

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON SEPTEMBER 30, 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 and Jason Cottrell

Absent: Councillor John Newstead, with notice

Staff Present: Linda Maurer, Clerk/Treasurer

R2014-255

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the September 30, 2014 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Guests in the Audience: None

Delegations:

Norm Webb & Donna Kemp, Strong Historical Society: Representatives made a presentation on the summer student, Joe Schell, hired to create a GIS record of historical items. He completed all tasks in both locations and had a rewarding summer. Pioneer house had 461 visitors, museum had 498 visitors and 150 school children attended the site. They advised that many items have been donated. Council and staff were thanked for their support.

Discussion:

Letter from Ontario Hockey Federation: the letter will be forwarded to the SSJ Arena Committee.

Letter from Lion's Club: The Lions Club were inquiring about a sign advertising the bottle return depot at Landfill #1. The Clerk will check with the Landfill Supervisor on signage sizing options for placing a sign there.

Resolutions:

R2014-256

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Council meeting and September 15, 2014 Special meeting as circulated

Carried

R2014-257

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$459,724.91 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2014-258

Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the correspondence from ROMA Insurance Program regarding the ROMA Special Underwriting Group 1 – Reciprocal Insurance re-assessment.

And that Council is aware that the Township previously participated with the ROMA Insurance Reciprocal program;

And that Council was aware they were eligible to receive a portion of the surplus premiums, if they existed and are responsible for paying a supplemental assessment should there be a deficit.

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong have been advised by ROMA of the supplemental assessment for our share as being \$ 11,851.00 plus applicable taxes,

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And that the Council for the Township of Strong have determined their payment will be: \$11,851.00 plus taxes. **Carried**

R2014-259

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the resolution from the Joint Building Committee recommending increasing the Building Permit Fees by \$0.50 per \$1,000 project value each year in 2015 and 2016 with the effective date being January 1, 2015.

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve this recommendation as presented. **Carried**

R2014-260

Jay Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the resolution from the Joint Building Committee hereby requesting that Strong Township submit payment in the amount of \$ 6800.00 which represents two months of the anticipated shortfall to the Joint Building Committee. **Carried**

R2014-261

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2015 Accessibility Report as presented by the Clerk Treasurer to September 2015;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept this report as presented. **Carried**

R2014-262

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Township of Strong Employee Policies;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the recommended changes as presented. **Carried**

R2014-263

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Recommendation from DM Wills Associates Limited regarding Payment Certificate # 3 Muskoka Road Bridge Replacement;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$143,227.88 as presented. **Carried**

R2014-264

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the correspondence prepared the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario regarding Provincial Land Tax Reform.

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the concerns expressed in this correspondence as it relates to the Unincorporated Areas and the lack of contribution for services provided in those areas;

And that Council also strongly support the notion that provincial land use planning legislation, including the Building Code, should be enforced in the unincorporated areas. **Carried**

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Therefore be it Resolved that the Township of Strong support the resolution presented by the Township of Joly to pay the Sewer Lagoon charge over the 5 year period for the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena facility in the amount of \$1699.36 each year, and that Resolution 2014-248 is hereby rescinded as a majority vote had not been received. **Carried**

R2014-266

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on October 14, 2014. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer