

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON DECEMBER 2, 2014
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING- MINOR VARIANCE**

The Clerk Treasurer declared the meeting open at 5:30 p.m..

Oath of Office by all council members. The Clerk Treasurer invited the Council members elect to come forward and repeat their Declaration of Office and Oath of Office.

The following members have been appointed to Council for the term of office December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Les Blackwell, Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik and Jeff McLaren.

Photographs of the newly elected council were taken.

Members of the audience for the Declaration ceremonies included:

Marlene Blackwell, Kathy McLaren and children Harmony & Aiden
Amanda Kokko, Kate Hood, & Charlie Cottrell
Anne & Zoe Blackwell, Almaguin News
Staff: Tera Pinkerton, Caitlin Haggart, Kim Dunnett, Kevin Minor

Council was introduced to staff: Linda Maurer, Tera Pinkerton, Caitlin Haggart, Kim Dunnett and Kevin Minor. Road Superintendent, Kevin Minor, reviewed road procedures with Council.

The Mayor Declared the Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Mayor welcomed the new members of council to the table and reviewed the documents provided for orientation. A Councillor Orientation Manual was provided to the members of council for their review. This document outlined various duties and responsibilities of Council and the Legislative Authority to conduct business. Council was also provided with a copy of the Official Plan, Zoning By-law and other more common by-laws that govern the Municipality.

Delegates – Barb Low. Mrs. Low attended council to discuss the Minor Variance Application to be reviewed in the Committee of Adjustment meeting.

Resolutions:

R2014-306

Jay Cottrell – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the December 2, 2014 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

R2014-307

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the November 25, 2014 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2014-308

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong shall appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Municipality of the Township of Strong;
The Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Strong is hereby constituted and the following persons are hereby appointed as its members for the term December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018.

Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors – Les Blackwell, Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik, Jeff McLaren

Secretary/Treasurer – Linda Maurer

Carried

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R2014-309

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Committee of Adjustment Meeting at 7:00 p.m to discuss a Minor Variance.

Carried

R2014-310

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Application for a Minor Variance as presented by Robert (Terry) and Barbara Low for their property located at 1022 South Lake Bernard Road, Township of Strong;

And that the Committee of Adjustment held a Public Meeting to discuss the Minor Variance Application;

And That the Committee of Adjustment reviewed the four key factors when making a decision as to approval of a Minor Variance –be minor in nature, desirable for the use of the land, maintain the integrity of the Zoning by-law and Official Plan.

Careful consider has been given to this application keeping in mind the Accessibility issues and the 4 factors of a Minor Variance;

The Committee of Adjustment requires the applicant to complete and submit a Reference Plan for review as a condition of approval.

Once the Reference Plan is reviewed and accepted the Minor Variance Application can be processed.

Carried

R2014-311

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

Be it resolved that this council hereby make the following appointments by members of council to various boards/committees as per the attached Schedule A –Appointment to Boards/Committees.

Carried

R2014-312

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that this council hereby confirm that 1/3 of the Council pay shall continue as expenses incidental to the discharge of duties as members of Council for the term December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018 and as authorized under Section 478(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

R2014-313

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong are aware that the area 3 representative on the Eastholme Board of Directors does not necessarily need to be an elected member of Council to represent the Municipalities; (as per Section 290 (1) of the Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007. O.Reg 79/10)

Therefore Be It resolved that the Township of Strong support the Nomination of John Newstead as the area representative on the Eastholme Board of Directors for a further term effective March 2015 and forward our support to the Township of Joly, Municipality of Magnetawan, ~~Village of Sundridge~~, Village of Burk's Falls for their support.

Carried

R2014-314

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong support the Nomination of Les Blackwell as the area representative on the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee and forward our support to the Township of

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Joly, Township of Machar, Village of Sundridge and the Village of South River for their support. **Carried**

R2014-315

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Township of Strong support the Nomination of Les Blackwell as the area representative on the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. **Carried**

R2014-316

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Township of Strong allow the municipal office to be closed at 12 noon p.m. on December 24, 2014 and December 25, 2014, December 26, 2014, January 1, 2015 and January 2, 2015 and that Landfill Site # 1 and # 2 be closed at 12 noon p.m. on December 24, Closed December 25, 26, 2014 and January 1, 2015. **Carried**

R2014-317

Jeff McLaren - Jason Cottrell

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Township of Strong approve the advertisement in the Almaguin News for the Christmas ad in the amount of \$155.00 plus HST. **Carried**

R2014-318

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the quotation for insurance services from Knox Worldwide Insurance for the year 2015 effective January 1, 2015.

And that the Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to proceed with the quotation. **Carried**

R2014-319

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on December 9, 2015. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer