

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON APRIL 28, 2015
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Les Blackwell, Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik, Jeff McLaren.

Delegations:

Mr. Mark Bell, Pettawawa Power Corporation attended the meeting. Mr. Bell submitted a proposal to lease land from the Township to install a small solar project. A copy of the project outline, background of his company and a draft lease agreement was presented for council to review. Council directed the Clerk to submit the documentation to our solicitor for review and comment. Council will make a decision based on this report once received.

Mrs. Judy Kleinhuis, Principal – Grant Thornton presented the 2015 Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 2014. Mrs. Kleinhuis reviewed their audit report along with the Trust Fund Statements.

Ms. Marjorie Robinson, Accountant attended the meeting to discuss the 2015 draft Budget. Council asked several questions on the budget process, budget line items and requested further information. Another draft of the budget will be prepared for council to review. Council would like to have a final draft of the Budget prepared for a Public Meeting on June 9, 2015.

Mr. Gord Jaques was placed on the agenda as a delegate to discuss his application for a Minor Variance. Mr. Jaques was unable to attend the meeting however, Council did review the application and a resolution was passed.

The following Resolutions were passed:

R2015-96

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the April 28, 2015 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

R2015-97

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2015-98

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Council hereby accept the Report of draft Consolidation Financial Statement as presented by Grant Thornton.

Carried

R2015-99

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including April 28, 2015 in the amount of \$24,721.00 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2015-100

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2015-011 for a Third and Final time, being a by-law to License Trailers within the Municipality;

And That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

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R2015-101

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2015-012 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council up to and including March 31, 2015;

And That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2015-102

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2015-013 being a by-law to authorize the purchase of lands from the Ministry of Transportation;

And That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2015-103

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Amendments to the following employee policies:

D-2.3 Sick Days (4) **The Employee must provide a doctor's certificate if requested by your supervisor should the employee be off work for more than 3 consecutive days.**

B-2.1 (5) Insurance Benefits: To include the following statement:

(In the event that there are insufficient sick days to carry the employee through to the LTD qualification period 119, the employee must remit the LTD premiums on a monthly basis to the Township of Strong).

B-2.1 (6) Insurance Benefits Pay the Employers portion of the current benefits provider premium **(with the exception of LTD)** on behalf of any employee while off on maternity/paternity leave.

D-2.4 (10) Pregnancy and Parental Leave ...while the employee is off on Maternity/Paternity Leave. **(with the exception of LTD).** **Carried**

R2015-104

Les Blackwell - Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong accept with regret Brandon Schmidt's resignation from the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby appoint Vi Montpetit as our representative to the Board effective April 1, 2015. **Carried**

R2015-105

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong accept accepts the 2015 Joint Services Budgets as presented:

Sundridge Strong Fire Department	\$274,505.64 – Strong's Share	\$ 123,827.52
Sundridge Strong Rec Committee	\$ 25,275.00 – Strong's Share	\$ 9,087.50
Sundridge Strong Library	\$ 85,568.28 – Strong's Share	\$ 32,260.22
Sundridge & District Medical Ctr	\$ 122,751.59 – Strong's Share	\$ 11,831.84
High Rock Look Out	\$ 4,800.00 – Strong's Share	\$ 2,000.00
SSJ Arena	\$ 380,908.00 – Strong's Share	\$ 109,175.50

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Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong received the application for a Minor Variance from Barbara and Gord Jaques for property located at 135 High Rock Road, Strong Township to request relief from the current set back requirements in the Shoreline Residential Zone to permit construction of a storage shed.

The Council for the Township of Strong authorize the Clerk Treasurer to proceed with the application process as follows

1. Survey of lot and shore rd allowance indicated
2. Deposit received

Carried

R2015-107

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the correspondence received from Andrew Farnsworth, Deputy Clerk for the Township of Ryerson expressing concern with the current MDS Formulae and the affects in planning decisions;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong supports the concerns expressed in The Township of Ryerson's resolution;

And that we also support the request to consider amendments as outlined in their resolution.

Carried

R2015-108

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Women's Own Resource Centre for 2015.

Carried

R2015-109

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution presented by the Township of Armour and the Township of Perry requesting the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care By-law be amended to include elected representatives to sit on the Board of Directors;

And that our support be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Norm Miller for consideration.

Carried

R2015-110

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School 2015 Graduation Awards.

Carried

R2015-111

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on May 12, 2015.

Carried