

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC MEETING**

Held at the Township of Strong Office at 5:30 pm FEBRUARY 15TH 2006

Attending: Mayor Stephen R. Rawn
Council: Scott McLaren; Chris Ellis; Sally Harper; John Newstead
Guests: Bill Ayotte, Staff Sgt, OPP – 2005 statistics; Jen Nicholson, Press
Staff: David Pringle, Road Superintendant – monthly report

Pecuniary Interests declared by Chris Ellis on Resolution #5

John Newstead – Chris Ellis

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

- Council meeting of Jan.24.06
- Sundridge Strong Joly Arena meeting of Feb.1.06
- Steering meeting of Jan 26.06
- Almaguin Highlands Community Policing meeting Nov.23 05 and Jan 25/06
- Sundridge – Strong Union Public Library meeting of Dec.15.05
- Hwy #124 Committee meeting of Jan 25.06
- Almaguin Recycling Initiative meeting of Oc.20.05
- Sundridge Strong Rec Committee meeting of Feb.2.06
- Parry Sound Emergency Services report of Jan 12.06 (Ambulance)
- Sundridge – Strong Fire Dept. meeting of Feb. 1.06
- AHED – Minutes Feb.1.06

Carried

John Newstead – Scott McLaren

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is constructing a four lane highway that will by-pass the Villages of South River and Sundridge and the Townships of Joly, Machar and Strong;

AND WHEREAS council representatives from these five municipal councils worked together through an informal committee known as the Hwy 124 Committee to ensure that the MTO would extend the designation of Hwy 124 from its present location to include the section of the present Hwy #11 from Hwy 124 to the northern entrance to the Village of South River;

AND WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the Hwy 124 Committee that a committee be formed to continue working on various issues;

AND WHEREAS these five municipal councils feel it is of the utmost importance that our committee work together to keep our municipalities viable;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of these five municipal councils a committee to be known as the “**CENTRAL ALMAGUIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**” should be formed to explore all the options available to keep the area viable. The Committee shall recommend for the five council’s consideration the best method to achieve these goals;

AND WHEREAS the committee shall consist of 2 members of council from each of the five councils;

AND WHEREAS it is recommended that each council set a preliminary budget of \$300 - \$500 for this committee;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that a committee known as the “**CENTRAL ALMAGUIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**” shall be formed and will be comprised of 2 members from each of the following councils: The Village of South River; The Village of Sundridge; The Township of Joly; The Township of Machar and the Township of Strong and that the committee shall report to council as information becomes available. Carried

Chris Ellis – Sally Harper

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve the recommendations of the Fire Department Board that a 2006 Metalfab Tanker Truck be purchased and that after all donations and funds set aside for the purchase are deducted from the purchase price, that we split the balance of the purchase price 50/50 with the Village of Sundridge Carried

John Newstead – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve the recommendations of the Fire Department Board that an increase for the Fire Chief Salary by \$2500 and Benefits as per Village of Sundridge, effective Jan.1.06 Carried

Sally Harper – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve the recommendations of the Fire Department Board that an increase of \$50 to the base pay for all Firefighters. Carried Chris Ellis declared a conflict on this resolution.

John Newstead – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve payment of the following Accounts:

- Municipal Accounts \$128,084.58

- Roads Accounts \$ 21,835.72
- Payroll Accounts \$ 30,715.16
- Donation to the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair c/o Almaguin (\$100 – 2005)
- Invoice \$250 from East Parry Sound Veterinary Services for 2006 Carried

Scott McLaren – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve attendance at the Municipal Election Training at Callander – April 6th for: Diana Georgie; Sharon Sohm and Lori Wren at a rate of \$240.75 Carried

Sally Harper – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve the Purchase of a defibrillator in the amount of \$3500 for the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena and that all donations be accepted and receipted at the Township office. Carried

John Newstead – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve a donation to the South River Figure Skating Club Annual Spring Carnival in the amount of \$100 Carried

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Chris Ellis – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this council does hereby set a Policy for “Accounts in TAX ARREARS” as follows: ALL Accounts with arrears of taxes Three Years and over, shall be placed in Tax Registration with 30 days notice to the property owner. Carried

John Newstead – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby authorize that the surplus of \$105,000 be turned back to the ratepayers and that we budget the surplus as revenue in the 2006 budget to offset taxes. Carried

Chris Ellis – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve an amendment and addition of \$500 per bin to the Recycle Compactor and Bin pricing from Efficient Waste Management Services and that we Purchase a total of 3 bins Carried

Chris Ellis – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this council does hereby approve the attendance at the FONOM Conference May 10th – 12th @ \$250 per person for Stephen Rawn and Sally Harper. Carried

Sally Harper – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby enact by-law 2006 – 1522 being a by-law to stop up, Close and Convey certain shore road allowances and having read the by-law the required readings. Carried

Chris Ellis – Scott McLaren

Be it resolved that this council does hereby enact by-law 2006 – 1523 being a by-law for the Interim Taxes for 2006 and having read the by-law the required readings. Carried

John Newstead – Sally Harper

Be it resolved that this council does hereby hire an assistant attendant to assist with Recycling when the compactors are installed at casual staff rate Carried

John Newstead – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve the purchase of 100 pens at \$2.29 ea. To include the Twp. Name Carried

Correspondence was reviewed from Forest Lake Rd Resident; SGS Environmental; MNR – Bear Wise; AHED; OPP; AHIC; DSSAB; OMPFA; Strong Agricultural Society; Near North School Board; Council Priorities for 2006 projects was reviewed and will be confirmed next meeting.

John Newstead – Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby adjourn at 9:50 pm to meet again on Feb.28.06 at 5:30 pm or at the call of the Mayor
Carried

Diana Georgie, Clerk

Stephen R. Rawn, Mayor