance
	Clerk	Janine Lecours

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Resolution No. 379-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby opened at 5:47 p.m.

CARRIED

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor recites the opening prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. 380-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby waives the rules of procedures to add to the agenda the adoption of the Town of Hearst logo (Policy 11. e) ii).

CARRIED

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Rhéaume declares a pecuniary interest for item 4 of the Finance Working Group pertaining to a request for financial assistance from the Radio CINN, being employed by the Radio on a contractual basis.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 381-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 79-15, being a by-law to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 6, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution No. 382-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the list of correspondence presented at the October 27, 2015 regular meeting of Council be hereby filed.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Resolution No. 383-15

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

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

- the Public Library Board dated September 17, 2015;
- the District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board dated June 18, 2015;
- Hearst Power Distribution Corporation dated October 14, 2015;
- the Heritage Sawmill Exhibit Committee dated October 9, 2015;
- the Non-Profit Housing Corporation dated September 8, 2015.

CARRIED

9. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer briefs members of Council on the various municipal ongoing projects. The written report is appended hereto.

10. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

a) Report from the Operations Working Group

i) Amendment to the ATV by-law to allow circulation on Front Street

Resolution No. 384-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 80-15, being a by-law amending By-law No. 59-15 to allow all-terrain vehicles to travel on Front Street, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

ii) Refusal of the request to designate a School Bus Loading Zone

Resolution No. 385-15

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

WHEREAS the Conseil scolaire catholique de District des grandes rivières has requested the Town to designate a section of the Edward Street south side shoulder as a School Bus Loading Zone, and
WHEREAS said request has been studied by the Operations Working Group, and
WHEREAS in light of the lack of reasonable motives to establish a loading zone, it is deemed advisable to refuse said request,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby denies the request from the Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes rivières to designate a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Edward Street fronting St-Louis school, for the following reasons:

- a) The final bus stop is also on the south side of Edward Street between the St-Louis and Pavillon Notre-Dame schools, an area deemed to be secure and in close proximity for all students;
- b) The addition of a School Bus Loading Zone would entail unnecessary superfluous work for the Public Works Department.

CARRIED

iii) Approval of the report of the Operations Working Group

Resolution No. 386-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Operations Working Group dated October 21, 2015, be hereby adopted and that item 5 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) **Contribution to the Sault Ste. Marie EDC for the recruitment of an operator for the passenger train**

Resolution No. 387-15

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

WHEREAS, due to Railmark's failure to meet its financial obligations, Canadian National (CN) has terminated its agreement and canceled the passenger train service from Sault Ste Marie to Hearst, and
WHEREAS following these events, the Algoma Central Railway Passenger Service Working Group composed of the towns of Hearst, Sault Ste. Marie and Wawa, the Township of Dubreuilville and various other parties, was reactivated to resume the search for a third party operator for the passenger service and a consulting firm was hired to prepare a new tender for an operator,
BE IT RESOLVED that a contribution of \$ 7,250, being the Town of Hearst's part to cover the costs associated with the new efforts to save the passenger train, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

ii) **Support of the funding application for time-keeping equipment for the Health Crossroads races**

Resolution No. 388-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports in principle the grant application from the Municipality of Moonbeam to the Trillium Foundation, for the purchase of a time-keeping system for races organized by the Health Crossroads Hearst Region.

CARRIED

iii) **Contribution towards the purchase of a generator by CINN Radio**

Councillor Rhéaume reiterates his conflict of interest in this subject, leaves the room and does not participate in the discussion or vote on this subject.

Resolution No. 389-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes a donation of \$5,000 to CINN Radio, subject to the Radio donating its used generator to the Town.

CARRIED

iv) Agreement with the National Trails Coalition for the Johnson's Lake Trail Connecting Link project

Resolution No. 390-15

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

WHEREAS further Resolution No. 128-14, Municipal Council authorized a request for funding to the National Trails Coalition for the expansion of the Johnson's Lake walking/cycling trail and said funding application was later refused on October 31, 2014, and

WHEREAS the National Trails Coalition has recently advised that funding has become available for the proposed Johnson's Lake trail expansion,
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 81-15, being a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with the National Trails Coalition for funding to undertake the Johnson's Lake Trail Connecting Link, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

v) List of cheques issued from the general account

Resolution No. 391-15

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 20851 to 20962 for a total of \$1,134,550.31, be hereby approved.

CARRIED

vi) Approval of the report of the Finance Working Group

Resolution No. 392-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Working Group dated October 20, 2015, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Policy Working Group

i) Adoption of the Town of Hearst logo

Resolution No. 393-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 82-15, being a by-law designating the appended drawing comprising of the name "hearth" with a fingerprint/tree trunk rings and the slogan *Hearst is different!*, as the Town of Hearst official logo, be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor Sigouin starts to read the notice but then realizes that he wishes to declare a conflict of interest on this matter. He asks Acting Mayor Gérard Proulx to take his seat as Head for the remainder of the notice and vacates Council Chambers.

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

WHEREAS the United Steelworkers Union Local 1-2010 represents the majority of the Hearst area forest industry workers, and
WHEREAS Union President Guy Bourgoïn has requested to name the trail crossing the railway tracks from St-Pie-X to Columbia Forest Products 'Nelson Coulombe Trail', and
WHEREAS Nelson Coulombe represents the Hearst area workers' contribution to the local economy,
BE IT RESOLVED to be able to name trails in addition to streets, parks and/or buildings, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 156-06 be amended to allow the naming of said trail 'Nelson Coulombe Trail' by adding a sixth category: a person representing a group that has contributed to the development of the Town of Hearst.

12. HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

Requests for tax rebates

Resolution No. 394-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be hereby adjourned and that the public meeting pertaining to requests for tax rebates, be hereby opened.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 395-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the public meeting to hear comments in favour or against tax rebate requests, be hereby adjourned, and that the regular meeting of Council resume.

CARRIED

Tax rebates

Resolution No. 396-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the rebate of municipal taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act totalling \$963.20 as per the report prepared by the Tax Collector dated June 2015.

CARRIED

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Nil

14. CLOSED MEETING

Nil

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 397-15

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held on October 27, 2015
be adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk