

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON MARCH 22, 2016
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 P.M. FEES BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Les Blackwell, Kelly Elik, Jeff McLaren. Councillor Jason Cottrell was absent, he sent his regrets.

Delegations: Luke Preston attended the meeting to give Council a report on the Sunflower Festival and to request financial support. The festival will take place on Saturday, August 6, 2016. Mr. Preston gave stats from the previous year's stating the festival has increased each year and is the biggest festival in the area, therefore attracting people and increasing economic development. The Sunflower Committee is partnering this year with local accommodations as an options for visitors to the event. This year however the Triathlon, held in conjunction with the Sunflower Festival, maybe cancelled due to the lack of volunteer directors. The Triathlon and the Sunflower did share some expenses, which will effect this year's Sunflower budget. Mr. Preston stated they have gradually increased vendors fees over the past years to help with costs, the pre-sale of vendor spaces is 80-90%. The event will be well advertised utilizing paper, radio and social media. Council requested a copy of last year's financial statement in order to help with their decision of financial support. The following suggestions were made to Mr. Preston; continue to increase booth costs more and add extra donation jars to assist with operating costs. Mr. Preston stated the committee will be applying for grants/funding for 2017 event. Mr. Preston thanked Council for their consideration for financial support and expressed volunteers are always welcomed for the event.

Bruce Campbell came before Council to give a brief update on the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. Mr. Campbell updated the Council on the wheel chair van service stating it is well used, in one year it was driven 40,000 kms. The wheel chair van program is administered through Eastholme. The urgent care/walk-in-clinic plans has been pushed with the LHIN, but doctors do not want to be involved. However there maybe a possibility of getting a Nurse Practitioner. Mr. Campbell explained that x-ray hours have been reduced from 5 days per week in 2015 to currently 3 days per week. Current planning of not having a hospital site in Huntsville puts the Almaguin area at risk, due to the distance to access health care. Previously there was incentives to help attract doctors in rural areas and this may be an idea to attract more doctors to the Almaguin area. Mr. Campbell thanked Council for their time to listen and he will keep them updated.

Resolution:

R2016-76

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 22, 2016 agenda as presented and/or amended.

-Bruce Campbell as a delegation **Carried**

R2016-77

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve an exemption to the noise by-law to Northridge Inn for the months of June, July, August to 1 a.m. on a trial basis, subject to complaints received. **Carried**

R2016-78

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong have received the Report from Chris Jones, MCIP RPP regarding the DeNovo Treatment Centre and that council support the recommendations set out in this report. **Carried**

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R2016-79

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2016-80

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including March 22, 2016 in the amount of \$43,651.00 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2016-81

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong support the Village of Sundridge issue a tender for the Roof Replacement Tender No 2016-02-FD for work to be completed at the Sundridge Strong Volunteer Fire Department building located at 146 Ontario Street, Sundridge.

And that the Township of Strong shall waive the shingle tipping fees to the successful contractor for this project. **Carried**

Conflict of interest declared by Councillor Jeff McLaren.

R2016-82

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong accept the Proposal from Eastern Infrastructure Services to review and update the Asset Management Plan, incorporating the shared assets of the Township of Strong, the Village of Sundridge and the Township of Joly in order to become compliant under the new Federal Gas Tax regulations, with the Township of Strong being billed their proportionate share of the proposal amount of \$38,619.70 plus HST. **Carried**

R2016-83

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the 2016 Donation Budget in the amount of \$4600.00. **Carried**

R2016-84

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Parks Maintenance Contract for Services between the Township of Strong and Michael Nagy;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong accept this contract as presented for a further one year term. **Carried**

R2016-85

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Landfill Site # 2 Employment Contract with 719406 Ontario Incorporated;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong accept this contract as presented for a further one year term. **Carried**

R2016-86

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge Strong Rec Committee Budget for 2016 in the amount of \$25,420.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$9960.00.

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

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Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$297,789.72 with Strong Township's share being \$134,319.86;

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

R2016-88

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena & Hall Budget in the amount of \$401,912. With Strong Township's share being \$109,036.00.

And that the Township of Strong do not support this budget as presented at this time due to inaccurate budgeting figures and oppose the capital budget amount due to lack of supporting documentation. **Carried**

R2016-89

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the High Rock Look Out budget in the amount of \$5570.00 for 2016 with Strong Township's share being \$2,000.00

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

R2016-90

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong do not adopt the 2016 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Budget as presented in the amount of \$144,883.40 with Strong Township's share being \$24,563.53, and that we request the Medical Centre committee re-evaluate the budget, reduce where possible. **Carried**

R2016-91

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong support the proposal to combine the Emergency Management Committee members from the Township of Strong, Township of Joly and the Village of Sundridge to form one Joint Emergency Management Committee;

And that the Clerk, CEMC's and alternate CEMC's shall prepare a terms of reference for this joint committee for approval by all Councils. **Carried**

R2016-92

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the amendment as presented to By-law 1594-2009 being a by-law respecting smoking in public places;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the amendment as presented and authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign the amended by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2016-93

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the amendment as presented to By-law 2015-010 being a by-law to prescribe a Tariff of Fees to include item (z) – Third Party Insurance Indemnification Rates – Rates Current

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MTO Rates Plus any additional costs to the Municipality as it relates to Fire Department recoverable charges.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the amendment as presented and authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign the amended by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2016-94

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong accept the 2016 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library budget in the amount of \$88,985.26 with Strong's share being \$32,250.94. **Carried**

R2016-95

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

Whereas the Council for the Township of Strong is frustrated with the many recent power outages we have suffered due to damage to hydro lines.

And That the most recent outage of concern was on February 14, 2016 at approximately 12 midnight and when temperatures reached Minus 40 degrees. This power outage lasted until approximately 3 pm. We were without power for almost 14 hours on the coldest day of the year.

And That many generators in the area were not working due to the cold and many homes and businesses suffered water/pipe damage. Not one week later we were again without power due to power line damage for approximately 4 hours and again March 1, 2016 for 4 Hours during a severe snow storm.

And Whereas The Township is concerned with the fact that in our area there is only a single feed.

And That Hydro One is aware of a solution which would involve providing a feed from the North (South River-North Bay) in emergency situations;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong respectfully request Hydro One and Minister of Energy consider providing the East Parry Sound catchment area with the same level of service as our neighbours to the south. **Carried**

R2016-96

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Consent Application as presented by Wayne McLaren, Archie McLaren, Keith McLaren and Kenneth McLaren to sever a 54.60 acre parcel (49 46 006 014 01000) as this parcel merged with a 58 acre parcel (4946 006 013 01000).

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this application in principle provided the usual conditions are met. **Carried**

Conflict of interest declared by Councillor Jeff McLaren.

R2016-97

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on April 12, 2016. **Carried**