

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

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Kelly Elik and Jeff McLaren.

Absent with Notice: Councillors Les Blackwell and Jason Cottrell

Staff Present: Caitlin Haggart, Deputy Clerk

Pecuniary Interest Declared: Jeff McLaren – application for pre-consultation for McLaren Brothers. Resolution has been deferred until January 10, 2017 due to no quorum present.

Delegations:

Willy Hollett, Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Hollett provided an overview of the Almaguin Highlands Business Retention and Expansion project from the Chamber's perspective and provided new goals going forward in terms of a regional strategic plan. A leadership team is being created to move forward and the Chamber would like CAEDA to consider contributing the Economic Development Officer's time to this committee.

Guests in the Audience: None

Discussion:

Tom Bryson submitted a letter expressing concern with the current Dog By-law which prohibits dogs from Township beaches. The Mayor will draft a response to the Bryson's.

CAEDA Secretarial Services: deferred until January 10, 2017

Bill & Elisa Watson – Landfill Tipping fee concern: The Clerk will send a letter of response to the Watsons.

Medical Centre response to DeNovo Treatment Centre: a letter outlining available services was provided to DeNovo.

Medical Centre – New Building: deferred until January 10, 2017

The following resolutions were passed:

R2016- 296

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the December 13, 2016 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

R2016-297

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the November 22, 2016 and December 8, 2016 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2016-298

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including December 13, 2016 in the amount of \$247,478.29 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2016-299

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

That the Council for the Township of Strong authorize a \$100 Christmas bonus for all part-time and full-time staff for 2016.

Carried

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R2016-300

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Township of Strong declare the 1995 Dodge Pickup and plow as surplus equipment and that the Township of Strong will accept bids for each piece of equipment.

Carried

R2016-301

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Township of Strong does not support the Sundridge & District Medical Centre Resolution 2016-083,

And require the surplus be returned to the member municipalities.

Carried

R2016-302

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, Accessibility Plan for the year 2016-2017;

And that Council supports the plan as presented.

Carried

R2016-303

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the proposal from PCI Office Interiors for the supply and installation of office furniture for two offices in the amount of \$ 4373.10

Carried

R2016-304

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the proposal from dePeuters Decorating Centre in the amount of \$ 1525.44 including HST for new flooring in the Public Works Department office.

Carried

R2016-305

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend By-law 2015-026 being a by-law to set the rate of speed on all municipal highways to amend the speed limit on the Machar Strong Boundary Road from 60 kms per hour to 50 kms per hour effective December 8, 2016.

And that this Resolution be attached and form part of the original by-law

Carried

R2016-306

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the Resolution presented by the Township of McKellar expressing concern with the lack of funding opportunities available for the purchase of equipment, training, maintenance and operating or capital requirements for local volunteer fire departments;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support the concerns expressed and forward our support to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure for consideration.

Carried

R2016-307

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Proposal to amend the Building Permit fees at a Public meeting held on November 22, 2016;

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And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the recommendation for the Permit Fee increases as presented by the Joint Building Committee;

And therefore the Township of Strong support the amendment to By-law 2011-013 and affix the new rates to the original by-law. **Carried**

R2016-308

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2016-024 being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-19 (Site Plan Agreement – Schedule A) with respect to lands located in Lot 2, Concession 13 in the Township of Strong;

And that Council for the Township of Strong support this By-law as presented and hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2016-309

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

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 sub section; 2 (f) advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:15 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2016-310

Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Ministry of Transportation Sign Permit presented by the Sunflower Festival to install a temporary sign along Highway 124 in the area of 42 Sunset Drive along the Township Road Allowance;

And that the Sunflower Committee is aware the Township of Strong will not be held responsible for any permit fees/liability associated with this application;

And that as this is a municipally owned road allowance, the Township is registered as the Property owner;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to sign this application on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

R2016-311

Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on January 10, 2017.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer