

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 14TH 2004**

Held at the Township of Strong office at 5:30 pm

Attending: Mayor Stephen R. Rawn
Council: Scott McLaren; Shawn Eddison; Chris Ellis; Sally Harper
Guests: Armand Despres and Linda Dennis for Frank Cowan Insurance presentation
Terry Patterson for Jardine Lloyd Thompson presentation
Staff: Dave Pringle, Road Superintendent

Conflict of interest declared by Stephen Rawn on the Accounts

Shawn Eddison – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby adopt the following minutes as circulated:

- Council meeting of Nov. 23.04
- High Rock Lookout meeting of Oct.25.04
- Sundridge Strong Fire Department meeting of Nov.18.04
- Sundridge Strong Joly Arena meeting of Dec.1.04
- Joint Fire and arena meeting of Dec.1.04
- Sundridge Strong Recreation meeting Dec.2.04
- Blue Sky News for Nov.04
- Steering meeting of Nov.25.04
- Almaguin Highlands Community Policing meeting of Nov.24.04
- South River-Sundridge Airport meeting of Nov.30.04
- Sundridge & District Medical Centre meeting of Dec. 8.04
- Almaguin Recycling Initiatives meeting of Nov.18.04 Carried

Report from Jim Mahoney Services reviewed; Lake Bernard Proposal to install markers reviewed; Update on the North Bay Health centre reviewed; Muskoka Parry Sound Health Unit remain our emergency response contacts.

Reports on Land Fill #1/2 from Scott; OPP 2005 meetings; Integrated Earth; AHIC

Chris Ellis – Shawn Eddison

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Armour Township for engineering services for the Boundary Bridges in the amount of \$350.00 Carried

Sally Harper – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve the proposed severance of 100 acres split into two 50 acre parcels at Lot 4 Con 5 Carried

Scott McLaren – Sally Harper

Be it resolved that this council does hereby support the resolution circulated by the City of North Bay regarding the Local Services realignment and Community Reinvestment Fund Carried

Shawn Eddison – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this council does hereby state that “our first priority for the Township of Strong Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund – First Application Intake is for resurfacing the major highway links in the Township of Strong. Council are looking at resurfacing 15 kilometers of roadway with crushed granite at an estimated cost of \$300,000 with our share being \$100,000 The resurfacing program will be over a three year period. Carried

Chris Ellis – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby enact by-law 2004 – 1494 being a by-law to set remuneration for council and staff for 2005 and to adopt the hiring policy document. Carried

Scott McLaren – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this council does hereby agree that an honorarium of \$150/month be paid to a councillor who for any reason must assume the roll of mayor for a period of over two weeks to one month Carried

Shawn Eddison - Sally Harper

Be it resolved that this council does hereby enact by-law #2004 – 1495 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada for borrowing purposes for 2005. Carried

Scott McLaren – Sally Harper

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve payment of the accounts for November 2004 as follows: Roads \$82,709.23; Municipal \$54,896.38; Payroll \$35,219.37; Joint Building committee \$436.75; Federation of Canadian Municipalities membership fee \$251.96; J. Jolliffe & Sons Contracting \$7041.67; Sundridge & District Medical Centre Loan \$25.949; Integrated Earth & Environmental \$529.65; Almaguin News tender \$299.60; Meridian Planning \$443.57 Carried Stephen Rawn declared a conflict due to an account.

Chris Ellis – Shawn Eddison

Be it resolved that this council does hereby authorize that due to incomplete projects any excess budget items (3) over actual expenses for the following accounts be placed in the corresponding reserve a/c: Office Materials & Supplies; Roads Materials & Supplies and Road Capital – Gravel. Carried

Sally Harper – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve the application to purchase the shore road allowance fronting Plan M41 Pt. Lot 12 at 35 Layolomi Rd Carried

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Shawn Eddison – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to endorse the MTO Property Purchase Agreement for a portion of Lot 14, Con 8 – Part 12 of Plan 42R16869. There are conditions that council hereby attach to the Purchase Agreement: That MTO provide an access from the service road to the remainder of Lot 14 Con 8 at a location determined by MTO. Carried

Chris Ellis – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby enact by-law 2004 – 1496 being a by-law to approve the Emergency Management Program for the protection of public safety, health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property and to promote economic stability and a disaster-resilient community. Carried

Council reviewed correspondence from Blue Sky; Womens Own Resources.

Shawn Eddison – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve insurance coverage from Jardine Lloyd Thompson with a total premium of \$35,482 plus taxes. Carried

Shawn Eddison – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this council does hereby adjourn at 9:30 pm to meet again on January 11th 2005 or at the call of the Mayor. Carried

Diana Georgie, Clerk

Stephen R. Rawn, Mayor