

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Pecuniary Interest Declared: None

Delegations:

Pam Goodwin, Gary McCreary, Lyle Hall – Strong Agricultural Society Heritage Program: Ms. Goodwin, Mr. McCreary and Mr. Hall gave a presentation on a proposal for additional heritage buildings to be relocated to the Agricultural Society Fairgrounds next to the Arena. They outlined funding options and requested a resolution of support from the Township. This will be prepared to be passed at the next regular meeting.

Guests in the Audience: None

Comments/Correspondence:

Barb Low & Noreen Persoon: Noise complaints from the Lake Bernard Park/neighbouring properties were discussed: Council noted that residents should call the By-Law Officer and OPP in the event of excessive noise at night.

Harold Birimcombe: The Mayor called Mr. Birimcombe to address Forest Lake Road concerns.

Beverly Vogel: Kevin Minor, Road Superintendent, spoke to Ms. Vogel about her concern on Stirling Falls Road and is addressing the issue.

Discussion items:

Recycling Tonnage reports: Strong is on track to receive similar revenues as in 2015 for this year.

Diabetes Clothesline Program: The program was started in early July and the landfill has diverted about 2300 pounds of textiles as of the end of August. Three bins have been provided as there is so much interest in the community to drop their gently used textiles. Information on what can be put in the bins is on the website and Facebook page.

By-Law Enforcement Report: circulated.

Email Account Concerns: Some concerns were raised about the functionality of the webmail program. The Deputy Clerk will follow up with the service provider on potential fixes for this.

The following Resolutions were passed:

R2016-235

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the September 13, 2016 agenda as amended. Amended to include: MMAH resolution. **Carried**

R2016- 236

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the August 23, 2016 regular meeting and the August 30, 2016 special meeting as circulated and/or amended. August 23 as amended: correct date in header. **Carried**

R2016-237

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including September 13, 2016 in the amount of \$301,011.69 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2016-238

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

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The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the amendment as presented to Policy C-4.2 being a policy for Harassment, as legislatively required by September 8, 2016 in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the policy amendment as presented. **Carried**

R2016-239

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Tender from A. Miron Topsoil Ltd. for the supply of Winter Sand per Tender 006-2016 in the amount of \$41,965.00 plus HST. **Carried**

R2016-240

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

Whereas the Township of Strong have read Resolution No. 2016-315 from the City of North Bay to encourage the Government of Ontario and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport to support sustainable growth in the film and video sector in Northern Ontario by making a public commitment to the stability of the provincial tax credit system and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund to ensure continued foreign and domestic investment in Northern production along with increased work opportunities for Northern Ontario residents of all ages and backgrounds;

And Whereas film, video, television, and digital media production in Ontario is over a billion dollar a year industry and creates jobs and economic spinoffs for host locations;

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong support the development of this sector in Northern Ontario and support the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund to continue foreign and domestic investment in Northern productions.

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sports, MPP Victor Fedeli, and the Leaders of Opposition.

Carried

R2016-241

Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve sending 1 representative(s) to the Weaver Simmons Municipal Seminar 2016 held on October 28, 2016 in Sudbury. **Carried**

R2016-242

Les Blackwell – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby invite the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to attend the Bi-Council meeting on October 3, 2016 to make a presentation. **Carried**

R2016-243

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

Whereas the Township has received an application for a zoning by-law amendment for lands located in Plan M69 Pt Blk C RP 42R19515 Pt 1 – 39 Aspen Lane to construct a two storey detached garage containing an accessory dwelling unit;

And Whereas Section B1.5.2 of the Official Plan permits accessory dwelling units in the Rural and Rural Residential designations;

And Whereas the lands on which the proposed accessory dwelling unit is proposed are located in the Shoreline designation and accessory dwelling units are not a permitted use in the Shoreline designation;

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Now Therefore Be it Resolved that Council hereby refuses to amend its Zoning By-law in accordance with Section 10(9) of the Planning Act.

Carried

R2016-244

Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:32 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on September 27, 2016.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Deputy Clerk, Caitlin Haggart