

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON JULY 12, 2016
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC MEETING – MINOR VARIANCE & PROPERTY STANDARDS 6:00PM**

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.

Pecuniary Interest Declared: Councillor Kelly Elik Declared Conflict - Accounts Payable item

Delegations: None

Guests in the Audience: Lea Cook, Brant Cook

Discussion Items:

Comment forms received from Barb Low and Ian Bingham regarding a noise concern were reviewed by Council. Council will continue to monitor.

RealTeam Energy Street Light Proposal - Council reviewed the proposal from Real Term Energy for street light upgrades. As this was not budget for 2016, Council instructed the Clerk to bring this item forward in 2017 during Budget considerations. Council felt it would be in our best interest to contact some of the listed Municipalities to discuss the costs savings realized.

The By-law Enforcement Officer Chris Fraser was in attendance at this meeting for a Property Standards Committee Meeting. Directions were provided to the By-law Enforcement Officer to proceed as per the Property Standards By-law.

Council also held a Committee of Adjustment Meeting to review a Minor Variance application.

The following Resolutions were passed:

R2016-180

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the July 12, 2016 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

R2016-181

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the June 28, 2016 and July 5, 2016 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2016-182

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including July 12, 2016 in the amount of \$117,501.54 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2016-183

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2016-010 as read to amend the property lot description.

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

R2016-184

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the Northeastern Ontario Rail Network (NEORN) in their advocacy for reliable and affordable passenger train service in Ontario.

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And that Council forward our resolution of support to CAEDA for their circulation to NEORN. **Carried**

R2016-185

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Financial Statements as presented for the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library and the Sundridge and District Medical Centre from Grant Thornton, LLP. **Carried**

R2016-186

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Council hereby approve providing an exception to item 4.4 of the procedural by-law to declare Public meeting at 6:05p.m. **Carried**

R2016-187

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Committee of Adjustment meeting at 6:05 p.m **Carried**

R2016-188

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong hereby resume the regular meeting of Council at 6:22 p.m. **Carried**

R2016-189

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the decision of the Committee of Adjustment as presented regarding Minor Variance File A36-2016 – L. Erven, Concession 4 Part Lot 11 to provide an exemption to the minimum setback requirements of 6 m for an interior yard setback in the Rural Zone to permit one existing shed 0.94 m from the lot line and one existing shed 1.42 m from the lot line. **Carried**

R2016-190

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, subsection 2 (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; at 6:43 p.m. **Carried**

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:30 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion

R2016-191

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Deputy Clerk to negotiate an employment contract with Marc Gagnon as the Manager of Operations for the Township of Strong effective August 2, 2016. **Carried**

R2016-192

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

Therefore be it resolved effective August 1, 2016 the Road Superintendent's working hours coincide with the Manager of Operation's hours: 5 – 8 hr days per week. **Carried**

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Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong transfer \$20,000 from Landfill Capital Reserves to operating to purchase foam tires for loader & solid tires for the skid steer at Landfill Site #1.

Carried

R2016-194

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on July 26, 2016.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer