

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
PUBLIC MEETING – NOVEMBER 1, 2016
NOTES

The Council for the Township of Strong held a Public Meeting on November 1, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The purpose of the Public meeting was to discuss the potential of a Dog Beach and/or Dogs permitted at public beach areas.

The following members of Council were in attendance: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik and Jeff McLaren. Councillor Blackwell sent his regrets.

Members of the Public in attendance were: Linda Barry, Nancy Webb, Gail Boyes, Linda Hall, Rondi Penfold, Stephon O'Donnell, Ulrike Hastings.

Council reviewed the details as to why a Public Meeting was held noting that in the summer months a resident attended a council meeting to express concern that dogs were not provided an opportunity to access the beach. Council advised at that time they would look into the concern and felt a public meeting was in Council's best interest to address the concern expressed by other dog owners.

Council posted the notice of the public meeting on their facebook page, website and personally contacted the individual who had addressed council in the summer.

The Mayor provided the public with a statement citing research completed from surrounding municipalities as to the possibility of a dog beach in these locations. A copy of the statement is attached.

Several members of the audience expressed concern to council with the bacteria that is associated with feces from dogs, concern with the lack of regard some dog owners have as many do not pick up after their dog, some owners who allow their animal to defecate in the water, along with those dogs that are not on a leash and enter onto private property.

Council advised the group a decision would be made at the next council meeting and recorded in the Minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m

Linda Maurer, Clerk Treasurer