

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON OCTOBER 25, 2016  
IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**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:** Councillor Jason Cottrell

**Pecuniary Interest Declared:** None

**Delegations:** None

**Guests in the Audience:** None

Correspondence:

Council read a letter received from Carl and Linda Barry expressing concern with the Sunny Ridge Beach access. They are concerned with the number of vehicles that park along this road in the winter time inhibiting travel along the road to access Clear Spring Lane, concern fire/rescue vehicles may not be able to access the road due to parking, some ice fisherman who leave garbage on the lake, urinate on the lake, along with vehicles that drop through the ice. The Clerk was directed to respond to the concerns expressed in their correspondence.

**Discussion:**

Council reviewed the request from the Strong Agricultural Society to be a part of their Canada 150 project. Council directed the clerk to contact the Agricultural Society advising our support and interest in this project.

A draft agenda for the Tri Council meeting was reviewed by Council which included a power point presentation regarding a community HUB project. Council felt that this item should not be included on the agenda unless feasibility studies had been completed.

Correspondence from the Township of Machar was reviewed. The Mayor, Road Superintendent and the Clerk Treasurer will attend the Machar Council meeting on November 14, 2016.

A request from the Sundridge Strong Recreation Committee was reviewed to participate in a joint Recreation Project with the Village of South River and the Township of Machar for a celebration event. Mayor Christine Ellis and Councillor Jeff McLaren will sit on this new committee.

Correspondence from the Almaguin Recycling Initiative was reviewed along with the request for additional funding due to the recent deficit in operating funds. Council supported the request for additional funding.

Road Superintendent Kevin Minor attended the meeting at the request of Council. Council wished to discuss the Roads Tour planned for October 30, 2016 and road work to be completed in 2017 Budget year. Council had concern with Muskoka Road and requested that the road work to repair the edges be considered a priority. Council discussed the new position of Public Works Manager.

The Clerk received the Minutes of the Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee meeting held on October 18, 2016. In an email received from the Clerk Administrator for the Village of Sundridge on behalf of the Medical Centre Committee, Council was requested to review Resolution 2016-070 passed by the Medical Centre Committee requesting support "for the exploration of funding opportunities to secure seed grant funding for the purpose of engaging a consultant to undertake a feasibility study". Council discussed this request, however a decision was not made at this time as Council requested more clarity on the issue. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Village of Sundridge to discuss their concerns.

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**The following Resolutions were passed:**

**R2016-265**

**Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the October 25, 2016 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

**R2016-266**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2016-267**

**Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including October 25, 2016 in the amount of \$6,511.67 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

**R2016-268**

**Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell**

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 (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Section 239 2(f) advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose at 7:10 p.m. **Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:05 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion***

**R2016-269**

**Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct the Clerk Treasurer to negotiate an offer of employment for the Manager of Public Works position to the most recent candidate. **Carried**

**R2016-270**

**Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the proposed Pay Band wage rates for Non Union staff members as presented. Rates are effective January 1, 2017 for identified pay bands. Clerk's position to be at Step 3 of the new Pay Grid. **Carried**

**R2016-271**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on November 8, 2016. **Carried**