

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON MARCH 8, 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: Chris Fraser, By-law enforcement officer attended the meeting to discuss the No Smoking by-law. Mr. Fraser reviewed with Council some concerns with the existing by-law and provided recommendations to amend to enable proper enforcement. Mr. Fraser also recommended more signs be purchased and installed at various locations under the Township's jurisdiction to educate the public regarding no smoking areas. This will enable Mr. Fraser the ability to enforce the by-law and lay charges to those in contravention. Mr. Fraser also updated council on his activities in the past month, trailer concerns, parking concerns and dog issues. Council directed the Clerk to order signs and have the by-law prepared for the next meeting to be amended.

Discussion took place regarding the fees charged for the Trailer by-law. Council will keep fees as indicated in the by-law for 2016 however will revisit this by-law in the fall to re-evaluate for the 2017 season.

Council reviewed the "Donation" budget for 2016 and supplied directions to the Clerk to prepare the "Donation" budget which will be presented at the next council meeting for approval.

Councillor Jason Cottrell, Chair of the Sundridge Strong Fire Department advised council a tender is being prepared to re-shingle the Fire Hall roof. Mr. Cottrell requested council consider waiving the tipping fees for this joint project. The Clerk was instructed to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Resolution:

R2016-66

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 8, 2016 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

R2016-67

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2016-68

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren:

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including March 8, 2016 in the amount of \$ 253,352.45 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2016-69

Kelly Elik- Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong support the Resolution presented by the Town of Parry Sound recognizing the important role municipalities have in shaping local food systems,

And that the Township of Strong endorse the Town of Parry Sound and Area Food Charter, and support efforts related to creating public policies along with creating supportive environments that promote a healthy, sustainable food system within the region. **Carried**

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Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that Council have read By-law 2016-008 being a By-law to authorize Execution of a Service Contract Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Strong and Fire Marque Inc. to act as an agent in filing claims to recover costs and expenses incurred by the Fire Department as a result of attending incident sites;

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

R2016-71

Jeff McLaren- Les Blackwell:

The Council for the Township of Strong support the recommendation of the Sundridge & District Medical Centre to amend the monthly loan payments to be set at \$ 800.00 per month with Strong share being \$ 400.00 per month.

And that this payment be included in the 2016 Budget calculations. **Carried**

R2016-72

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong support the recommendation from the Central Almaguin Economic Development Committee to accept the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$ 73,661.83 with Strong Township's share being \$ 5408.24

Carried

R2016-73

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong accept the application from Stephen Kisson to be the Strong Township representative on the Sundridge Strong Recreation Committee for this term of council.

Carried

R2016-74

Kelly Elik- Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong accept the proposal from Northern Disposal & Sanitation to provide restrooms for the 2016 Season at various parks within the Township of Strong at the rate provided.

Carried

R2016-75

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on March 22, 2016.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer