

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON AUGUST 11, 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, Jeff McLaren. Councillor Kelly Elik was absent with notice.

Councillor Jeff McLaren declared conflict of interest on two items.

Guests in the Audience:

Ray Roth, A. Solaris, Benard LeRoe, Candy Allinson, Wade Crozier, Gary Allinson, Barb & Steve Roser, Matt and Karen Crozier, Maryellen Nickason, William Edwards, Tim Wright, Karen Botham, Gordon Rice, Gary Rice, Erica Crozier, Jay Martin.

Delegations: Mr. Ray Roth attended the meeting to review a power point presentation on the Rodeo Road Solar Farm proposal. Mr. Roth answered questions from council. Mr. Roth's presentation included the steps involved in the application process and the time lines for completion of the project. Mr. Roth also discussed the Community Vibrancy Fund agreement presented to council. Mr. Roth advised he would like to have the necessary documents completed as early as possible as the deadline for submission is September 1, 2015.

Ms. Antaris Solaris attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the concerned property owners in the area that will be affected by the solar farm installation. Ms. Solaris presented council with copies of petitions signed by those concerned with a solar farm and expressed the many areas of concern with such a project. Ms. Solaris reviewed several areas of concern with solar farms, property values, environmental concerns, lack of community involvement, lack of communication, lack of following IESO guidelines.

As Council continued to have questions and concerns regarding the Solar Project, Council deferred a decision and has scheduled a further meeting to be held on August 18, 2015 at 5:45 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council will forward their concerns to Mr. Roth at Saturn Power. Once Council have the information they require they will be in a better position to make a decision.

Mr. Jay Martin attended the Council meeting to address some recent concerns/complaints that had been received by Council regarding his property. Mr. Martin submitted a detailed history of this property and the nature of the complaints. Mr. Martin advised council that both adjacent property owners were provided with his contact information and were informed to contact him should they have any issues. To date, Mr. Martin had not been informed of these issues from the adjacent property owners, only from the Township office. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to the adjacent property owners.

Resolution:

R2015-198

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the August 11, 2015 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

R2015-199

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren:

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2015-200

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including August 11, 2015 in the amount of \$59,786.96 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

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R2015-201

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Tender from A. Miron Topsoil for the supply of Winter Sand per tender 006-2015 in the amount of \$14,625.00 plus HST. **Carried**

R2015-202

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the correspondence received from DM Wills with estimates to conduct a structural inspection of the sand/salt dome;

And that Council accept the quotation as presented and authorize the completion of the inspection. **Carried**

R2015-203

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve submitting an application to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and Small Communities Fund for the construction of a Sand Salt Building for the Township.

And that Council authorizes DM Wills to complete the application on our behalf. **Carried**

R2015-204

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the report from our Engineer, DM Wills regarding the Proudfoot Bridge;

And That Council supports the recommendations provided in this correspondence;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby enact By-law 2015-020 being a by-law to limit the gross weight of any vehicle or any class thereof passing over the Proudfoot Road Bridge;

And hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer and the Mayor to sign this By-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2015-205

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the quotation from McLaren Brothers Construction for Hired Equipment Rates as set out in their proposal. **Carried**

****Councillor Jeff McLaren declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting during the discussion.**

R2015-206

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong authorize the Road Superintendent to hire McLaren Brothers construction to provide ditching on Cottrell and Tower Road up to \$ 45,000.00.

****Councillor Jeff McLaren declared a conflict of Interest and left the meeting during the discussion.**

R2015-207

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that as per the Municipal Act, S.0 c. 25, Section 239 the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Closed Session of Council,

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subsection 2 (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose at 8:30 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:45 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion

R2015-208

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend By-law 2008 – 1568 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk Treasurer; And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend this by-law to read:

“Appoint Tera Pinkerton (Kincaid) as Deputy Treasurer”

And that this Resolution shall be affixed to the By-law thereto.

Carried

R2015-209

Jason Cottrell-Les Blackwell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby Rescind Resolution 2009-0268 effective August 11, 2015;

And that Council for the Township of Strong authorize the Deputy Clerk to receive the Clerk’s wages for the time period the Deputy Clerk is assuming the Clerk’s responsibilities for more than 5 consecutive days due to illness or vacation.

Carried

R2015-210

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on August 17, 2015.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer