

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

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Christine Ellis,

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

**Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest:**

**Delegations: Judy Kleinhuis – Grant Thornton.**

As Grant Thornton are now the auditors for the Municipality, Ms. Kleinhuis discussed with the Council the Report to Council-initial communication on audit planning document prepared. Ms. Kleinhuis also answered any questions council had and explained the audit process. The audit process will begin on February 22, 2011.

**Mario Campese, EMS representative.** Mayor Campese contacted the municipal office to advise he could not attend the meeting in person due to conflicting meeting dates. Mayor Campese submitted his report of the most recent EMS meeting for council to review.

**Road Report: Dave Pringle, Road Superintendent** attended the meeting to update council on road issues. He reported they were working on winging the banks back. The crew has been out cleaning roads as needed. He will be attending the Good Roads Conference with Councillor John Newstead and they will try to have a meeting with Ministry of Transportation regarding Mountainview Road.

**Discussion Items:**

Mr. Jim Mahoney –By-law enforcement officer presented his contract for renewal.

The Village of South River sent a letter to the member municipalities regarding the Airport. Council will arrange a meeting with all mayors of the member municipalities to discuss the Airport.

Correspondence was received from Jagen Maintenance regarding development of properties around the lake. A response cannot be provided at this time as there is insufficient information available.

The following resolutions were passed:

**R2011-041**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2011-042**

**Kelly Elik- Jason Cottrell:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read the Report to Council prepared by Grant Thornton, LLP;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign Appendix A- Audit Engagement Letter on behalf of the Corporation and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

**R2011-043**

**Jason Cottrell – J. D.Newstead:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including February 8, 2011 in the amount of \$21,064.74.

And hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

**R2011-044**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Employment Contract as presented by Jim Mahoney Services for By-law Enforcement. This proposal is for a two year term 2011, 2012 which represents a 3% increase in wages per year and provides for a \$200.00 per year contribution for programs and courses necessary to perform his duties. **Caried**

**R2011-045**

**J.D.Newstead – Merlyn Snow:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of the Roads budget in principal in the amount of \$ 940,600.00 **Carried**

**R2011-046**

**Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Taxi License as presented by Peggy Haggart o/a Call Me A Cab taxi for the year 2011. **Carried**

**R2011-047**

**Merlyn Snow- Jason Cottrell:**

Therefore be it resolved that the council for the Township of Strong does not accept the resignation of the Arena Manager as program director/arena manager. **Carried**

**R2011-048**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn from the regular meeting of council at 7:00 p.m. to declare the Public Meeting Open to discuss a Shore Road Closure, Fees for Building Permits and Procedural By-law at 7:00 p.m. **Carried**

**R2011-049**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the Public Meeting at 7:15 p.m. and return to the regular meeting of Council. **Carried**

**R2011-050**

**Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Building Permit Fee Increase presented by the Joint Building Committee;

And that By-law 2008-1576, Building By-law- Schedule A – Permit fees shall be amended to in the new rates as presented. **Carried**

**R2011-051**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2011-07 being a by-law to stop up and close and sell to adjoining land owners that portion of the Original Shore Road Allowance fronting property Concession 7, Lot 18, Plan M41, Plan 42R19284 having read the by-law the first and second time;

And that this by-law shall receive final reading at the February 22, 2011 meeting. **Carried**

**R2011-052**

**Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:**

Therefore be it resolved that the council for the Township of Strong have read By-law No. 2011 -08 being a by-law to govern the Procedure of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong and all of its committees, the calling of meetings and the meetings and conduct of its members, having read the by-law a first and second time.

And that this by-law shall receive final reading at the February 22, 2011 meeting. **Carried**

**R2011-053**

**J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2011-09 being a by-law to enter into a Development Agreement with Iris Smith-Deta for lands legally described as part 3, Parcel 23108, RP42R10101, Part Lot 24, Concession 12 to provide for the operation of bus storage and maintenance yard within the rural designation RU Exception 12 having read the by-law the required readings.

And that 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**

**R2011-054**

**Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law No. 2011-10 being a by-law for Sale of Land having read the by-law a first and second time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011;

The by-law will receive third and final reading at the February 22, 2011 meeting of council. **Carried**

**R2011-055**

**Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:**

That the Council for the Township of Strong does hereby agree that in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 239(2B) this Council moves into a Closed meeting at 8:20 p.m. to discuss matters in accordance with the Act. **Carried**

**R2011-056**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik**

That the Council for the Township of Strong does hereby agree that in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 239(2B) this council moves from a closed meeting at 8:40 p.m. and returns to the regular meeting of council. **Carried**

The Mayor was authorized by council to deal with the personnel issue and to contact a replacement to begin as soon as possible.

**R2011-057**

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

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 8:51 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on February 22, 2011.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

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**Clerk/treasurer, Linda Maurer**