

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON JANUARY 13, 2015
AT 5:30 P.M.
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Council Members Present:

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

Staff Present: Linda Maurer, Clerk-Treasurer & Caitlin Haggart, Deputy Clerk

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Guests in the Audience: None

Delegations:

Adam Killah, CAEDA EDO: gave a presentation to Council on CAEDA's history and current and upcoming projects.

Merlyn Snow, CAEDA Rep: Mr. Snow did not attend the meeting.

Road Superintendent Kevin Minor attended the meeting. Mr. Minor provided council with a report of activities for December and early January. Councillor Blackwell was able to do a ride along in the plow truck with Equipment Operator, Randy McLaren. Mr. Minor will look into prices for a culvert steamer due to rusting damage to the current unit. Mr. Minor provided an update on conversations with MTO on stockpiling gravel and recommended scheduling a meeting with them to discuss paving as well. Council would like to invite MPP Norm Miller to the meeting. The Road Department will be placing signage on McLaren Lane due to large bumps left by road construction.

Discussion:

Wayne Beavis, CEMC – Staff Report: provided an update on Emergency Planning. A joint sector emergency meeting that all council and relevant staff are required to attend will be tentatively held on April 23rd.

CAEDA Grant Application/FedNor Grant: an application will be made by CAEDA to the FedNor CIINO program which would fund a fulltime EDO, operating expenses and projects for 3 years.

NE LHIN Correspondence: Bruce Campbell would be a great resource to contact for additional information as he worked with LHIN on the Health Centre.

CAEDA Rep, public representation: current position is unpaid but the member was requested to fill in at a sub-committee meeting. Will be discussed with the CAEDA budget.

Newsletter – further updates/comments: Council suggested highlighting the new website and new services at Landfill #1. The Deputy Clerk will bring a draft for review at the January 27th meeting.

Almaguin Health Centre: the committee is looking for membership as John Newstead used to attend on Strong's behalf. The Clerk will get more information on dates and times to present to Council.

Age Friendly Community Planning Event: Sundridge is applying with the Happy Gang, so EDO Adam Killah has partnered CAEDA and the South River seniors group on the application. The Clerk/Treasurer will prepare an application for the Township of Strong.

The following Resolutions were passed:

Resolutions:

R2015-001

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the January 13, 2015 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

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R2015-002

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the December 9, 2014 minutes as circulated. **Carried**

R2015-003

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

That the Council of the Township of Strong hereby approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including January 13, 2015 in the amount of \$428,166.75. And hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2015-004

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby Rescind Resolution # R2014-327 being a by-law to approve a severance application in principal as the agent acting on behalf of the property owner did not have authority to do so. **Carried**

R2015-005

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2015-001 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meetings for the fourth quarter of 2014 and read the by-law the required readings;

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**

R2015-006

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2015-002 Being a by-law to provide interest to be charged for overdue payments – Tax Arrears the required readings;

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**

R2015-007

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2015-003 Being a by-law to establish a charge for interest for non-payment of current taxes the required readings;

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

R2015-008

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2015-004 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Levy and the payment of Interim Taxes for 2015 the required readings;

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

R2015-009

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2015-005 being a by-law for Indemnification the require readings;

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

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Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2015-006 Being a by-law to authorize the borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year the required readings;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2015-011

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Closed Session of Council at 7:50 p.m. as per the Municipal Act S.O. c. 25, Section 239 (3.1) Educational or training sessions. **Carried**

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:00 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2015-012

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

That the Council of the Township of Strong agrees that as per the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 as amended, Section 239 (3.1) Education or training session, a meeting of Council or local board may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members,
 2. No member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision making of the council or local board;
- And that the Council for the Township of Strong will be participating in a meeting wherein outside educators will be explaining issues under the Municipal Act. Therefore be it resolved that as per the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Section 239 (3.1) as amended, Council of the Township of Strong hereby close a meeting to be held on January 20, 2015 and January 30, 2015 for educational and training purposes. **Carried**

R2015-013

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The council is aware that the Township receives some invoices that must be paid prior to Council meetings because of penalties for late payments.

Council is also aware that the Treasurer pays for janitorial services bi-weekly and employee's wages every second Friday.

Council authorizes the Treasurer to issue cheques for the above as and when required throughout 2015. The Council also authorizes the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase necessary stationary supplies, printing supplies and other office materials that are required to efficiently operate the Municipal office from day to day throughout 2015. **Carried**

R2015-014

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

That the Council of the Township of Strong have reviewed the Quotation to provide a new Munisoft Workstation in the amount of \$2,129.00 plus HST for the administration office. **Carried**

R2015-015

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell

That the Council of the Township of Strong hereby support the inclusion of the CAEDA as a member of the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$ 200.00 for annual dues. **Carried**

R2015-016

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

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That the Council of the Township of Strong support CAEDA's recommendation to complete a CIINO application for funding as outlined;
And that they Township of Strong will support submitting the application on their behalf if required. **Carried**

R2015-017

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

That the Council of the Township of Strong have read the Resolution presented by the Township of Algonquin Highlands regarding concerns with the new OPP billing model;

And Whereas the Township of Strong supports the request for the Province to implement a billing method for those properties located in the unorganized townships so that those properties contribute to their fair share of policing costs;
And that our Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario for consideration.

Carried

R2015-018

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

That the Council of the Township of Strong have read the correspondence sent to the Hon. Minister Sandals from the Township of Ryerson expressing concern with the Ministry of Education's proposed changes to the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG);

And Whereas Council for the Township of Strong support the comments made and request that serious consideration is given to the comments contained in this correspondence in the final decision process.

Carried

R2015-019

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell

That the Council of the Township of Strong have reviewed the notification from Mayor Christine Ellis of her absence from February 18, 2015 to February 28, 2015.

Carried

R2015-020

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

That the Council of the Township of Strong have reviewed the application as presented by Michael Clarke to purchase the shore road allowance located on Lot 15, Concession 4;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the application in principal and direct the Clerk Treasurer to proceed with the application. **Carried**

R2015-021

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

That the Council for the Township of Strong accept the quote from Northern Disposal & Sanitation for Portable Washrooms at the various parks in the Township of Strong as presented.

Carried

R2015-022

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:12 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on January 27, 2015.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer