

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON JUNE 9, 2015
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 p.m. 2015 BUDGET MEETING**

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

There were no Pecuniary Interests declared

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

Christine Gordon, David Clemmer, and Stephane Aubin of the Northridge Inn attended the council meeting to request an exemption to the Noise by-law for the period July 17 to 27, 2015 for a special event being held at the resort. Council was also asked to support the application for a temporary liquor license for two locations on the resort during this time period.

Tim Bryson – Landfill charges – did not attend. The Clerk was directed to send a letter to Mr. Bryson regarding the charges per the by-law.
Mike Basso – Landfill Site supervisor attended the meeting to update council.
Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent attended the meeting to review his monthly road report as well as discuss the 2015 Budget. Council would like Mr. Minor to complete two roads this construction season along with the Construction projects outlined in the 2015 Budget. Council increased the road budget to allow for the extra road work. Tenders were reviewed and accepted for surface treatment and granular A as posted.

Bill and Susan Lang attended the Council meeting to review the Draft Development Agreement submitted by Mr. Lang. Council reviewed the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer requesting a drainage plan be considered prior to approval of the Agreement. Mr. Lang will amend the Agreement and submit for council review.

The Clerk was directed to send a follow up letter to CN Rail regarding concerns with the rail ties that have been left from the work completed in 2014, as well as requesting a date when they will finish up the rail crossings that were not addressed previously.

Council Jason Cottrell expressed concern with the procurement process in regards to the purchase of a fire pumper truck. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Village of Sundridge.

The Public meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. to review and adopt the Budget for 2015. There were no members of the public in attendance for this meeting. Council reviewed and adopted the 2015 final budget.

Resolution:

R2015-143

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the June 9, 2015 agenda as presented and/or amended. Bill Lang – delegation.

Carried

R2015-144

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting as amended.

Carried

R2015-145

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby provide the Northridge Inn with an exemption to Noise By-law 96-1352 Prohibited by Time and Place Section 2 for the period July 17, 2015 to July 27th, 2015.

Carried

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R2015-146

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support the proposed temporary liquor license extension to include the beach area and tennis court at the Northridge Inn. **Carried**

R2015-147

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including June 9, 2015 in the amount of \$59842.24 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2015-148

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong accept the 2014 Central Almaguin Economic Development Association Financial report as presented by Grant Thornton LLP. **Carried**

R2015-149

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Municipal Act, 2001 Ontario Regulation 284/09 2015 Budget report as presented. **Carried**

R2015-150

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt By-law 2015-16 being a by-law to set tax Ratios for Municipal purposes for 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**

R2015-151

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt By-law 2015-17 being a by-law to set the final tax levy for all classes, and hereby adopt the 2015 Municipal Budget.

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**

R2015-152

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accepts the tender as presented from Bruell Contracting in the amount of \$57,614.41 plus HST for Tender 2015-003 Surface Treatment. **Carried**

R2015-153

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accepts the tender as presented from A. Miron TopSoil in the amount of \$159,520.00 plus HST for Tender 2015-004 Crushed Granular A **Carried**

R2015-154

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves payment of \$25.00 per month to each council member in consideration for use of their personal cell electronic devices for Council business effective Jan 1, 2015.

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Councillors may opt out of receiving this reimbursement.

Carried

R2015-155

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the recommendation of the Road Superintendent and the Mayor to hire Vinnie Bonazza as a Seasonal Public Works Employee starting at Step 1 of the Municipal Employee Payroll Grid.

Carried

R2015-156

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on June 23, 2015.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer