

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON OCTOBER 14, 2014
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Merlyn Snow, Kelly Elik, John Newstead and Jason Cottrell

Staff Present: Caitlin Haggart, Deputy Clerk

R2014-267

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the October 14, 2014 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Guests in the Audience: None

Delegations:

Bill Hubbert – Farmview Rd: Mr. Hubbert attended to request the use of the unopened section of Farmview Road that is graveled and currently drivable, which was formerly maintained by the Township. He would like use of the section for logging purposes for a two year period. Council would like to post signage that it is not municipally maintained. A resolution was passed.

Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent Report: Mr. Minor discussed his submitted report. A resident had a concern with weeds on the shoreline, council suggested contacting the weed inspector. Signage on High Rock Drive was discussed, Mr. Minor will place a speed limit sign at the corner of the road.

Discussion:

Christmas Office Hours: The office will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and January 2, 2015.

North Bay Parry Sound Public Health Unit Report: Submitted from representative Bruce Campbell, as he is not running in the current election.

Call 2 Recycle Summary Report: 76 kg of batteries have been collected from July – September 2014.

Rusty Russell Retirement Invitation: Council was provided with an invitation to the event in Orillia.

OPP Annual Billing Statement: OPP costs are increasing from \$180,731.00 to \$319,252.00 over the next 5 years.

Resolutions:

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Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a two year agreement with Bill Hubbert for the use of a portion of Farmview Road that is not maintained by the Township for logging purposes.

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And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby request that the 2 year agreement includes Proof of Liability Insurance, signage that the road is not municipally maintained and finally that the Township is not responsible for any damages.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and affix the seal thereto. **Carried**

R2014-269

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the September 30, 2014 Council meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2014-270

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the report as submitted by Municipal Planning Services regarding the pre-consultation application for severance as presented by Wayne McLaren at 129 Valley View Road.

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the summary comments and recommendations outlined in the report as conditions of the consent. **Carried**

R2014-271

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Pre-consultation application for a severance as presented by Wayne McLaren at 129 Valley View Road:

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby acknowledge the comments outlined in Mr. Jones' Summary to recommend that only a single lot severance be permitted

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this application in principal provided the recommendations presented and summary comments by Municipal Planning Services form part of the conditions of consent. **Carried**

R2014-272

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

That as a result of a recent interest arbitration award between Eastholme Home for the Aged and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1339-00, the

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Home will now have to pay \$280,000.00 in retroactive wage payments in respect of 2012 and 2014 and incur an ongoing wage increase cost of \$180,000.00;

And Whereas, the province has not provided adequate base funding to the home to pay for such an award;

And Whereas, the impact of downloading this cost to the supporting municipalities is a severe hardship;

Be it resolved that the Township of Strong does hereby support the Board of Management for the District of Parry Sound East in its' request to the province for financial assistance and further that the province provide an annual payment to the Board of Management for the District of Parry Sound East in respect of the unincorporated townships in the District of East Parry Sound. **Carried**

R2014-273

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Strong acknowledge receipt of the new OPP billing model which will see invoices split between base costs and calls for service on an approximately 60/40 split. All municipalities will pay the same cost per property for base services at \$203.00 per property.

FURTHER THAT this new model was given cabinet approval on August 13, 2014 and will commence on January 1, 2015. The new model will be phased-in over five years in order to give municipalities time to adjust to any increases in their policing costs.

AND FURTHER THAT as the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services will be reviewing various issues surrounding the new billing model, that the Township of Strong request that the Province implement a billing method for those properties located in Unorganized Townships so that they contribute their fair share to the overall Provincial Policing Costs.

AND FUTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, FONOM, AMO, our local MPP's and all municipalities that are serviced by the OPP. **Carried**

R2014-274

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that as per the Municipal Act, S.O c. 25, Section 239 the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Closed Session of Council, subsection 2 (f): advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, at 6:50 p.m. **Carried**

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The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2014-275

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on October 28, 2014. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Deputy Clerk, Caitlin Haggart