

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 18TH 2005**

Held at the Township office at 5:30 pm

Attending: Mayor Stephen R. Rawn
Council: Scott McLaren; Chris Ellis; Sally Harper; John Newstead
Guests: Lyle Thorne, Mike Mitchell – Police Board; Barry Hubbert, Wm Ayotte, OPP – update on stats to Sep.30.05
Sue Miller, North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority – Source Water presentation; Robin Bailey.
Press: Jessie Cole

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest on the agenda material.

Chris Ellis – John Newstead

- Council meeting of Oct.11.05
- SSJ Arena meeting of Oct. 5.05
- Almaguin Highlands Marketing Project meeting Sept.28.05
- Sundridge-Strong Fire Dept. meeting of Oct. 5.05
- South River & District Airport meeting of Oct.4.05 Carried

Council reviewed the Sept Report presented by James Mahoney; the Township Gen/Roads Budget to Sep.30.; AHIC bldg – MTO; ZBL update – should comply with OP; Candidates for Casual Office Help.

Sally Harper – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve payment of the 3rd levy for Fire Dept. in the amount of \$16,112.50 Carried

Chris Ellis – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve a donation to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Bursury Fund in the amount of \$1386.00 Carried

Sally Harper – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this council does hereby give notice to Almaguin Recycling Initiatives, that effective January 1st 2006, the Township of Strong will be withdrawing from the service offered by ARI Carried

Chris Ellis – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve a tax adjustment for Glen Bernard Camp by reducing the commercial assessment by 42,000 for 2004 and 2005 due to demolition of cabins at the site. Carried

John Newstead – Sally Harper

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Strong has a duty and commitment to its tax payers as #1 priority to maintain a fair tax rate and we are able to do this with the current assessment base of Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Pipelines;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Strong has a fleet of fairly new equipment to maintain the Township roads and has sufficient reserves set aside for equipment replacement and unforeseen emergencies;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Strong has two land fill sites each having a lifespan that leaves the township worry free for future operating and development expense;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Strong owns sufficient gravel deposits and is a savings in the maintenance and construction of township roads;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Strong has a very efficient complement of staff who manage the operations and management of the Township without an over abundance of staff;

AND WHEREAS with the 4 laning of Hwy #11, this will open up areas along the existing Hwy #11 for new development

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Strong has no interest in any further discussions and/or Studies of Amalgamation with The Township of Joly and the Village of Sundridge.

Voting for: S. Rawn; C. Ellis; S. Harper; J. Newstead Voting Against S. McLaren Carried

John Newstead – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this council does hereby adjourn at 9:42pm to meet again on Nov.8.05 at 5:30 pm CD

Diana Georgie, Clerk

Stephen R. Rawn, Mayor