

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON NOVEMBER 22, 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.

Pecuniary Interest Declared: None

Delegations:

John Santarossa, EDO for CAEDA: Mr. Santarossa provided Council with an update of the activities undertaken by CAEDA, support provided to area businesses and the contacts that have been made. Mr. Santarossa provided an update on the BR&E project.

Mrs. Barb Bryson submitted correspondence to council expressing concern with the recent article in the newspaper regarding dogs not permitted at the beaches.

Guests in the Audience: None

Discussion:

An invitation from the Near North District School Board was received regarding a Public Meeting to be held on November 24, 2016 at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School. Council members were not able to attend and directed the Clerk to attend on their behalf.

Public Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed Building Permit Fee increases for 2017-18. No members of the Public were in attendance for the Public Meeting. Council reviewed the by-law as presented, however it was not passed and was deferred to the December 13, 2016 meeting. Council had some questions and comments they directed the Mayor to discuss with the Chief Building Official. The Mayor was instructed to provide comments at the December 13, 2016 meeting. Council also felt that fees for additional services should be billed based on actual cost associated with the additional inspections/reviews etc. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Joint Building Committee with this suggestion for consideration in the future.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2016-285

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

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

R2016-286

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell

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

Resolution 2016-281 is hereby deleted from the Minutes.

Carried

R2016-287

Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including November 22, 2016 in the amount of \$57,045.11 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2016-288

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Proposal for Insurance Services for the Township of Strong and it's Boards/Committees from: AON in the amount of \$44,854.00 plus tax for the year 2017.

Carried

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R2016-289

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. to declare the meeting Open – Building Permit Fees

Carried

R2016-290

Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren

Council resumed the regular meeting at 7:20pm.

Carried

R2016-291

Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Resolution presented from the Township of Georgian Bay expressing concern with the cost of hydro for rural residents compared to urban residents due to higher distribution charges;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support the request by the Township of Georgian Bay to the Province of Ontario to re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery for rural residents;

And that our Resolution of support be directed to the Premier of Ontario for consideration.

Carried

R2016-292

Jason Cottrell – 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(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations; at 7:45 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:35 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion

R2016-293

Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2016-023 being a By-law to appoint a Treasurer for the Township of Strong;

And hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to Sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2016-294

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the report from DM Wills regarding work completed on the Adams Road Bridge by MTM-2 Contracting Inc;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the payment of the account in the amount of \$ 77,174.03 as presented/recommended. **Carried**

R2016-295

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on December 13, 2016.

Carried