

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

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

**Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest:** Merlyn Snow – Accounts Payable

**Delegations:**

Don Richardson attended the meeting to discuss the Antique/Classic Snowmobile Show. The committee is planning on hosting this event March 6, 2011 and March 13 as the rain date. There will be cash prizes and trophies for antique and classic machines, and a contest with prizes of two vintage snow machines. Mr. Richardson was requesting a financial donation of \$ 400.00 from council to help sponsor this event. A resolution was passed.

Mayor Elgin Schneider and Councillor Bill deVries of the Village of Sundridge attended the meeting to discuss the road easement to the Sewage Lagoons. As the new lagoon system will require hydro it would be more economical to bring hydro in along the unopened road allowance. Sundridge council was requesting approval in principal at this time. Council will contact adjoining property owners for their comments.

Road Superintendant report. Dave Pringle – Road Superintendant gave his report to council. He will meet with Councillors Newstead and Snow early next week to begin working on the 2011 budget. There were no issues to be dealt with at this time.

**Correspondence:**

Fence Issue- correspondence received requesting approval for fencing. Clerk was instructed to send a letter advising that this does not fall within the Official Plan, Zoning by-law and therefore council would not be in a position to comment. The Line Fences Act would be the only legislation should a dispute arise.

Presentation of correspondence by Councillor Merlyn Snow was held on file should the need arise in the future.

The following resolutions were passed:

**2011-001**

**Jason Cottrell-J.D.Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting as circulated.

**Carried**

**2011-002**

**J.D. Newstead- Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the Accounts Payable as presented as follows:

Accounts to December 31, 2010 \$ 90,654.14

Accounts to January 11, 2011 \$ 122,153.42

And that Council hereby authorizes the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

**Conflict of Interest declared by Merlyn Snow and the seat was vacated. Carried**

**2011-003**

**Jason Cottrell- Merlyn snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve bank signing officers for the Corporation to be:

Mayor – Christine Ellis

and/or

Clerk/Treasurer – Linda Maurer

And/or Deputy Treasurer – Tera Kincaid  
And that all payments shall require two signatures. **Carried**

**2011-004**

**Kelly Elik- Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong Support the snowmobile event to be held March 6, 2011 or March 13, 2011 in the amount of \$ 400.00 donation. **Carried**

**2011-005**

**Merlyn Snow- J.D.Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the proposal from Lakeland Holding Limited to install a streetlight at the intersection of Oak Ridge Drive and Adams Road in the amount of \$ 1,600.00.

And that Council does hereby authorize Lakeland Holding Limited to proceed with installation. **Carried**

**2011-006**

**Kelly Elik- Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the Proposal from Norm Hemmings in the amount of \$ 2016.00 for installation of new kitchen unit at the Municipal office. **Carried**

**2011-007**

**J.D. Newstead- Merlyn Snow**

The council is aware that the Township receives some invoices that must be paid prior to Council meetings because of penalties for late payments.  
Council is also aware that the Treasurer pays for janitorial services bi-weekly and employees wages every second Friday.  
Council authorizes the Treasurer to issue cheques for the above as and when required throughout 2011. The Council also authorizes the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase necessary stationary supplies, printing supplies and other office materials that are required to efficiently operate the Municipal office from day to day throughout 2011. **Carried**

**2011-008**

**Kelly Elik- Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong have seen Policy No. PK0900282 (2009) for Bond Coverage for employees in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 as per Section 287 (1) (b) as per S.O. 2001 c.25. **Carried**

**2011-009**

**Merlyn Snow- Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2011-001 Being a by-law to authorize the borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year a First and Second time,

And that this by-law shall receive final reading at the January 25, 2011 meeting. **Carried**

**2011-010**

**Jason Cottrell- J.D.Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2011-002 Being a by-law to provide interest to be charged for overdue payments – Tax Arrears a first and second time:

And that we authorize this by-law shall receive final reading at the January 25, 2011 council meeting.

**Carried**

**2011-011**

**J.D. Newstead- Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No.2011-003 Being a by-law to establish a charge for interest for non-payment of current taxes a first and second time;

And that this by-law shall receive third and final reading at the January 25, 2011 meeting of council.

**Carried**

**2011-012**

**Jason Cottrell- J.D.Newstead**

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong have read By-law number 2011-004 being a by-law for Indemnification a first and second reading;

And that this by-law shall receive third and final reading at the January 25, 2011 meeting of council.

**Carried**

**2011-013**

**Merlyn Snow- Jason Cottrell**

That the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2011-005 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Levy and the payment of Interim Taxes for 2011 having read the by-law the first and second time;

And that this by-law shall received third and final reading at the January 25, 2011 meeting of Council.

**Carried**

**2011-014**

**Kelly Elik- Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Payment Progress Claim # 4 presented by Bry-Co Engineering from McLaren Builders for payment in the amount of \$ 40,547.59 relating to the Municipal Office Renovation project and that \$ 5,244.86 has been withheld from payment.

**Carried**

**2011-015**

**Kelly Elik- Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that Council declares the meeting open to the Public at 7:00pm. **Carried**

**2011-016**

**Merlyn Snow- J.D. Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Public meeting is now closed at 7:12 pm and resumes the regular meeting.

**Carried**

**2011-017**

**Kelly Elik- Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve payment of the annual membership to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association as presented in the amount of \$ 150.00.

**Carried**

**2011-018**

**Jason Cottrell- Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong join the South East P.S District Steering Committee with membership fee of \$40.00. **Carried**

**2011-019**

**Jason Cottrell- Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2011-006 being a by-law to amend By-law 93-1307- Zoning Bylaw with respect to lands legally described as part 3, parcel 23108, RP10101, located in Part of Lot 24, Concession 12, in the Township of Strong have read the by-law the first and second time;

And that this by-law shall receive third and final reading at the regular Council meeting on January 25, 2011. **Carried**

**2011-020**

**Jason Cottrell- Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong support the Project “Dimestore Fisherman” and authorize the Clerk to enter into Negotiations with the Dimestore Fisherman. **Carried**

**2011-021**

**Merlyn Snow- J.D.Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that we hire Bob Young to update Township of Strong Employee Policy for tender amount of \$3500- \$4000.00. **Carried**

**2011-022**

**Jason Cottrell- J.D.Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong do hereby adjourn at 9:25 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on January 25, 2011. **Carried**

The above minutes will not be adopted by council until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 25, 2011 in Council Chambers.

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Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer