

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON MARCH 10, 2015
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING**

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

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

Resolution:

R2015-60

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 10, 2015 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

R2015-61

Les Blackwell-Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

Delegations:

Janice Spray and Jayme Young of DSSAB attended the meeting to discuss the current Affordable Housing situation in the Township of Strong. They prepared a power point presentation providing statistical information on total lone parent families, total number of seniors living alone, single individuals, average income. Council thanked the delegates for this information.

Road Superintendent Kevin Minor. Mr. Minor gave a report to council on the activities in the past month. Councillor McLaren had a concern with the way in which a dead deer carcass was removed from the roadway. His concern was for individuals walking along the road, the wolves that would be around the dead carcass and the fact that the carcass was not buried. Mr. Minor advised council that a policy has been implemented that would ensure all staff are aware of the procedures to follow should this occasion arise again. Mr. Minor answered several questions from council regarding the frost heaves in the road, work planned for the upcoming season.

Discussion Items:

Council was reminded of the Hospital Rally in Huntsville of March 21, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Huntsville Town Office.

Training Session for Council March 23, 2015.

The Clerk discussed with council amendments to the Fees by-law and council instructed the Clerk to prepare a by-law and post the Notice.

The Clerk discussed with council an opportunity to apply for Youth Intern Funding for a one year Records Management Intern. A resolution was passed.

Council reviewed the 2015 Rates to be charged to the Village of Sundridge and the Township of Joly for Landfill site services.

The Clerk reported on the 2015 Budget and suggested that council review a draft budget at their next regular meeting on March 24, 2015.

The Following Resolutions were passed:

R2015-62

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby increase the Municipal Landfill Fee by 2% for the year 2015 to the Village of Sundridge and the Township of Joly.

Carried

R2015-63

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby appoint Robert Gibbon as the Municipal Weed Inspector for the year 2015.

Carried

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Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby send 2 representatives to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Meeting on April 24, 2015 in Callandar.

Carried

R2015-65

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2015 Employment Contract for services at Landfill Site # 2 from 719406 Ontario Incorporated, (Carl Miners) in the amount of \$ 26,152.44 plus HST effective May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016.

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

R2015-66

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution presented by CAEDA (Central Almaguin Economic Development Association) requesting a contribution in the amount of \$ 5140.00 to cover expenses from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this recommendation. **Carried**

R2015-67

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Administration fee charged to CAEDA;

And that the initial Administration fee covered hourly rates for staff as meetings were held during normal office hours;

And that as meetings are now held after normal office hours, staff are required to stay later than their normal work day;

And that the Township of Strong has a policy in which they pay staff a stipend to attend meetings after normal office hours;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend the Administration fee to CAEDA to \$350.00 per month effective April 1, 2015. **Carried**

R2015-68

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong hereby apply for a Records Management Intern through NOHFC. **Carried**

R2015-69

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Minor Variance Application presented by William and Susan Lang seeing relief for a 3 meter rear yard setback relief for a dwelling and relief for a 1.7 meter side yard setback for septic.

And that the property owners may now proceed with the Minor Variance process. **Carried**

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Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Committee of Adjustment meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Carried

R2015-71

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment as presented for Minor Variance application A34/2014 received from Robert and Barbara Low, 1022 South Lake Bernard Road.

Carried

R2015-72

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

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) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose 8:20 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

R2015-73

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 9:10 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting on March 24, 2015.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer