

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:30 p.m.. The Mayor expressed Council's appreciation to Mr. Jim Wright of the Lake Bernard Property Owner's Association for their donation of \$ 200.00 to the Dimestore Fisherman Project.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Jason Cottrell (arrived at 5:50 p.m), Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: Kelly Elik Declared conflict of interest

Delegations:

Road Superintendent – Dave Pringle gave a report to Council. Dave reported the blasting should be completed this week, and they would be moving rocks, the banks have been secured and is pleased with the work completed to date and there are a few more items to be completed on the driveway. He is going to put some granite on High Rock Road, and is getting prices for paving. There is a concern with Mountainview Road as it is washing out along the guard rails and will contact MTO to discuss.

William & Lori Hubbert – Pre consultation for severance application. Mr. & Mrs. Hubbert attended the council meeting to discuss the pre-consultation application for a severance on Lots 26, 27 & 28, Conc. 3. Mr. Hubbert amended the original application regarding Lot 27 to 12.8 hectares following the existing lot lines and also creating a new lot on Lot 28 which will be 4.7 hectares. A resolution was passed.

Mr. Jim Wright- President of the Lake Bernard Property Owner's Association attended the meeting to introduce himself to council. Mr. Wright reported that the Association has formed a committee consisting of Robert Renaud, Doug Cuthbert, himself, Jocelyn Palm and David Gray-Donald to prepare a Lake Plan for Lake Bernard. He advised council of the initial meeting held on July 6, 2011 at his house with the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer in attendance. The next meeting has been scheduled for July 17, 2011 from 12 pm to 1 pm at the Eco Centre in Sundridge to host a "Vision Session" for the plan. All are welcome to attend. A committee meeting has also been scheduled for July 25, 2011 at 7:00 at the Strong Municipal Offices and all Mayors will be invited to attend. Mr. Wright also expressed concern with the irregular naming of "Lake Bernard" in that some government documents and signs list the name as "Bernard Lake". He has found information regarding the historical records and requirements and application to have the name amended to "Lake Bernard". Council passed a resolution.

A further concern was raised regarding the number of boats that are docked for long a period of time at the public dock, the number of boats that are brought up on shore of the Public Beach at South Lake Bernard Park. Council will look into these concerns.

Lea Ruttan –Cook attended the meeting to discuss the culvert at Pool Lake. Mrs. Ruttan-Cook expressed concern with the damage the high water levels have caused to her property and to her home along the lake. She had a hydrogeological study completed at her property which reported the culvert should be larger. Council requested a copy of this report and advised they would contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Department of Fisheries and Oceans to discuss her concerns.

Robert Motum – Waste Recycling Educator attended the council meeting to give a report on his activities to date. He advised Council that a survey had been sent out to 50 random ratepayers requesting they complete the survey. Results will be monitored and reported to council. Robert will be attending the Sunflower Festival with a display table, recycled craft activities for children and also promoting the Dimestore Fisherman project. Robert discussed with council a shared “Landfill Superhero” contest and requested council’s permission to share this idea with surrounding municipalities. This would provide a common “Logo” for promoting landfill and recycling practices. A resolution was passed.

John Newstead advised council he will be away until July 29, 2011. Kelly Elik advised council she will be away for the August 9, 2011 Council meeting.

Guests in the audience included.

Brant Cook and his daughter.

Discussion Items:

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-210

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the June 29, 2011 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2011-211

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the accounts payable as presented up to and including July 12, 2011 in the amount of \$ 158,005.24
And hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2011-212

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the application to change the name of “Bernard Lake” to “Lake Bernard” as this name is used by more residents and local tourist associations. **Carried**

R2011-213

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve in principal the pre-consultation severance proposal presented by William Hubbert regarding Lots 26, 27 and 28 on Concession 3. **Carried**

R2011-214

J.D. Newstead – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the proposal from dePeuter Decorating Centre in the amount of \$ 4279.88 including HST for installation of floor tile in the basement as presented. **Carried**

Kelly Elik declared conflict of interest

R2011-215

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby Write Off the following 2011 Property Taxes

49 46 006 011 02000 owned by the Township of Strong – property now exempt

Total taxes \$ 50.00 **Carried**

R2011-216

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2011-023 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meetings held between April 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011 having read the by-law the required readings.

And that the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2011-217

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2011-024 being a by-law to appoint a Building Inspector – Jeff McLaren and having read the by-law the required readings;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2011-218

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2011-025 being a by-law to delegate powers – Temporary Road Closures – Sundridge Triathlon August 14, 2011 and having read the by-law the required readings;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2011-219

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong agree in principle to the use of the unopened road allowance located between Concession 1, Lot 10 and Concession 1, Lot 11 (near the intersection of Muskoka Road and Pevensey Road in the Township of Strong) to accommodate the installation of a 120 foot(maximum) self-support telecommunication tower, subject to the

successful negotiation of agreeable compensation, and completion of the required public consultation process. **Carried**

R2011-220

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:30 p.m to declare the Meeting Open to the Public to discuss a Shore Road Closure. **Carried**

R2011-221

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the Open Public Meeting Closed at 7:35 p.m. and return to the regular meeting of Council. **Carried**

R2011-222

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2011-026 being a by-law to stop up and close and convey to adjoining land owners part of the original shore road allowance fronting their property and having read the by-law the required readings;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2011-223

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support the proposal for a joint Landfill/Recycling Hero Contest and contribute \$ 50.00 towards prizes with \$25.00 to be awarded to a “runner up” representative from each of the supporting municipalities. **Carried**

R2011-224

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize investing \$ 100,000 in short term GIC's for a 6 month period. **Carried**

R2011225

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on July 26, 2011. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer