

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik, John Newstead and Merlyn Snow.

Guests: There we no delegations to see Council.

Pecuniary Interested Declared:

Comment Sheet: Request by Darren Luckasavitch for a Streetlight at Oak Ridge and Adams Road. Council will obtain estimates from Hydro One for discussion at the next meeting.

Road Superintendent Report: Dave Pringle, Road Superintendant attended the meeting to discuss issues with council and reported on snow removal activities to date. Dave recently attended a seminar regarding hard surfacing techniques and costs associated with the new process. He is obtaining prices for road work to be considered in the 2011 budget.

The following resolutions were passed:

2010-0257

Jay Cottrell- Merlyn Snow:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the December 1, 2010 Inaugural Meeting as circulated and amended:

Resolution # 2010-0253 is hereby amended to indicate Landfill Site # 2 will be open December 24, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Carried

2010-00258

J.D. Newstead – Jay Cottrell:

There Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including December 14, 2010 in the amount of \$266,753.21 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. Carried

2010-0259

Kelly Elik- Merlyn Snow:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read the Accessibility Report – Municipal Election prepared by the Clerk and accept this report as presented. Carried

2010-0260

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support the Nomination of Bill O'Halloran as Area 5 Representative on the District of Parry Sound Social Services Board. Carried

2010-0261

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2010-043 the third and final reading to appoint Grant Thornton as their Municipal Auditors ;

And That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and all necessary contracts on behalf of the Municipality and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

2010-0262

Jay Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support the nomination of Bill Vrebosch of East Ferris Township as ROMA Board Zone 9 Representative. Carried

2010-0263

Jay Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the renewal summary of coverage, limits and deductibles for January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012 term for insurance coverage as presented by Municipal Insurance Services Ltd., in the amount of \$ 42,899 plus PST.

And that Council for the Township of Strong accept the proposal for insurance services as presented. Carried

2010-0264

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong appoint Vi Montpetit as the representative for the Township of Strong on the North Bay Mattawa Source Protection Authority for a period of three years from the date of this resolution.

Carried

2010-0265

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read by-law 2010-044 being a by-law to enter into an Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for winter maintenance services on Mountainview Road from December 10, 2010 to May 15, 2011 having read the by-law the required readings;

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

2010-0266

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong obtained ownership of Mountainview Road under an Order of Council of the Provincial Government effective December 10, 2010;

And That the Township of Strong has the authority to prescribe speed limits on any highway or portion of highway under its jurisdiction;

And that Council for the Township of Strong have read by-law 2010-045 being a by-law to prescribe a speed limits;

And that this by-law has been given the required readings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve this by-law and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

2010-0267

Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the tender as presented by the Almaguin News for services outlined in the tender proposal for the year 2011 in the amount of \$150.00 plus applicable taxes; Carried

2010-0268

Jay Cottrell- Merlyn Snow:

Therefore Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong agree that in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 239(2b) this council enters into a closed meeting of council at 6:45 p.m. Carried

2010-0269

Jay Cottrell –Merlyn Snow

Therefore Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong agree that in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 239(2b) this council moves from a closed meeting at 8:00 p.m. and returns to the regular meeting of council. Carried

2010-0270

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong do not support the request for additional vacation time for the Arena Manager as Proposed. Vacation time is provided as per the Township of Strong policy.

And that the Township of Strong do not approve a 2.5% increase for the Arena Manager on January 1, 2011 due to his previous increase mid-year as discussed during earlier wage negotiations.

Carried

2010-0271

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong offer the position of Office Assistant to: Courtney Chapman at a negotiated wage rate, with a three month probationary period, with a tentative start date of January 10, 2011 pending completion of reference check.

Carried

Conflict of Interest declared by: Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

2010-0272

Jay Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong donate \$ 500.00 to the Sundridge Strong Foodbank. Carried

2010-0273

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong do hereby adjourn at 9.10 p.m. until the next regular meeting of council scheduled for January 11, 2010.

Carried

The above Minutes will not be adopted by council until the next regular meeting of council scheduled for January 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer