

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON JUNE 7, 2016
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 P.M 2016 BUDGET MEETING**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Jason Cottrell, Jeff McLaren. **Absent with Notice:** Kelly Elik, Les Blackwell

Pecuniary Interest Declared: None

Delegations: None

Guests in the Audience: None

Comments/Correspondence:

Barb and Terry Low – noise exemption concern

Bruce Graham – noise exemption concern

Discussion items:

Mayor on Holidays: July 17th to 24th, and July 30th to August 7th

Medical Centre Construction:

Summer Student Road Labourers:

The following Resolutions were passed:

R2016-148

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the June 7, 2016 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

R2016-149

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting as circulated and amended: should read Resolution R2016-136 Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren. **Carried**

R2016-150

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including June 7, 2016 in the amount of \$231,360.86 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2016-151

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

WHEREAS the number of cases of ticks positive for Lyme disease is increasing throughout Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the laboratory testing for and diagnosis of Lyme disease is sub-optimal;

AND WHEREAS there are chronic sufferers of long term consequences of this disease;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Township of Strong requests the Province of Ontario to increase funding for research aimed to enhance the testing for Lyme disease;

THAT the Township of Strong requests the Government of Canada to increase funding for research aimed to enhance testing for Lyme disease and determine better treatment for long term outcomes of Lyme disease;

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THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and local Members of Parliament.

Carried

R2016-152

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby send a letter to Hon. Tracy MacCharles, Minister of Children and Youth Services; Alexander Bezzina, Deputy Minister; Hon. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health; and Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, requesting the Province to:

1. Amend its policy to one that will allow all children on the current waiting list to receive the IBI services promised to them;
2. Remove the limit for IBI therapy and replace it with a program that provides ongoing IBI services based on need and individual development, not age; and
3. Ensure oversight by professionals and parents based on ‘developmental progress’ criteria and milestones; and
4. Adopt a Direct Funding Offering (DFO) model in lieu of the current Direct Service Offering (DSO) model;

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

R2016-153

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

WHEREAS the rising costs of policing has become unsustainable in many communities across Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) established a Policing Modernization task force of mayors and police board representatives; and

WHEREAS the task force consulted with experts and reviewed the best academic research available when developing the report; and

WHEREAS recommendations were divided into four themes: partnership, productivity, performance, and personnel; and

WHEREAS there were three priority recommendations:

1. Make changes to the interest arbitration system,
2. Improve the quality of the existing governance and civilian oversight system;
3. Make legislative changes to permit the greater transfer of specific functions to civilians or other security providers where appropriate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Strong supports the recommendations outlined in AMO’s Policing Modernization Report and requests that the Province make the appropriate implementations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Leaders of the Oppositions Parties.

Carried

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R2016-154

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

WHEREAS Highway 11 from North Bay to the District of Temiskaming is annually invaded by wildlife, in particular Moose and Bear; and

WHEREAS many of these wildlife movements occur during darkness or low light periods making detection of their presence on or near the highway very difficult if not impossible; and

WHEREAS the too numerous collisions between vehicles and these wildlife often result in death to drivers and passengers of vehicles as well as the various species of wildlife; and

WHEREAS wildlife fencing has been installed on other provincial highways and proven to reduce collisions between vehicles and wildlife;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Strong urge the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Transportation to install wildlife fencing adjacent to the Highway 11 corridor from the northern boundaries of the City of North Bay to the District of Temiskaming so as to safeguard both motorists and wildlife in this critical area of provincial highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for action.

Carried

R2016-155

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong hereby agree to support the Historical Society Newspaper partnered with the Almaguin News by purchasing an Eighth page at \$199.00 + HST.

Carried

R2016-156

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt By-law 2016-013 being a by-law for the purposes of administering limits for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2016-157

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt By-law 2016-014 being a by-law to set the final tax levy for all classes, and hereby adopt the 2016 Municipal Budget;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2016-158

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

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 7:25 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:50 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

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R2016-159

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the application from Kim Dunnett for the internal job posting of Senior Office Administrator effective May 30, 2016.

Carried

R2016-160

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on June 28, 2016.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer