

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

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors: Jason Cottrell (5:50), John Newstead, Merlyn Snow. Kelly Elik was absent

Resolution:

R2011 – 240

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the council for the Township of Strong hereby declare the council meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. on August 9, 2011.

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: Councillor Merlyn Snow declared a conflict of interest regarding the Spectrum Tower concerns and left the table during discussions.

Delegations:

Al MacLean, Don Norman, Terry Low, and Stephen Low attended council to express appreciation to council for their quick response dealing with the South Lake Bernard wash out issue. The road is now repaired and damages to property have been fixed. They appreciated council's quick response and attention to this matter.

Donna Kemp attended council to express concern with the replacement hedge in front of her property. The trees are dying and she is concerned that if something is not put in to replace the trees snowmobilers will use her property (over her septic system) to access the lake. Donna felt that the trees council used to replace the original damaged trees were not native trees to the area and this is why they were dying. Council advised Donna they would discuss the issue later in the meeting and advise her of their decision.

The Clerk was instructed to advise Mrs. Kemp they would look into the matter further and provide comments next spring when it is a better time to transplant trees.

Mrs. Kemp also had a concern with the ditching along High Rock Road. She is concerned that traffic is afraid to stay on their own side of the road due to the ditch and that will force traffic over onto the middle of the road.

Jim & Della Milsen attended the council meeting along with **Jason Turner** to express concern regarding the Spectrum Tower proposal. Mr. & Mrs. Milson are concern as the tower will be right in front of their yard. They were also concerned with the lack of Notice to the property owners. As Mr. & Mrs. Milsen are seasonal residents any mail would have been sent to their home address, however upon checking with the home they found that notification has not been received to date. Mr. Turner who lives on the Armour Township side of Pevensey Road did not receive any notification and only heard about the tower proposal through his neighbour. They are concerned that the installation of the tower will decrease their property value and it is not something they want to look at outside their window. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to Spectrum advising Council is not in favour of installing a tower at this location and to look for an alternate site.

Judy Kleinhuis – Grant Thornton attended the Council meeting to review the 2010 Consolidated Financial Statements. Judy reviewed the document in detail and answered questions from council.

Diane Scott, Lois J. Brisbois, Jennifer Scott Camargos attended the Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Application to purchase the shore road allowance on Malyon Lane.

Guests in the audience included.

Rose & Jerry Mitchell

Road Superintendent – Dave Pringle provided council with his report. Estimates have been received to pave High Rock Road – asphalt paving \$ 492, 350.00 or Double Surface Treatment - \$ 183,750.00 as well as an estimate to pave Albert Street - \$ 167,170.00. Dave reported that the contractors were coming August 22, 2011 to complete work on Tower Road, granite on High Rock Road has been done, he will ensure the road is graded prior to the Triathlon this weekend, has looked over the issue on Tamarack Lane and is getting prices to remove the trees on the road allowance. The Comment forms were reviewed by Council and the Roads Department.

Discussion Items:

Council discussed the concern expressed by Rose and Jerry Mitchell regarding speed limits on High Rock Road. Council instructed the Road Superintendent to order signs “Road Under Construction 40 KPM” a by-law will be prepared for the next meeting of council to amend the speed along High Rock Road from Albert Street to 50 KPM as well as amending Crescent Road to 40KPM. Correspondence from Lea Ruttan-Cook regarding the culvert at Pool Lake was discussed by Council. The Clerk has been instructed to send a letter.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-241

Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2011-242

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including August 9, 2011 in the amount of \$ 85,274.11 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2011-243

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed and approve the 2010 Consolidated Financial Statements and the Trust Fund Statements as presented by Grant Thornton **Carried**

R2011-244

Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have approved a donation in the amount of \$ 100.00 to Near North Crime Stoppers for their annual Golf Tournament. **Carried.**

R2011-245

J.D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have supported the submission of a proposal for the West Parry Sound Municipalities to host the 2013 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FOMON) conference May 2013. **Carried**

R2011-246

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have approved the Report of the Livestock Valuer as presented for a lamb killed at 502 Hwy. 124 and authorize the payment of the claim in the amount of \$125.00;

And that our claim shall be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture for repayment.

Carried

R2011-247

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve opening a non-personal Bank account with RBC- Dominion Securities Incorporated for investment purposes:

And that the Mayor, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are the authorized signing officers of this account and two of three signatures will be required. **Carried**

R2011-248

J. D. Newstead – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed and approve the Service Agreement presented by WasteLogix for exclusive recycling and/or brokering services to the Township of Strong for a period of 3 years;

And That the Council for the Township of Strong authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this agreement and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2011-249

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 7:32 p.m. to open the Public Meeting at 7:32 to discuss the proposed By-law to purchase the shore road allowance on Malyon Lane. **Carried**

R2011-250

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the Public meeting of Council at 7:55p.m. and resume the regular meeting of Council. **Carried**

R2011-251

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2011-027 being a by-law to sell the unopened shore road allowance – Part 1 Lot 26, Concession 10 –117 Malyon Lane;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2011-252

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve installing signs along High Rock Road to 40 KMP and send a letter to the OPP to come out and monitor the road. A by-law will be prepared to amend the speed limit permanently. **Carried.**

R2011-253

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support in principle participation with the Lake Bernard Property Owners Association in developing a Lake Plan for Lake Bernard. **Carried**

R2011-254

Jay Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong do hereby adjourn at 8:55 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on August 23, 2011. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer