

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON MAY 24, 2016
IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 P.M**

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

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

Pecuniary Interest Declared –Councillor Jeff McLaren during Accounts Payable - items #29 and #30 re: Archie McLaren payment. Councillor Kelly Elik – awarding Tender 002-2016.

Delegations:

Staff Sergeant Stacey Whalley: It is year 3 of the 3 year plan and the Stats for Strong Township show a 40% decrease in violent crime which contributed greatly to the overall decrease in the region. The OPP are working closely with community partners to deal with mental health occurrences which has resulted in a decrease in occurrences. Staff Sgt. Whalley discussed the many programs the OPP have implemented and was pleased to report that the staffing numbers are up to a full roster.

Carol Todd Skuce was unable to attend and sent her regrets

John Langford – Voyageur Quest – did not show up.

Sheila Moore, Shore Road Closure – Public Meeting

Bernard La Rose – correspondence regarding Rodeo Road

Diana Bonazza –concern with trailer by-law restrictions. Council was advised the Clerk is looking into this concern.

Guests in the Audience:

Christopher Harkness, Diane Starr, Terry Starr

Discussion items:

Council discussed the property in front of the municipal office that was old Highway 11. Council purchased the property and would like to obtain feedback from the public as to how to best develop it. The Clerk was instructed to post this on the facebook page for comments/suggestions.

A copy of the email consent form was reviewed by Council. The administration now has the opportunity to send tax bills via email. Property owners will be required to sign a consent form to verify email addresses as well acknowledge that hard copies will not be mailed out.

The Public Meeting was held at 7p.m.

The meeting was held to discuss the purchase of the Shore Road allowance by Ms. Sheila Moore. Council reviewed the survey and a previous report submitted by the clerk regarding the survey stakes and property boundaries. Members of the public were reminded that their property line does not go all the way to the water's edge. The lake is several meters from the shore road allowance and this property is in fact public land.

Mr. Christopher Harkness addressed council and was prepared to read a letter expressing his concerns with Ms. Moore's purchase of the shore road allowance. His presentation was interrupted by the Mayor as his comments were not addressed specifically to sale of land, but to the neighbour relations between himself and Ms. Moore. Mayor Christine Ellis advised that these relations had no bearing on the sale of land.

The following Resolutions were passed:

R2016-136

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the May 24, 2016 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

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R2016-137

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong Close the regular meeting of Council to declare an Open Public Meeting to discuss a Shore Road Closure at 7:00 p.m .

Carried

R2016-138

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong Close the Public meeting of Council and resume the regular meeting of Council at 7:20 p.m.

Carried

R2016-139

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2016-012 being a by-law to stop up and close a Road Allowance located at Part 1, in front of Lot 27, Concession 10 in the Township of Strong,

And that this by-law was first presented to council at their regular meeting on December 14, 2015, in which council deferred a decision.

And that on May 4, 2016, as directed, staff attended the property to confirm location of survey stakes and location of the Shore Road Allowance:

And that after reviewing the survey, the shore road allowance has been determined along with the area which is Public Land owned by the Crown,

Now therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this by-law and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2016-140

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting as circulated.

Carried

R2016-141

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including May 24, 2016 in the amount of \$88,275.97 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Pecuniary Interest Declared and Seat Vacated: Jeff McLaren

Carried

R2016-142

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2016-011 being a by-law to establish, maintain and operate a Fire Department with the Village of Sundridge and the Township of Strong;

Now therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this by-law and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2016-143

Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed submissions for Tender Number 002-2016 Quarried Crushed Granite Tender;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the tender from Brown's Quarry in the amount of \$116,358.00 plus HST totaling \$131,484.54.

Pecuniary Interest Declared and Seat Vacated: Kelly Elik

Carried

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Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed submissions for Tender Number 003-2016 Crushed Granular A Tender;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the tender from PD Brooks Haulage in the amount of \$161,920.00 plus HST totaling \$182,969.60. **Carried**

R2016-145

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed submissions for Tender Number 005-2016 Surface Treatment Tender;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the tender from Bruell Contracting in the amount of \$92,507.35 plus HST totaling \$104,533.31. **Carried**

R2016-146

Les Blackwell – 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 (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and 2 (d) Labour relations/employee negotiations; at 8:25 p.m. **Carried**

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:25 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2016-147

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:27 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on **June 7, 2016**.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer