

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON JANUARY 12, 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:**

Sarah Hicks – CARE (Central Almaguin Resettlement Endeavour). Ms. Hicks introduced project “CARE” to Council. CARE is an inclusive and diverse group of individuals and organizations committed to providing humanitarian support, friendship and a new home in Central Almaguin to a Syrian family driven from their country by war. Ms. Hicks advised that their goal is to raise \$ 20,000 and to date they are half way there. The group continues to promote the project and welcome volunteers. If anyone was interested in volunteering they should contact [CentralAlmaguinResettlement@gmail.com](mailto:CentralAlmaguinResettlement@gmail.com) or call 705-796-3381. They are looking for areas to meet and Council Chambers was offered for day time meetings, should evening meetings be held a member of Council would be required to attend to open the building. Council wished them success on this project and will post newsletters and flyers on the Municipal website.

Sheila Moore – Shore Road Allowance application. Ms. Moore attended the meeting to address the many concerns outlined in correspondence received from adjacent property owners regarding the shore road allowance. Ms. Moore request council rescind their resolution based on surveys received and further correspondence on this issue. A Resolution was passed.

**Guests:**

Dianne Czura,  
Mel Key  
Bill Atkinson,  
Terry & Diane Starr,

**Resolution:**

**R2016-001**

**Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the January 11, 2016 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

**R2016-002**

**Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren:**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2015-318 hereby be amended to remove Christine Ellis as a member of the bargaining committee – Replace with Kelly Elik with Jeff McLaren as backup.**

**R2016-003**

**Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren:**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including January 12, 2016 in the amount of \$ 151,069.79 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

**R2016-004**

**Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby rescind resolution 2015-314 Re Shore Road Closure 57 Bernard Cres;  
And that Council shall defer their decision on the sale of this property until such time that council can evaluate surveys on file and determine lot lines.

<b>A recorded Vote was requested:</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Chris Ellis</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Les Blackwell</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Jason Cottrell</b>	<b>x</b>	

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<b>Kelly Elik</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Jeff McLaren</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Carried</b>

**R2015-005**

**Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2016-001 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2016-006**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2016-002 being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for nonpayment of tax arrears;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2016-007**

**Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2016-003 being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for nonpayment of current taxes or any class or installment thereof;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2016-008**

**Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2016-004 being a by-law to provide indemnification for members of Council, local boards, committees and employees with respect to certain actions or proceedings arising from their duties;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2016-009**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2016-005 being a by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the financial year ending December 31, 2016.

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2016-010**

**Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2016-006 being a by-law to prohibit the keeping of certain animals within the Township of Strong;

And That Council hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

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**R2016-11**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:**

The council is aware that the Township receives some invoices that must be paid prior to Council meetings because of penalties for late payments.

Council is also aware that the Treasurer pays for janitorial services bi-weekly and employee's wages every second Friday.

Council authorizes the Treasurer to issue cheques for the above as and when required throughout 2016. The Council also authorizes the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase necessary stationary supplies, printing supplies and other office materials that are required to efficiently operate the Municipal office from day to day throughout 2016. **Carried**

**R2016-012**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the amendment to By-law 2015-0015 being a by-law to designate areas of the Township as Site Plan control areas.

And that the amendment to this by-law includes the CT zone in By-law 2014-019;

And That Council hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

**R2016-013**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Development Application - Pre-Consultation Agreement presented by James and Kurt West to severe a 29.35 acre parcel of land located at Concession 1, Part Lot 7, PCL 6997;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support the application as presented provided the usual conditions of consent are met. **Carried**

**R2016-014**

**Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Development Application - Pre-Consultation Agreement presented by James and Diane Wright (Relax Muskoka) for a severance (lot addition) to accommodate a well encroachment and easement to the waterfront.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support the application as presented provided the usual conditions of consent are met. **Carried**

**R2016-015**

**Les Blackwell-Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution presented by the Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards expressing concern that since February 2015, the Ontario Government has made an almost 7 per cent unilateral cut to physician services expenditures which cover all the care doctors provide to patients – including cuts to program specifically designed to act as incentive for physicians to practice in rural areas;

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong support the concerns expressed in this resolution and forward our support to the Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards for their presentation to the Provincial Government **Carried**

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**R2016-016**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution presented by the Municipality of Callander expressing concern with rate increases imposed by Hydro One;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support the concerns expressed in this resolution and forward our support to the Municipality of Callander for their presentation to the Provincial Government. **Carried**

**R2016-017**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the correspondence prepared by the Township of Ryerson and directed to the Honourable Bill Mauro regarding MNRF proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act policy framework;

The Council for the Township of Strong support the changes outlined in the Blueprint for change, however do agree with the exceptions outlined in the Township of Ryerson's correspondence.

The Township of Strong support the suggestion to hold area engagement meetings that will provide an opportunity for Municipal representatives to discuss comments and proposed changes prior to the finalization of the updated Aggregate Resources Act policy framework. **Carried**

**R2016-018**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting to be held on January 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**