

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON FEBRUARY 23, 2016  
IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**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.

Delegations:

Reanda Doornink and Tiffany Elliot of the East Parry Sound Literacy Council attended the meeting and provided council with an update of the services they provide. The EPSLC is partially funded through the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities however this does not always meet their operational expenses. The EPSL Council was seeking a municipal contribution of \$0.45 per capita from all municipalities it supports in the East Parry Sound area to help offset their expense and provide further programming to their clients. Council thanked the representatives and will make a decision during the budget process.

Tim Bryson attended the meeting to discuss his proposal for land severances on Pevensey Road. Mr. Bryson was not sure at that time if would continue with the process due to the requirements as set out in the Official Plan and Zoning by-law for lot creation. Mr. Bryson will contact the clerk to advise his plan for the property.

Council questioned the Minutes – Resolution 2016-041 outlining remuneration to committee members – Vi Montpetit – Recreation Committee. The Clerk advised she would clarify this amount and correct as required.

**Resolution:**

**R2016-52**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the February 23, 2016 agenda as presented and amended.

*Office furniture proposal*

*-Eastholme 2016 Levy*

*-Arts council donation request*

*-Housing support resolution*

**Carried**

**R2016-53**

**Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting as circulated.

**Carried**

**Amendment to the Minutes: Payment to Vi Montpetit - \$ 280.00 Recreation committee was a clerical error.**

**R2016-54**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including February 23, 2016 in the amount of \$ 18,311.18 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

**Carried**

**R2016-55**

**Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair for 2016.

**Carried**

**R2016- 56**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong accept the recommendation of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Management Board to increase the Firefighter's base pay as follows:

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Deputy Fire Chief	\$ 1000.	
Captains	\$ 750.	
Each Training Officer	\$ 650.	
Firefighters (0-3yrs)	\$ 325.	
Firefighters (over 3 yrs)	\$ 450	<b>Carried</b>

**Conflict of interest declared by Councillor Kelly Elik.**

**R2016-57**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong send 2 members to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Spring meeting on April 29, 2016 in the Town of Kearney.

**Carried**

**R2016-58**

**Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Town of Huntsville and the Town of Bracebridge Proposal for a Contemporary Health System;

And that the Township of Strong support this proposal as presented. **Carried**

**R2016-59**

**Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby increase the annual Municipal charge to the Village of Sundridge and the Township of Joly for Waste Disposal Services by 2 % for 2016.

**Carried**

**R2016-60**

**Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell:**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the recommendation of the Joint Building Committee to provide a 2% wage increase for both employees for 2016 effective January 1, 2016.

**Carried**

**R2016-61**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the West Parry Sound Health and Social Services Support Network proposal to work together with Community Living Parry Sound, Almaguin Highlands Community Living, Parry Sound District Social Services Board, Canadian Mental Health Association – Muskoka Parry Sound to assist people in the District of Parry Sound with developmental disabilities to successfully access and retain additional community housing opportunities;

And that Council for the Township of Strong support the proposal submission for consideration.

**Carried**

**R2016-62**

**Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the proposal to purchase office equipment from P.C.I. Office Interiors at a cost of \$ 1095.00 plus HST. Plus 2 work tops at a cost of \$ 229.00 plus HST.

**Carried**

**R2016-63**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the application presented by Carol Stoodley to purchase the shore road allowance located at 52 Elizabeth Street, Plan M111, Lot 8, PCL 22783 SS;

And hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to proceed with the application process.

**Carried**

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**R2016-64**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2016 By-law Enforcement Budget as presented in the amount of \$ 61,275.40 with the Township of Strong's share being \$ 15,318.85 (plus additional expenses related to the Township of Strong) **Carried**

**R2016-65**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on March 8, 2016. **Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**