

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON JANUARY 26, 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.

There were no delegations to see Council.

Items for Discussion:

Fire Marque Presentation: Council reviewed the details of the presentation from the Tri Council meeting regarding the services Fire Marque can provide to recover firefighting costs from insurance companies where claims are submitted. Council had a concern regarding the possibility the recovery of these fees could impact property owner's insurance premiums. The Clerk was directed to contact Jason Darling, Stan Darling Limited for an opinion prior to proceeding. Both Councils will have to agree to pursue as this is a joint operation.

Capital Asset Management Plan Joint RFP—Resolution Passed.

Purchase of a Steamer – Resolution Passed Council reviewed the Road Superintendent's report regarding the purchase of a steamer unit.

Status of Contaminated Sites – Council reviewed the potential for contaminated sites within the Township of Strong. None of the council members was able to identify any contaminated sites within the Township.

Letter of Support – EVCO Grant application. Council reviewed the presentation from the Tri Council meeting and felt this is a good project to support with the Village of Sundridge. The Clerk was directed to prepare the support letter.

Newsletter – Draft of the 2016 spring newsletter was reviewed and council members were asked to submit any changes by February 1, 2016.

### **Resolution**

#### **R2016-019**

**Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the January 26, 2016 Agenda as amended to include:

- Fire Marque discussion – pursuing
- Capital Asset Management Joint Plan RFP
- Purchase Steamer for Roads
- Review status of contaminated sites in municipality
- Letter of Support – EVCO application – Village of Sundridge
- Newsletter draft – comments to be back by Feb 1, 2016

**Carried**

#### **R2016-020**

**Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting as circulated.

**Carried**

#### **R2016-021**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren:**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including January 26, 2016 in the amount of \$ 45,162.01 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

**By-law Officer Report – January 2016**

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**R2016-022**

**Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution circulated by the Township of Chisholm expressing concern with the privatization of Hydro One;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support the concerns expressed in their Resolution and request the Provincial Government to halt the privatization of Hydro One,

And that the Provincial government consider the recommendations outlined in the Renewing Ontario Electricity Distribution Sector: Putting the Consumer First report with a view to providing a more cost efficient electricity distribution system for all Ontarians;

**Carried**

**R2016-023**

**Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Ministry of Industry and the Township of Strong to provide support of up to \$ 193,766 towards hiring a Community Economic Development Officer over a three year period for the Central Almaguin Area;

And that the municipalities of the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association (CAEDA) support the submission of the application for this project;

Now therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer sign this agreement on behalf of the Township and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2016-024**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2016-007 being a by-law to stop up and close a Road Allowance located at Parts 1 & 2, in front of Lot 11, between Concessions 4 and 5 in the Township of Strong,

And that the 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**

**R2016-025**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the tender from Clark – Kavanagh Inc for the purchase of a Thompson Steamer in the amount of \$ 13,000.00 plus HST for the Roads Department.

**Carried**

**R2016-26**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the recommendation of the Tri Council Committee for a Joint Capital Asset Management Plan RFP for tendering purposes on behalf of the three supporting municipalities. **Carried**

**R2016-027**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:**

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,

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subsection 2 (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; at 6:10 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 6:18 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion***

**R2016-028**

**Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve Caitlin Haggart's hours of employment to be 8 am to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday on a trial basis for the one year commencing her return to work from a maternity leave. **Carried**

**R2016-029**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on February 9, 2016. **Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**