

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 12TH 2008**

Held at the Township office at 5:30 pm

Attending: Mayor Stephen R. Rawn
Council: Chris Ellis; Vi Montpetit; Merlyn Snow; John Newstead
Staff: Dave Pringle, Road Superintendant – monthly roads report
Guests: Jane Brokup – damage to rental vehicle; Peter Grieke & Land Owner - Trolove property
Press: Andy Campbell

There were no pecuniary interests declared

Chris Ellis - Merlyn Snow

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

- Council meeting January 22nd 2008
- Joint Building Committee Meeting Jan.24.08
- Strong Cemetery Board Meeting Dec.10.07 and Financial Statement 2007
- Almaguin Recycling Initiative meeting Nov.8.07
- Central Almaguin Planning Board meeting of Jan.16.08
- Tri Council meeting of Jan 15/08 and Bi – Council meeting of Jan 15.08
- Central Almaguin Economic Development Assoc meeting Jan.17.08 Carried

From the minutes: Letter to ARI re: Per household charge to municipalities revert back down to \$2 per hh
JBC minutes – Resolution re: Fines collected – Admin fee of \$50 + BLO time & expense

Vi Montpetit – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve the following account for payment

- Roads accounts for January \$16,906.53
- Municipal Accounts for Jan \$240,787.14
- Payroll Accounts for Jan \$ 36,567.20
- Parry Sound Mun. Assoc \$ 150.00 Carried Merlyn Snow declared a conflict on Municipal Accounts

Merlyn Snow - Chris Ellis

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve payment to the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library monthly payments of \$2500 until the 2008 budget has been reached. Carried

Merlyn Snow – Vi Montpetit

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve payment of \$500 to Blue Sky Net to start the data Validation process now for GIS Carried

Correspondence: OPP – Joint Policing Costs; North Bay – Household Hazardous Waste; Munisoft; MTO re: Berridale Gas Bar; MTO – rd closures; Board per diem report; JBC Jan report;

Chris Ellis - Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve the purchase of new Taxation Software and conversion plus training from the old Munisoft system at a cost of \$5500 plus travel costs. Carried

John Newstead – Vi Montpetit

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby agrees that Peter Schneider is a full time employee and entitled to full time benefits as outlined in by-law 1561. Carried

Merlyn Snow – Vi Montpetit

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby authorize that Land Fill #1 be closed for Statutory Holiday Feb 18; Mar 21 & Mar 23/08 as advertised. Carried

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve the renewal of the Taxi License for “Call me a Cab” for the 1999 Dodge Caravan License #AYLC658 upon payment of the fee \$120.00 Carried

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve the drafting of a road closing by-law for Black Creek Rd from March 2008 to June 2010 for Hwy #11 four laning purposes. Carried

Chris Ellis – Vi Montpetit

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve the drafting of a road closing by-law for Hill Valley Rd for a one month period (time to be determined) for Hwy #11 four laning purposes Carried

Chris Ellis - Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby approve the application for re-zoning the property at Con 9 Pt. Lot 13 and Lot 14 and Con 10 Pt. Lot 13 and Lot 14 from Rural to Extractive Industrial. The Environmental Protected and Development Constraint zone and some of the rural zone will remain the same as is. Council will forward the application to our planning Consultant to prepare the appropriate by-law before a Public Meeting can be held. Carried

John Newstead - Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby enact by-law 2008 – 1562 being a by-law to authorize submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure project and to approve the expenditure of funds on said eligible capital project. Carried

Chris Ellis – Vi Montpetit

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby enact by-law 2008 -1564 being a by-law to execute a tax arrears extension agreement for PIN 52077-0168 (LT) and having read the by-law the required readings Carried

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Chris Ellis – Vi Montpetit

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby support the recommendation of the Sundridge Strong Fire Dept. Management Board with regard to the Fire Chief's Salary for 2008. Carried

Chris Ellis - Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby enact by-law 2008 – 1563 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief, namely: Jim Schmidt and having read the by-law the required readings. Carried

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby authorize that the \$10,000 received from the sale of property to Kent Trusses and the anonymous donation of \$7,000 be set aside for the New Rescue Van Carried

Merlyn Snow – Vi Montpetit

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby support the recommendation of the Sundridge Strong Fire Dept Management Board that monies be budgeted in the 2008 and 2009 budget for the purchase of a new rescue van and that \$25,000 be set aside each year. Carried

Chris Ellis – Merlyn Snow

WHEREAS Infrastructure is critically important to our municipality; and **WHEREAS** there is considerable Infrastructure deficit throughout Ontario; and **WHEREAS** Canada's Federal Government has committed, in Budget 2007, a seven year \$33 Billion Infrastructure Program, the biggest federal commitment since World War II – the **Build Canada Plan**; and **WHEREAS** in order to access the Building Canada Plan, a Province must sign a "Framework Agreement" with the Federal Government and **ONTARIO** has not done this yet; **Be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Strong** call upon Ontario Premier, Dalton McGuinty to direct his officials to work with the Government of Canada to develop an appropriate "Framework Agreement" under the Building Canada Plan. As the elected representatives responsible for the continued prosperity and safety of our community, we urge our counterparts at the Province of Ontario to make negotiations of the Framework Agreement and access to this funding one of the highest priorities of their government. Carried

John Newstead - Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby support Kent Trusses in the relocation of the truck maintenance shop from Hwy #11 location to its location at 204 Forest Lake Rd. Carried

Chris Ellis - Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby recommend that one of the road staff will be paid out for 30 hours of overtime. Carried

Merlyn Snow – Vi Montpetit

Be it resolved that this Council does hereby adjourn at 10:25 pm to meet again on February 26th 2008 at 5:30 pm Carried

Diana Georgie, Clerk

Stephen R. Rawn, Mayor