

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON OCTOBER 11, 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:**

Tom Rutledge – Happy Gang: Mr. Rutledge attended the meeting to discuss the 2016 Grant provided to the Happy Gang Seniors Group. Mr. Rutledge requested council increase their grant to meet Strong Township's share of membership requirements so they may receive funding from the Provincial Government. Mr. Rutledge advised the Happy Gang must raise 20% of their annual costs from supporting municipalities. Council advised they had reduced their grant in an effort to provide grants to a greater number of groups servicing a wide range of age categories and providing services to all ages, such as Legion, Literacy Council, Fall Fair – children's activity, Science Fair, AHSS Graduation bursary, Women's Own Resource Centre. Council deferred a decision and requested Mr. Rutledge provide a copy of the audited Financial Statement.

GJ Joule Energy – Solar Project Proposal: cancelled delegation, with notice.

**Guests in the Audience:** None

**The following Resolutions were passed:**

**R2016-252**

**Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the October 11, 2016 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

**R2016-253**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2016-254**

**Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including October 11, 2016 in the amount of \$503,941.12 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

**R2016-255**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend Resolution R2016-173 as indicated below:

*“The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the amended Pay Equity Job Analysis Review for positions Deputy Clerk & Manager of Operations within the Township of Strong;*

*And that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the recommendations provided by the Pay Equity Review Committee”*

***And that the Deputy Clerk shall receive remuneration based on the Pay Equity Pay Grid for this position.***

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby Amend Resolution R2015-209. **Carried**

**R2016-256**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

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**Whereas:** access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and;

**Whereas:** communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as remote location and challenging terrain and;

**Whereas:** numerous Broadband projects were delayed in 2015 and then cancelled by FedNor in 2016 in favour of waiting for the national Connecting Canadians Broadband funding criteria to be announced and;

**Whereas:** many of the cancelled Broadband projects already had committed NOHFC and Internet Service Provider partner funding and although backbone and institutional connectivity is crucial for a modern digital economy, the last mile opportunity that existed in these projects that have been cancelled is equally as important and;

**Whereas:** FedNor's mandate is to support regional collaboration that will enhance Community economic development, business growth, competitiveness and innovation and;

**Whereas:** access to Broadband is key to economic, education, social and health development;

**Therefore:** The Municipality of The Township of Strong requests that because FedNor has developed a strong network of Broadband advocates and local Northern Ontario intelligence, that the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development reviews the decision that no longer permits FedNor to fund Broadband initiatives and that the Broadband projects that have been cancelled all across Northern Ontario, be reinstated and reviewed for potential funding.

**Carried**

**R2016-257**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2016-20 being a By-law to Confirm the proceedings of Council from July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016;

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

**Carried**

**R2016-258**

**Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2016-021 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario Represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund – Formula Based Component (OCIF)

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer to sign this document and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2016-259**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong have received and reviewed the 2016 OSIM Bridge Inspection Report prepared by DM Wills.

**Carried**

**R2016-260**

**Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell**

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Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have read the Revised Fire Agreement with the Township of Joly as presented by the Sundridge Strong Fire Board Committee;

And that Council hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this agreement on behalf of the Corporation. **Carried**

**R2016-261**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell**

That council supports in principal, Fire Board Resolution No. 2016-005 dated October 5, 2016 re Firefighter recruitment incentive program; and

That Council requests a document which outlines the program and gives clarity to the financial implications of the bonus structure, be prepared for Council's final approval prior to implementation. **Carried**

**R2016-262**

**Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby have reviewed the pre-consultation application as presented by Tim Bryson for property located at Lot 31 & 32, Concession 6;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong requested Mr. Bryson to complete the recommendations as outlined in the Township's Planner's report of May 9, 2016.

And that Mr. Bryson has provided the required documentation as set out in this report.

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong support this application as presented provided as a Condition of Consent the Central Almaguin Planning Board require a survey be completed to confirm the location of the travelled portion of the Pevensey Road, and that the triangular remnant parcel of land be identified and maintained as a natural area through a Site Plan Agreement with the Township. **Carried**

**R2016-263**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik**

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Closed Session of Council as per the Municipal Act, c. 25, 2001 as amended, Section 239 2 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations at 7:35 p.m. **Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:28 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion***

**R2016-264**

**Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on October 25, 2016.

**Carried**