

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON NOVEMBER 24, 2015
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councilors Les Blackwell, Jason Cottrell (absent), Kelly Elik, Jeff McLaren.

Delegations:

Norm Webb and Donna Kemp from the Strong Agricultural Society – Heritage Committee attended the meeting to provide council with an update of activities over the summer months at the Heritage House & Museum. Mr. Webb reported there were over 938 signed visitors through the facilities this year. Caroline Sinclair worked with the summer student and they offered a Thursday morning children's event playing pioneer games and activities. It was usual to have 15 to 20 children attend each event. According to their records visitors came from Belgium, Texas, Medicine Hat, and Jerusalem, throughout Ontario and Quebec. The group is also looking at funding sources to erect another building to hold the larger pieces of equipment that have been donated to the Committee. Mr. Webb advised that in 2016 it is the 100th Anniversary of the 162nd Battalion and that 30 families from our area volunteered to fight in the war under the 162nd. They will be looking to partner with groups and council's to hold a special event honouring the members of the 162nd. Mrs. Kemp also reported they had the Grade 3 students attend the centre to learn about Pioneer days. Mr. Webb asked in Council would be willing to include a bulletin about the Heritage Centre in the Newsletter. Mr. Webb was advised to submit his article to the Clerk's office to be included in the spring/summer newsletter. Mr. Webb and Mrs. Kemp thanked council and the Clerk their continued support to secure funding and provide administration services for the summer student program.

Mr. Michael Hardy attended the Council meeting to discuss the Road closing application presented by Mr. & Mrs. L. Erven between Concession 4 & 5, Lot 11. Mr. Hardy requested re-consideration for Part 1 as there is an easement registered over this section of the road allowance that does restrict use of the property by Mr. & Mrs. Erven. A resolution was passed.

Mr. Al Hussey – WasteLogix attended the meeting to review the recycling process in the Township of Strong. Council had some concern with materials shipped out/market values/back log of bales. Mr. Hussey advised that the market for plastics is nil at this time. He suggested the bales stored outside should be moved to ensure they do not break open as this would result in loss of bales. A list of bales stockpiled at the Recycling Centre was provided to Mr. Hussey. He will arrange transportation of the materials in the next few days. Council discussed the difference in the CIF Price Sheet for materials compared to prices paid to the Township. Mr. Hussey reminded council the CIF sheets do not include costs for transporting loads, and that WasteLogix does not charge the freight fees which account for the difference in values. Council updated Mr. Hussey on possible new projects at the Recycling Centre. Mr. Hussey advised that he would welcome the opportunity to work with council on these new projects when more details are available.

Neil Gutjahr attended the meeting on behalf of the Near North Snow Drifters Snowmobile Club. They are proposing relocation a section of the trail through property owned by Infrastructure Ontario. A map outlining the proposed trail location was provided for Council to review. Mr. Gutjahr requested a letter of support from Council for this project. The Clerk was directed to prepare a letter of support for Mr. Gutjahr.

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Resolutions:

R2015-296

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Agenda for the November 24, 2015 meeting as presented/amended. **Carried**

R2015-297

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2015-298

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren:

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including November 24, 2015 in the amount of \$360,488.06 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2015-299

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution presented by the Municipality of Magnetawan expressing concern with the lack of support from the MNRF for the AFIA fish stocking program;

And that Council supports the petition to the MNRF to direct the local office of the MNRF to enter into a long term agreement addressing the reinstatement of the valuable fish hatchery stocking program at Magnetawan to be effective 2015, inclusive of Lakes Cecebe and Ahmic;

And that our resolution of support be forwarded to the Municipality of Magnetawan for their collection and presentation. **Carried**

R2015-300

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution presented by the Municipality of Neebing expressing significant concerns and objections to the amount of money that the Provincial Government expects Municipalities to pay for either having its own police service, for contracting with the Ontario Provincial Police, or for employing the Ontario Provincial Police through the “default” provisions of the Police Services Act;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong supports the concerns and remarks made in this resolution;

Therefore be it Resolved the Township of Strong supports the recommendations set out in this resolution and forward our support to the Municipality of Neebing for their collection and presentation. **Carried**

R2015—301

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong support the sale of the unopened Road Allowance between Concessions 4 & 5, in front of Lot 11 provided the applicant agrees to pay all costs associated with the purchase of the land as follows: Part 1 \$0.15 p/sq ft. & Part 2 \$0.25 p/sq ft and other sale of land charges;

And that the applicant submits an application and deposit fee for a Minor Variance/Zoning By-law Amendment for structures not in conformity with the Zoning By-law. **Carried**

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R2015-302

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:

That the Council for the Township of Strong give employees a \$ 100.00 Christmas bonus.

A recorded Vote was requested:		For	Against
Chris Ellis		X	
Les Blackwell			X
Jason Cottrell	Absent		
Kelly Elik		X	
Jeff McLaren			X Defeated

R2015-303

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on **December 14, 2015.**

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer