

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON JULY 14, 2015
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Councillor Kelly Elik declared she would have a Conflict of Interest regarding the proposed Saturn Power Solar Project as she lived with the property owner (Garfield Rice) when she was a teenager. During the Saturn Power and Jennifer Winters presentation Councillor Elik left Council Chambers and did not participate in any discussions.

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

Delegations:

Mike Birrett, CIF . Mr. Birrett spoke to council outlining some changes that may be implemented in new Legislation affecting Waste Diversion Ontario, Stewardship Ontario and it's impact on the municipality's recycling program. There is concern the model for funding may be changed to a program used in other Provinces. These models have drastically reduced the funding provided to municipalities and does not necessarily reflect the costs associated with recycling.

Mr. Birrett also recommended the Council look to other municipalities to create partnerships that may increase our program efficiency and reduce our costs. Mr. Birrett is willing to work with Council in creating a strategy with other areas.

David Patterson – Saturn Power. Mr. Patterson requested that Council defer a decision on the resolution regarding the Solar Project proposal at this time. Mr. Patterson advised they had not had the opportunity to return to the community to discuss matters. Mr. Patterson was asked by Council when he returns to bring information regarding the impact on property values next to a solar farm. Mr. Patterson will contact the office when they are ready to present to Council.

Jennifer Winters- Property Owner adjacent to the proposed solar farm. Ms. Winters read her presentation to council outlining her concerns with this proposed development. (copy is attached to the Minutes). Ms. Winters is asking that Council vote "NO" to this proposal as it will affect 15 farms in the surrounding area. Ms. Winters presentation sited many concerns including "money runs out by the company, waste from the solar farm, fence surrounding her property.

Scott Douglas – Seasonal Road By-law concerns. Mr. Douglas contacted the officer prior to the end of day and advised he could not attend the meeting in person. Mr. Douglas sent an email with his concerns and this email was read at the meeting by the Clerk Treasurer. His concerns were duly noted and the Clerk will prepare a by-law which addresses his concerns to be brought to the July 28, 2015 council meeting.

Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent. Mr. Minor presented Council with his monthly report. Council also reviewed the submission received for Hired Equipment. Mr. Minor was instructed by Council to use the Hired equipment rates provided to determine the cost to upgrade two additional roads in the Township – Tower Road and Cottrell Road this season. This estimate will be reviewed by Council to determine if the work can be completed.

Discussion Items:

Council reviewed the proposed Vacation Request form and Shift change form to be used by staff. Council requested that each staff member complete the vacation request form and a copy is kept in the Administration Office by the Clerk/Treasurer.

The POA Court Lease was reviewed. Council requested that a review by the SSJ Arena Committee be completed and submitted to all Councils at the Tri Council meeting outlining costs to operate arena/cost associated in providing Court services.

Tim Bryson – Tipping fee charges. As it is not clear exactly what had been dumped at the landfill and with what equipment, Council agreed to waive the Tipping fee in this instance.

September Council meeting dates were discussed. As the Clerk/Treasurer will be away in early September and the Mayor and Clerk in a training session in late September it was agreed that the September Council meeting dates will be changed to September 14, 2015 and

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September 29, 2015. Council is aware the agenda may not be available on the website the Friday before the September 14, 2015 meeting.

Hired Equipment Rates tender. The tender was opened, however Council did not make a decision at this time to accept/reject this tender.

Guests in the audience: There were approximately 23 guests in the audience. A copy of the sign in sheet is attached.

Resolution:

R2015-170

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the July 14, 2015 agenda as presented and/or amended.

-Scott Douglas could not attend meeting

-Tim Bryson Landfill tipping fee

-Employee Benefits B.2.2

Carried

R2015-171

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren:

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting as circulated.

Carried

R2015-172

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including July 14, 2015 in the amount of \$ 95,578.92 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2015-173

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2015-018 being a by-law to rename certain roads/highways within the Township of Strong;

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

R2015-174

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2015-019 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council from April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015;

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

R2015-

~~Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Prescribed Template Municipal Council Support Resolution regarding the Rodeo Road Solar Farm Project Saturn Power Inc,;~~

~~And That Council shall sign the prescribed template on behalf of the Municipality in support of this project.~~

~~**There will be two versions of this resolution – check which one has been signed.**~~

R2015

~~Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Community Vibrancy Fund Agreement presented by Saturn Power;~~

~~And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the provisions of this Agreement;~~

~~And Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**~~

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The above resolutions were deferred to a later date at the request of Saturn Power.

R2015-175

Jeff McLaren- Les Blackwell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve the recommendation from the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena and Hall Committee to sign the Bell Small Cell License Agreement on behalf of the SSJ Arena & Hall.

And that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this Agreement and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2015-176

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve the recommendation from the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena and Hall Committee to sign the POA Court License Agreement for a further 5 year term on behalf of the SSJ Arena & Hall.

And that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this Agreement and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

A recorded vote was requested:

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

R2015-177

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution passed by the Town of Huntsville expressing concern with the proposed “One Hospital model” presented by the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care Board;

Council currently have concerns with the level of service provided to the residents of Strong Township as we are one of the furthest municipalities from the current Huntsville Hospital location;

And that relocation to a “One Hospital Model’ will only increase the travel time for our residents which may dramatically affect their health care treatment;

Now therefore be it resolved Council for the Township of Strong supports the concerns expressed in this resolution and forward our Resolution to Tony Clement, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, AMO, Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka.

Carried

R2015-178

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution passed by New Tecumseth expressing concern with the cost of electricity for Ontario manufacturers

And That Council supports this resolution as presented;

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong forward our Support for this resolution to the Premier for consideration. **Carried**

R2015- Deferred

~~The Council for the Township of Strong accept the quotation from _____ for the Hired Equipment rates as set out in their proposal.~~

~~**Carried**~~

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R2015-179

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve the recommendation from the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee to approve a wage increase to the Fire Chief as set out in the Village of Sundridge's Pay Grid effective January 1, 2015. **Carried**

R2015-180

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve the recommendation from the Medical Centre Committee to approve a wage increase to the Nurse Practitioner's Secretary as set out in the Village of Sundridge's Pay Grid effective January 1, 2015.

Carried

R2015-181

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the amendments to Employee Policy D.2.3 Sick days;

And that Council for the Township of Strong support the proposed amendments to this policy as presented. **Carried**

R2015-182

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the recommendation to amend the Employee Policy B.2.2 Vacation to include:

“Staff will be required to complete a Vacation/Leave Request form and submit to their Supervisor and Clerk/Treasurer for approval when requesting time off for more than 2 consecutive days. **Carried**

R2015-183

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the quotation from CGIS to add roads data to the SLIMS program from the Capital Assets Excel document to enable a Roads Project Management portal.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the quotation as presented and authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to sign the quotation on our behalf. **Carried**

R2015-184

Jeff McLaren – 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, subsection 2 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations at 7:52 p.m. **Carried**

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:55 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion

R2015-185

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Landfill Committee will consist of Kelly Elik and Jason Cottrell and the Roads Committee -Les Blackwell and Christine Ellis. Jeff McLaren will be an alternate for both. **Carried**

R2015-186

Jason Cottrell – 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 July 28, 2015. **Carried**

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