

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

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

Jason Cottrell submitted notification that he would be absent for this meeting.

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None declared

Delegations:

Lanny Dennis & Dale Tebby – vacant lot condominium proposal. Mr. Dennis and Mr. Tebby presented to council a vacant land condominium proposal for property he owns on Union Street. His proposal includes separating the parcel into 9 lots with a private road through the centre of the parcel. This property is currently zoned M1 and the proposal meets the zoning and official plan requirements. Mr. Tebby has been contacted by individuals who are interested in developing in this area. Copies of past environmental reports were submitted for council to review, and they will be contacting the Ministry of Transportation. Council passed a resolution.

Garry McCreary and Jennifer Thompson – Strong Agricultural Society – Pevensey Church relocation.

Mr. Garry McCreary and Mrs. Jennifer Thompson attended the meeting to discuss moving the Pevensey Church to the Agricultural Fair Grounds. They would like to begin fund raising efforts to relocate the Church Building to the Fair grounds. Garry has contacted another mover to obtain estimates to move the building, there are volunteers who will help install a footing and pad to set the building on, he has looked at an alternate route that may save some costs. Garry was asking Council for a contribution for this project. Council felt that accurate costs should be obtained prior to a commitment being made. Kelly Elik advised she would contact staff at Lakeland to see if Lakeland could assist with this community project or if Lakeland had a contact with Hydro One. The Clerk will contact Almaguin Movers again to obtain an up to date estimate for moving and also discuss the alternate route. Once accurate figures were available, Council would be in a better position to make a decision.

Guests in the audience included.

Comment Sheets:

Rick Parkes presented a comment sheet expressing concern with the condition of the road.

Councillor John Newstead advised that Road Superintendant Dave Pringle and himself went out to Parkes Lane around 2 p.m, on March 22, 2011 and reported the road had been graded that day. Councillor Newstead advised the Road Superintendant would be monitoring the road and gravel would be applied where and when necessary. A letter will be sent to Mr. Parkes.

Discussion Items:

Fire Department correspondence was reviewed. Council will be working on renovating the basement and will deal with the Fire Department's concerns at that time.

Ministry of Environment Landfill Site # 1 Inspection report was reviewed. A random inspection was completed of the Site. The report was very positive with only a recommendation for council to begin the process of updating the Development and

Operation Plan in the near future as the original plan is 20 years old. Council was very pleased with the work of staff at the Landfill site which resulted in a positive report.

FONOM – annual conference in Timmins. Information was provided regarding the annual conference. A resolution was passed.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-084

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2011-085

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including March 22, 2011 in the amount of \$ 46176.85
And hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2011-086

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong support in principle the vacant land condominium proposal presented by 1631695 Ontario Inc. provided it meets all requirements of the Planning Act. **Carried**

R2011-087

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve membership to AMCTO in the amount of \$ 292.34. **Carried**

R2011-088

J.D. Newstead – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve donations for 2011 to:

Sundridge Strong Cemetery Board	\$ 1200.00	
Pevensey Cemetery Board	\$ 300.00	
Berriedale Cemetery Board	\$ 300.00	Carried

R0211-089

Merlyn Snow – J.D.Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong appoint Robert Gibbons as the Township Weed Inspector for 2011. **Carried**

R2011-090

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Whereas Subsection 283(1) of the Municipal Act, S.O, 2001, as amended provides that one-third of the remuneration paid to the elected members of councils and their local boards shall be considered as expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as members of council or local board; and

Now therefore be it resolved that it is the intention of this council that the provisions of subsection 283(1) continue to apply to the elected members of this council and its local boards effective December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2014. **Carried**

R2011-091

Merlyn Snow – J.D. Newstead:

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong has reviewed the pre-consultation application for a severance presented by Peatland Resources. Council notes there is a small EP zoning on this property and consideration for this area should be given during any development. Council accepts this pre-consultation application in principle and it may proceed to the Central Almaguin Planning Board for consideration. **Carried**

R2011-092

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong has reviewed the 2011 Sundridge and District Medical Centre 2011 Budget;

And that Council approves the Sundridge And District Medical Centre 2011 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$189,042.96 with Strong Township's share being \$ 15,411.54.

Carried

R2011-093

J.D.Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong approves the Clerk/Treasurer participating in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing workshop on March 31, 2011 via teleconference. **Carried**

R2011-094

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong send Mayor Christine Ellis to the 2011 Annual FONOM conference. **Carried**

R2011-095

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong approves the Clerk/Treasurer attending the AMCTO Zone 7 meeting May 5 and May 6, 2011 at a cost of \$95.00. **Carried**

2011-096

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend By-law 2011-11 being a by-law to require applicants to pre-consult with the municipality prior to submitting a planning application to amend by-laws passed under the Planning Act and to establish policies related to consent applications for the creation of new lots;

Therefore be it resolved that the above by-law shall be amended as follows:

1.3 Shall be amended to read:

No application for the creation of new lots shall proceed to CAPB prior to pre-consultation.

1.1 Schedule A shall be amended to: Initial Fee \$ 100.00 – no charge for additional review.

2.8 Shall be amended to read:

All conditions stated herein are required to be completed to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the municipality within one (1) year of the decision. Failure to comply or provide evidence of complying, terminates the application.

And That this resolution shall be attached to and forming part of the by-law. **Carried**

R2011-097

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have approve the application to purchase the shore road allowance at 1319A High Rock Drive, Plan M69, Pt Blk C, Plan PSR583, Part 1 PCL 10962 s/s in principle. **Carried**

R2011-098

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve in principle the Village of Sundridge using the unopened road allowance off Muskoka Road - Robins Road to gain access to the Sewage Lagoons provided all costs are paid by the Village of Sundridge and an agreement is signed. **Carried**

R2011-099

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Arena Facility Manager and Program Director's job description as presented. **Carried.**

R2011-100

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong give a gift certificate to the Landfill Staff in the amount of \$ 100.00 each for a job well done. **Carried**

R2011-101

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Whereas all elected officials in the Township of Strong were required to sign the Oath of Office on December 1, 2011;

And that the Oath of Office acknowledges that council members shall be paid a monthly stipend;

And that the Oath of Office requires that council members attend all council and committee meetings assigned to them;

And that it is noted that to be excused from a meeting it must be noted in the council minutes, preferably before the meeting date and an alternate sought to attend in their place and be prepared to be reprimanded by fellow councilors and face a reduction in their monthly stipend of \$ 100.00 per meeting missed;

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the reduction in the monthly stipend to Jason Cottrell in the amount of \$ 600.00 which represents the 6 committee meetings that have been missed since January 1, 2011.

Carried

R2011-102

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourns at 9:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on April 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer