

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON FEBRUARY 27, 2018  
IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:00 P.M. PUBLIC MEETING  
SHORE ROAD CLOSURE**

**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.

**Staff Present:** Kim Dunnett – Deputy Clerk, Patricia Allen – Treasurer (left at 7:00 p.m.), Randy McLaren – Public Works Supervisor (left at 6:50 p.m.)

**Pecuniary Interest Declared:** Jeff McLaren – R2018-046 re: McLaren Brothers Consent

**Delegations:**

Grant Love, Fire Chief: Mr. Love was invited to the meeting to discuss the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Proposed 2018 Budget. A resolution was passed. Mr. Love also provided an update on 2017 calls and response times. Patricia Allen, Treasurer: Ms. Allen provided an update on the CAEDA and JBC Budgets, and the timeline for the Township budget discussions.

**Guests in the Audience:** Chuck Legg, Cary Legg

**Reports:**

Randy McLaren, Public Works Supervisor: Mr. McLaren advised that the Rodeo Road project funding was denied. Council would like to delay that item in the 2018 budget and try again for funding in 2019. The Clerk was directed to contact the engineer accordingly. Mr. McLaren also advised of some projects to be discussed for the 2018 budget including ditching, bridge repair, GPS services and streetlights. The General Labourer position is up for review, as per the Letter of Understanding with the Union. A resolution was passed. Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator: Submitted report on the “Lame Duck Period” was received and a resolution passed. Mrs. Haggart reminded of the All Candidates Session to be held March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Burk’s Falls Arena for anyone who may be interested in running for council. Mrs. Haggart provided an update on policy changes as per the Employment Standards Act and that a draft will be available for review at the next regular meeting.

**Discussion:**

Blackfly Mud Run – Councillor Elik was looking for administrative support for this event, which would include reconciling the bank account, accounts receivable and payable, and insurance. The staff will review and bring a recommendation forward to the next meeting.

**The following resolutions were passed:**

**R2018-030**

**Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the February 27, 2018 meeting agenda as presented and/or amended. Amended to include: By-Law 2018-012 Site Plan Agreement, McLaren Brothers Consent.

**Carried**

**R2018-031**

**Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting as circulated/amended.

**Carried**

**R2018-032**

**Jeff McLaren – Les Blackwell**

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Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Budget for 2018;

And as per Section 10 of the Agreement for the Joint Management and Operation of the Fire Department, the Township of Strong recommend that the budget be amended. **Carried**

**R2018-033**

**Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong supports Fire Board Resolution #2018-004F, dated January 29, 2018 and agrees that the 2002 Dodge Ram and the 2006 Ford CTV-First Response Vehicle are surplus.

**Carried**

**R2018-034**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Works Supervisor to continue to schedule the General Labourer position at minimum of 32 hours per week.

And that the Clerk Administrator is directed to contact the union to advise of this confirmation of the Letter of Understanding as per Section 2. **Carried**

**R2018-035**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the purchase of a grader packer from Handy Hitch MFG Inc. in the amount of \$25,960.00 plus PST and GST.

**Carried**

**R2018-036**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair.

**Carried**

**R2018-037**

**Les Blackwell – Kelly Elik**

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve a donation to the Almaguin Adult Learning Centre in the amount of \$300.00. **Carried**

**R2018-038**

**Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge Strong Recreation Budget for 2018;

And that the Township of Strong recommend that the Recreation Committee revise the budget at their next regular meeting for redistribution to the members.

**Carried**

**R2018-039**

**Kelly Elik – Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong supports Joint Building Committee Resolution #2018-005, dated February 15, 2018 and agrees that the CBO and DCBO receive a 1.5% increase for 2018, retroactive.

**Carried**

**R2018-040**

**Jason Cottrell – Les Blackwell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong supports the Town of Essex Resolution R18-01-013, dated January 15, 2018 and agrees that Ontario

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school boards, at the decision to close schools, shall offer the building to the local municipality for a dollar;

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to AMO and ROMA.

**Carried**

**R2018-041**

**Jason Cottrell – Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong receive and discuss recent MNRF recovery strategies on wolves and impacts this may have on the municipality and its residents; and

That a Council requests support by northern Ontario municipalities in requesting the MNRF to extend the comment period on the recovery strategy for Algonquin Wolf under the Endangered Species Act, 2007, as this has a significant safety and economic impact on the municipality; and

That this request be forwarded to our MP, MPP, the Ontario Farmers' Association, local Economic Development Agencies, FONOM, and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

**Carried**

**R2018-042**

**Les Blackwell – Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2018-010 being a by-law to delegate certain authorities in a "Lame Duck Period";

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this by-law and hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2018-043**

**Jeff McLaren – Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong close the regular meeting of Council to declare an Open Public Meeting to discuss a Shore Road Closure at 7:00 p.m.

**Carried**

**R2018-044**

**Jeff McLaren – Kelly Elik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong Close the Public meeting of Council and resume the regular meeting of Council at 7:05 p.m.

**Carried**

**R2018-045**

**Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2018-011 being a by-law to stop up and close part of the shore road allowance at Con. 4 PLAN M69 Pt Blk C PCL 7057 SS REG, 19 Aspen Lane;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this by-law and hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2018-046**

**Kelly Elik – Les Blackwell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2018-012 being a by-law to enter into a Site Plan Agreement with McLaren Brothers Construction Co. Ltd re: Consent;

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

*Pecuniary Interest Declared and Seat Vacated: Jeff McLaren*

**R2018**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong supports Sundridge and District Medical Centre Resolution #2018-024, dated February 20, 2018 and agree that the committee proceed with incorporation of the Medical Centre; and that \$10,000.00 be included in the budget for this purpose.

**Deferred – Clerk Administrator is directed to follow up with the Clerk of the Village of Sundridge regarding shared service agreements.**

**R2018**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge and District Medical Centre for 2018 in the amount of \$523,926.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$202,326.00.

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

**Deferred – Clerk Administrator directed to discuss with the Village of Sundridge regarding renovations line in the budget.**

**R2018-047**

**Jason Cottrell – 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 March 13, 2018.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart**