

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON May 12, 2015  
IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
“As Amended”**

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

**Pecuniary Interest – None Declared**

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

**R2015-112**

**Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren**

Therefore be it resolved The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the May 12, 2015 Agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

**R2015-113**

**Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting as circulated. Correction resolution 2015-105. **Carried**

**Delegations to see Council:**

Laura Volti – Municipal Relations representative MPAC. Ms. Volti provided Council with an overview of MPAC, their duties, roles and responsibilities. Council asked several questions regarding the assessment process, building permit information and data collection.

Mr. David Patterson attended the Meeting on behalf of Saturn Power. Saturn Power is in the process of applying to the Provincial Government for approval of a 15MW solar farm on approximately 155 acres of land located at 481 Rodeo Road, 500 Rodeo Road and 743 Rodeo Road. Mr. Patterson reviewed with council the Community Engagement Plan and answered any questions that Council had regarding this project.

Mr. Arnold Hall and Mr. Merlyn Snow attended the council meeting to provide an update on the Strong Cemetery's financial situation. Mr. Hall advised that as funds in the Perpetual Care account are not accessible by the Cemetery Board to use for operations, and that the sale of cemetery plots have declined they find their resources are limited. Mr. Hall was seeking an increase in the Honourarium paid by the Township of Strong to assist with these expenses. Mr. Hall and Council also discussed the current layout of the Mortuary and concerns regarding access to the lower level. It was decided that some council members will meet with Mr. Hall to determine options to correct this situation.

Mr. John Newstead attended Council meeting to express his concern with the recent condition of Rodeo Road. He was not pleased with the grader operator's performance in the past few weeks and the way in which the road was being graded.

Road Superintendent Kevin Minor attended the meeting and provided council with his monthly report. Mr. Minor updated council on work that had been completed, his discussion with the bus operator relating to a concern on Pevensey Road, a concern by Mr. Minor that the work load is increasing dramatically and he feels that council should be looking into hiring an Engineer to assist with day to day operations. A copy of the memo sent by the Mayor to Mr. Minor was also reviewed. This memo was a result of a recent Roads Tour by council members and outlined several areas of concern by council. Councillor Les Blackwell reviewed the memo and Mr. Minor's report. Councillor Blackwell specifically asked Mr. Minor if he felt that he could accomplish the work outlined in this memo, and Mr. Minor reported he did not feel he could.

Guests: Mr. John Turner

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The Agri Spirit Funding application was reviewed. The Clerk advised that in order to complete the application more details were required, costs for a facility, purpose of the facility etc. Council will work on this project in the fall to obtain information to submit applications for funding.

**The following Resolutions were passed:**

**R2015-114**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including May 12, 2015 in the amount of \$46,157.24 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

**R2015-115**

**Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren**

**Whereas** capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in FIT Rules, Version 3.0,

**AND WHEREAS** Pettawawa Power (the Applicant) proposes to construct and operate a 500kw Solar Project on Concession 8, Lot 14, 28 Muskoka Road, (the "Lands") in The Township of Strong under the Province's FIT Program;

**AND WHEREAS** the Applicant has requested that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong indicate by Resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other persons applying for FIT Contracts;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project or any other purpose.

**Carried**

**R2015-116**

**Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve our annual donation to the Royal Canadian Legion– Sundridge in the amount of \$ 2300.00.

And that we authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue a cheque for same. **Carried**

**R2015-117**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren**

The Council for the Township of Strong accept the 2014 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena Financial Statements as presented. **Carried**

**R2015-118**

**Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved the Council enter into closed session per Section 232 (2) personnel at 8:47 **Carried**

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*The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 6:40 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.*

**R2015-119**

**Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik**

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong hereby instruct the Road Superintendent to remove Lawrence Erven from operating the grader at any time.

**Carried**

**R2015-120**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on May 26, 2015.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**