

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON JANUARY 27, 2015
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 and Jeff McLaren

Absent: Councillor Les Blackwell – with notice, attending EMS meeting.

Staff Present: Caitlin Haggart, Deputy Clerk

Declaration of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Guests in the Audience: None

Delegations:

Brian Hachkowski – Integrated Earth: Mr. Hachkowski provided a background on services provided to the Township of Strong Landfill sites: monitor ground water impact twice annually, work with staff on strong maintenance and efficiency, and waste diversion efforts with the ultimate goal of extending the life of the sites. He would like to schedule a tour of the two sites with Council this spring. He invited all members of Council to contact him with any further questions.

Landfill Staff – Mike Basso, Pete Adams, Mark Basso: The Mayor thanked staff for attending and would like to have them all at a Council meeting annually. The Mayor went over operations at Landfill #1 with the staff.

Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent: Mr. Minor provided an update on overtime and that the culvert steamer has been patched to test when required. A resolution was passed regarding Truck #19. Sanding on Pevensey Road was discussed.

Discussion:

MEPCO – OMERS Update: A letter was received from MEPCO regarding OMERS services.

Health Unit – inspection of public washroom report: The Health Unit inspected the office and all signage was posted in the public washrooms regarding small water systems.

The following Resolutions were passed:

Resolutions:

R2015-23

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the January 27, 2015 agenda as presented and/or amended.

Amended: Authorize payment certificate #4 to MTM-2 Contracting
Comment Form – J. Goodfellow
CAEDA Resolution support requested

Carried

R2015-24

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a solid push road to be fastened to truck #19 by Craig Wallwork, as per the quote received.

Recorded Vote Requested:

	For	Against
Chris Ellis		X
Les Blackwell		
Jason Cottrell	X	
Kelly Elik	X	
Jeff McLaren	X	

Carried

R2015-25

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Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2015-26

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including July 22, 2014 in the amount of \$25,324.25 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2015-27

Jeff McLaren – Jay Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the amended Policy Number D-2.3 Sick Days policy;

And hereby approve the amended policy as presented to be included in the Township Employee Policy. **Carried**

R2015-28

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the recommendation of the Joint Building Committee regarding wage increase for 2015;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the recommendation of a 2% increase as presented for the Chief Building Official and Deputy Building Official effective January 1, 2015. **Carried**

R2015-29

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support the nomination of Teri Brandt as our area representative on the Parry Sound District Social Services Board. **Carried**

R2015-30

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the copy of a letter sent by Mr. Rick Zanussi, Chair of the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board expressing concern with the current state of the Ontario Works program as a result of the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) which was implemented by the Ministry of Community and Social Services;

And that as a result of this new system and the errors associated with the implementation of the new system, several clients received incorrect amounts;

And Whereas the Province intends to recover all overpayments from clients;

That the recovery of those errors from vulnerable people results in additional financial pressure of local and municipal poverty reduction programs such as local food banks, homelessness and emergency shelter programs;

Therefore be it resolved that system administrative errors should not be borne by vulnerable people and urge the Minister to remove the recovery of overpayments that arise from system generated errors where it is not cost effective or where there is an undue hardship of social assistance recipients. **Carried**

R2015-31

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed Resolution number 2015-01 from CAEDA (Central Almaguin Economic Development Association) requesting support to make a financial contribution of \$ 1,000 per member

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municipality to complete a Regional Business Retention and Expansion Project (BR&E).

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve this financial contribution for 2015. **Carried**

R2015-32

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed Resolution number 2015-05 from CAEDA (Central Almaguin Economic Development Association) requesting support to submit an application with SAHED and the Almaguin Chamber of Commerce for a RED Funding application for the annual Trade Show.

Carried

R2015-33

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong hereby submit an application on behalf of CAEDA for the Age Friendly Communities Planning grant.

Recorded Vote Requested:

	For	Against
Chris Ellis		X
Les Blackwell		
Jason Cottrell		X
Kelly Elik		X
Jeff McLaren		X

Carried

The resolution was defeated because the Township of Strong is submitting their own application for this funding program.

R2015-34

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize payment to MTM-2 Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$53,932.02 + HST for Payment Certificate #4 - Final.

Carried

R2015-35

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) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board at 7:25 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:40 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion

R2015-36

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on February 10, 2015.

Carried