

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON AUGUST 9, 2016
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

Absent with Notice: Councillor Les Blackwell.

Staff Present: Caitlin Haggart, Deputy Clerk (left at 6:30p.m.)

Pecuniary Interest Declared: None

Delegations:

Carolyn Miller: advised the office she was unable to attend

Guests in the Audience: None

Comments/Correspondence:

L. Brisbois, Malyon Drive: Road Superintendent responded to the comment.

Bruce & Patricia Graham, Property Standards: Mr. Chris Fraser provided council with an update on the Property Standards concern.

Discussion items:

Pool Lake D. Hannaford, 911 Concern: Council discussed a 911 sign to be installed at the Pool Lake Public Boat Launch Road allowance and dock area for those residents located across Pool Lake. Special numbering will be provided to this area as the cottages are water access only. A sample was provided to council for their approval. The Clerk was directed to arrange numbering of the Pool Lake Public Boat Launch Road allowance for 911 services.

It was also brought to Council's attention there have been several complaints received from individuals who have been verbally assaulted and/or advised they are on private land when accessing the Pool Lake Public dock. It was noted the Pool Lake Public Boat Launch and Public dock are owned by the Township of Strong and persons should not interfere with those accessing this publicly owned land. Any interference with use of this publicly owned property should be directed to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Council discussed a possible locations for a dog beach at various accesses to the lake. Council will set a date for a Public Meeting in September to discuss a dog beach.

The following Resolutions were passed:

R2016-203

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the August 9, 2016 agenda as amended. **Carried**

R2016- 204

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting as circulated and/or amended. **Carried**

R2016-205

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including August 9, 2016 in the amount of \$40,419.03 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2016-206

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the report presented by Deputy Clerk Caitlin Haggart regarding Township email accounts and hereby authorize the creation of the new accounts with VS Group. **Carried**

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Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the proposals for signage at Landfill Site #1;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the proposal from Cedar Signs for Aluminum Board in the amount of \$1,358.66 + HST, no base.

Carried

R2016-208

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong accept the proposal as presented from Gilroy Tire to purchase loader tires for equipment at Landfill Site #1 in the amount of \$1,679.00 each + Hst and service call.

And authorize the Purchase of Skid Steer Tires for Landfill Site #1 equipment from Tracks & Wheels in the amount of \$2,832.00 + HST.

Carried

R2016-209

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve sending 2 representatives to the Fall District of Parry Sound Municipal Meeting held on September 30, 2016 in Parry Sound.

Carried

R2016-210

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

Whereas the Province of Ontario has delegated authority for the administration of the Provincial Offences Act Court for the District of Parry Sound to the Town of Parry Sound; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Attorney General regulates how municipal partners may collect outstanding fines; and

Whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regulates how municipalities may utilize the property tax roll to collect outstanding fines and charges; and

Whereas the collection of outstanding fines is considered encumbered by existing powers granted to the municipalities.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the Town of Parry Sound who together are asking the Province of Ontario to:

1. Consider enacting regulations to eliminate the “cherry picking” of outstanding fine is paid first and then the subsequent fines are paid in order;
2. That regulations regarding tax rolling of outstanding fines be amended to allow the tax rolling of fines onto property taxes regardless of the number of owners on the property;
3. That a common memorandum of understanding be provided to all municipalities, or changes in the Municipal Act be made, so that inter-municipal agreements are not required in order to collect fines from other municipalities.
4. That POA fines be treated as “priority lien”, similar to water and wastewater fees, to ensure that collectability is enforceable once added to the tax roll and that interest on outstanding fines may be collected.

And also be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Norm Miller MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Ministry of Municipal

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Affairs, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Municipal Court Managers Association, Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association. **Carried**

R2016-211

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

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 (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; at 6:00 p.m. **Carried**

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 6:20 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2016-212

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby rescind Resolution Numbers R2016-191 and R2016-192 regarding the Manager of Operations position. **Carried**

R2016-213

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Township of Strong offer the Manager of Operations to candidate B at Step 5 with 2 weeks vacation. **Carried**

R2016-214

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby temporarily adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. to permit Councillors Cottrell and McLaren to attend an Emergency Fire Board Meeting. **Carried**

R2016-215

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby resume the regular meeting of Council at 8:00 p.m. **Carried**

R2016-216

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the retirement notice of Fire Chief Wayne Beavis effective Oct. 7, 2016 with regret;

And accept the resignation of Deputy Fire Chief Jim Schmidt effective Aug. 9, 2016 with regret. **Carried**

R2016-217

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Council approve a further exemption to the Northridge Inn to the noise bylaw to 1am for the months of Sept. & October 2016. **Carried**

R2016-218

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on August 23, 2016. **Carried**

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