

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: Residents of Birch Lane

Kathy Pike on behalf of residents along High Rock, Birch Lane and the Point Trail gave a presentation to council, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes. The presentation outlined several areas of concerns to the residents regarding the condition and maintenance of these roads.

Council advised their concerns would be taken into consideration as the Township has many roads to maintain. Council will also take their recommendations regarding weekend staffing during the winter season into consideration.

Comment Forms were presented to council for consideration. The Clerk is directed to provide a response to all residents.

Guests in the audience included.

A sign in sheet was provided – the following is a list of those who registered. Kathy Pike, Charlie Zavitz, M.L. & Cliff Fonk, Bud Brown, Susan Rose, Wanda & Jim Hill, Jim and Donna McKay, Murray and Denise Rogers.

Discussion Items:

Joint Building Committee- discussion took place regarding a decision to allow the Municipality of Magnetawan back into the Joint Building Committee. Council felt that resolutions from the supporting municipalities should be received indicating their decision as to whether or not they feel the Municipality of Magnetawan should be brought back into the Committee. A resolution was passed.

A request for the use of Council Chambers was presented to Council. A resolution was passed.

An invitation from Machar Township was received to attend their Roads Committee meeting on April 15, 2011. Councillor John Newstead, Merlyn Snow, Clerk/Treasurer Linda Maurer and Road Superintendant will attend.

The Employee Benefit Package was discussed. Further information is required and the Clerk will contact the provider to request his attendance at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for April 19, 2011.

Mayor Ellis reported to Council she would be absent for the May 10, 2011 meeting due to her attendance at the FONOM annual conference in Timmins and that Councillor John Newstead will act as Deputy Mayor as per Resolution R2011-037.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-103

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

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

R2011-104

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 April 12, 2011 in the amount of \$320,739.71

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

R2011-105

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong make a donation in the amount of \$ 100.00 for the 2011 Graduation Ceremonies. AHSS **Carried**

R2011-106

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby declare that the following equipment shall be deemed surplus and may be disposed of:

2- Universal Handling Equipment Compactors and 3 -40 yard bins. This equipment is located at Landfill Site # 1 as is no longer in operation. **Carried**

R2011-107

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby close the regular council meeting at 6:40 p.m. to begin the Open Public Meeting to discuss a Road Closing. **Carried**

R2011-108

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby close the regular Public meeting at 6:45 p.m. and return to the regular meeting of Council.

Carried

R2011-109

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2011-014 being a by-law to stop up and close and sell all that part of the colonization road designated as Parts 2, 7 and 9 part of the Road allowance between lots 10 and 11 through Concession 1;

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**

R2011-110

Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2011-015 being a by-law to confirm the Proceedings of Council.

And that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto **Carried**

R2011-111

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read the Service Agreement with the Almaguin Animal Shelter effective April 12, 2011 to December 31, 2014 at a rate of \$ 230.00 per month. **Carried**

R2011-112

Jay Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read the 2011 Employment Contract Document with 719406 Ontario Incorporated in the amount of \$1984.22 plus HST per month for the period May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012 and hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this Document on behalf of the Corporation.

Carried

R2011-113

Jay Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the proposal from Clear the Air Human Resources Consulting to prepare a Health and Safety Plan for the Township of Strong-administration staff – landfill staff and roads staff as presented.

Carried

R2011-114

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the proposal from MTY Electric Limited in the amount of \$ 13103.99 to install a 10KW standby generator at the Municipal Office. **Carried**

R2011-115

Jay Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong donate \$ 500.00 to the RBC Sundridge Triathlon for 2011. **Carried**

R2011-116

Jay Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced a revised Ontario Works funding approach; and **WHEREAS** that funding approach is largely based on a cost per case formula which does not take adequately into account the cost and requirement to deliver services in remote or rural areas; and **WHEREAS** in addition to the revised funding approach, the Province has reduced the Provincial Funding amount that is subject to uploading and increased the Provincial funding amount that is subject to 50/50 cost sharing; and

WHEREAS this reduction will result in an erosion of the upload commitments to Northern Municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Strong support the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board's call upon the Ministry of Community and Social Services to continue to work with AMO to refine the announced Ontario Works funding approach, and

That the Township of Strong calls upon the Province of Ontario to commit to the upload promises to Northern Municipalities.

Carried

R2011-117

Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Tenders for "M" gravel be deferred until the April 26, 2011 to allow contactors time to have gravel tested and results submitted to council for review.

Carried

R2011-118

Jason Cottrell –Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the purchase of 1,000 -- 20 -40 cm trees for inside the fence area at Landfill Site # 1.

Carried

R2011-119

Kelly Elik –Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Proposal from: Mark Basso in the amount of \$ 17.00 per hour for Parks Maintenance as presented.

Carried

R2011-120

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve the 2011 Sundridge Strong Rec/Special Events Committee Budget in the amount of \$13023.71 with the Township of Strong's share being \$ 3981.86.

Carried

R2011-121

Jay Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong accept the tender from James Copeman for the installation of fencing at Landfill Site # 1 at a cost of \$4700.00.

Carried

R2011-122

Jay Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore Be It Resolved the Council for the Township of Strong accept the tender from Munisoft to supply and install two new computers and software. **Carried**

R2011-123

J. D. Newstead – Kelly Elik:

Whereas the Council for the Township of Strong have concerns with regard to hiring additional Staff for the Joint Building Committee to accommodate the Municipality of Magnetawan’s return to the Committee; and

That as per Schedule “A” of the Joint Building Committee Agreement – Joint Building Committee’s Authority “Any recommendations of the committee have to be implemented by the individual municipality to have full force and effect as it pertains to that specific municipality”

And that the Township of Strong feels the decision to hire additional staff to accommodate the Municipality of Magnetawan’s return has direct effect on the Township of Strong;

And that hiring of additional staff will have direct impact on the operational Budget which is subject to the approval of all supporting municipalities;

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong request the Joint Building Committee obtain resolutions from all supporting municipalities to ensure the majority of the municipalities support the return of the Municipality of Magnetawan and the resulting additional costs.

Recorded Vote Requested:	For	Against
Chris Ellis	X	
Jason Cottrell	X	
Kelly Elik	X	
John Newstead	X	
Merlyn Snow	X	Carried

R2011-124

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong Council set a fee of \$ 100.00 per day for use of Council Chambers during office hours 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m. **Carried**

R2011-125

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve sending 2 staff to the Fred Dean Seminar in North Bay on June 28, 2011. **Carried**

R2011-126

Jay Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong re-tender the proposal for the supply of Quarried granite due to improper tender procedures. Advertisements will be placed in the Almaguin News for 2 weeks for review by Council. **Carried**

R2011-127

Jay Cottrell – J. D. Newstead

Therefore be it Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 9:26 p.m. until the next regular meeting on April 26, 2011. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer

Presentation by Kathy Pike on behalf of property owners- list of residents that signed in