

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:

Bruce Campbell – Health Unit update. As the area representative on the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit Board, Mr. Campbell attended the meeting to inform council of some activities of the Health Unit. He provided council with information on some of the initiatives that Health Unit is responsible for, the budget process for the Health Unit. Mr. Campbell advised he intended on visiting with each of the councils at least once per year and if council had any concerns they could contact him and he will attend the meeting to address these concerns.

Al Bottomly – Near North District School Board. Mr. Bottomly attended the meeting to present to council the latest architectural drawings of the new High School along with a construction update. Mr. Bottomly advised the school would be open for business September 2011 and that an Open House is being planned for the Thanksgiving weekend. He presented council with the floor layout highlighting the many energy efficient features of the school, state of the art equipment to be in place – classroom improvements- programs and many other features that will make this school one of the best. Mr. Bottomly left drawings to be displayed in the municipal office for public review. Mr. Bottomly also informed Council of some of the fund raising projects Access 2011 were working on – greenhouse, trail development, purchasing seats for the Theatre.

Shelly Raymond – Soltara Co Housing. Ms. Raymond attended the meeting to discuss with council the Soltara Co Housing program. This is a program for seniors housing wherein a senior will purchase a suite in a 4 suite building arrangement – a “house mom” is on staff who cooks the meals and clean up, will do the laundry and cleaning services as required. The occupants share the cost of the building maintenance – hydro, heat, lawn maintenance. Should the residents require additional services the cost again is shared by those requiring the service. Seniors are able to keep their vehicle, arrangements can be made to take residents to appointments as required, gardens are installed and can be maintained by residents. This is an alternative to retirement homes and nursing homes as residents purchase a share of the building. Residents maintain independence with the benefit of having someone to share the unit.

Road Superintendent report:

Dave Pringle gave his report to council regarding road issues, provided council with information received at the Ontario Good Roads Conference in Toronto, discussed the snow removal concerns.

Comment Forms – none received

Guests in the audience. Guests were in council chambers to preview the presentation by Soltara Co Housing.

Discussion Items:

Parks – council agreed to have the portable lavatories at South Lake Bernard Park and Checkerboard Park again this summer.

Parks maintenance was discussed – The Mayor and Clerk will prepare an ad for the paper for summer maintenance of parks and a list of duties.

Eastholme Annual General Meeting – March 23, 2011 – The Clerk was instructed to inform Eastholme Staff that Merlyn Snow would attend.

Jill Boschulte submitted a letter regarding fireworks. The Clerk was instructed to respond to the concern and forward her concerns to the Rec Committee for consideration.

Sundridge Strong Fire Department submitted a letter requesting assistance to remove an old building behind the Fire Hall. A resolution was passed.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-070

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2011-071

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including March 8, 2011 in the amount of \$ 83558.33 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2011-072

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2011-012 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 known as Concession 4, Lot 22, Part 1, Part 2, Lot 22, Concession 4, Plan M56, Lot 18, Lot 19 on Plan 42R19294 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 the by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2011-073

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Strong support the recommendation of the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Board that the Fire Chief be moved to the fourth step on the 2011 Salary Grid for the Village of Sundridge effective January 1, 2011. **Carried**

R2011-074

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Strong have reviewed the Fire Service Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources which expires on March 31, 2011 and hereby agree to the extension of this agreement to March 31, 2012 upon receipt of a new agreement. **Carried**

R2011-075

J. D. Newstead – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Strong donate \$ 100.00 to the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair for 2011. **Carried**

R2011-076

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Strong approve sending 5 representatives to the Parry Sound Municipal Association on April 29, 2011. **Carried**

R2011-077

Merlyn Snow – J.D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Strong approve the quotation from Sequin Welding & Fabricating in the amount \$2840.00 plus HST for the purchase of a safety hand rail on the loading ramp at Landfill Site # 1. **Carried**

R2011-078

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Strong approve the application to purchase the unopened road allowance in front of Con. 1 Pt. Lot 10, RP42R12196 Part 2, Part 7 and Part 9 (Gazsi) in principle. **Carried**

R2011-079

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong support the proposal from the Sundridge Strong Fire Department with demolishing the old building behind the Firehall with the Village of Sundridge roads crew along with Strong township roads staff. **Carried**

R2011-080

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve rental of 4 Supreme Units complete with sinks at the following Parks for the 2011 season from June 1, 2011 to September 10, 2011 at Lake Bernard Park and Checkerboard Park. **Carried**

R2011-081

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

By S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended, Section 284 (1) the treasurer of a municipality shall in each year on or before March 31 provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to: each member of council in respect of his/her services as a member of the council or any other body, including a local board, to which the member holds office by virtue of being a member of council; each member of council in respect of his/her services as an officer or employee of the municipality or other body described in clause (a); and each person other than a member of council appointed by the municipality to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his/her services as a member of the body.

And that By-Law 2005-8 identified the remuneration to be paid to council members as per S.O. 2001, c.25 Section 284 (2).

COUNCIL:

Mayor Steve Rawn \$ 12,172.63

MILAGE PAID:

Steve Rawn \$ 235.80

Councillors: Christine Ellis \$ 11,673.46 John Newstead \$ 392.30
Vi Montpetit \$ 10,436.28
John Newstead \$ 11,357.76
Merlyn Snow \$ 11,357.76
Jason Cottrell \$ 921.48
Kelly Elik \$ 921.48

Cemetery Board Members:

Terry Hornibrook - \$120.00, Don Richardson - 120.00, Arnold Hall -\$120.00, Merlyn Snow-\$120.00

William Kent - \$40.00, Gary McCreary -\$40.00, John Hannaford - \$40.00, Jim Schmidt - \$40.00,

Livestock Valuers:

David Sinclair - \$40.00, John McLachlan - \$40.00,

Recreation Committee:

Kelly Elik - \$240.00, Betty McLaren - \$200.00, Cliff Cookman - \$120.00,

Library Board:

Sally Harper - \$320.00, Jane Anderson -\$600.00

High Rock Committee:

Roger Morgan - \$40.00

Fenceviewers:

David Sinclair \$ 40.00, Robert Gibbons, \$ 40.00

We have seen the itemized statement for Councillors etc. for 2010

Carried

R2011-082

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the council for the Township of Strong accept the recommendation of the Medical Centre Committee to increase the Nurse Practitioner Receptionist salary to step 3 in the Village of Sundridge pay scale.

Carried

R2011- 083

J., D. Newstead – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong do hereby adjourn at 9:30 p.m. until the next regular meeting of council scheduled for March 22, 2011. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer