

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: Merlyn Snow – Spectrum Communication Notice of proposed new site.

Guests in the audience included.

Mayor Elgin Schneider, Councillors Barry Morris, Lawrie Vincer, Bill deVries, Chris Blueman, Mayor Mario Campese, K. McShane – Almaguin News.

Delegations:

Jim Bonnett: Mr. Bonnet attended the meeting to discuss Cottrell Road. He is concerned with the dust on the road and ditching. Council will speak to the Road Superintendent regarding these concerns.

Catherine & Norman Webb attended the meeting to discuss their concern with a request from Aecon Construction for an exemption to the Noise by-law. They feel for the past 5 years they have had to deal with continual noise and disruption during construction. They feel to allow construction work 24 hours per day for 14 days is unreasonable. They have endured constant dust, noise, blasting and their only reprieve is when they shut down for the day as well as Friday afternoon to Monday morning at 6:00 am. Council passed a resolution.

Robert Motum the Waste Diversion Promotion Director attended the meeting to provide with an update on his activities for the past 8 weeks. The entries for the Superhero contest were also reviewed. Council extended their appreciation to Robert for the great work that has been completed this summer.

Sundridge Council attended the meeting to hear a presentation by Mario Campese, Mayor of the Township of Joly. The Township of Joly is seeking support from the area municipalities to install a 10 mega watt solar project. He provided council with estimates of costs for the system in the amount of \$ 49,090,000.00 with the Township of Strong's share potentially being \$9,818,000.00. The Township of Joly have a site available for this project and the solar panels have been purchased. The Township is looking for a letter of intent from 5 municipalities to research this venture and the application to proceed only. A separate contract will be drafted to set up a power authority for the future should the development continue. Mario advised council that if they did not wish to participate in this larger project they will pursue a 1 mega watt project on their own.

Councillor Bill deVries requested that the Village and Sundridge and the Township of Strong council hold a meeting to discuss issues that affect both municipalities including investors to the area, economic development officer, sewage lagoons, signage along the highway.

Discussion Items:

Work Orders – ditching at landfill # 2, vent pipes, update on cedar tree concern, review of Spectrum Communications tower location, draft Strategic Plan, Public meeting August 30, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Strategic Plan, Dimestore Fishermen review of activities planned.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-255

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the August 9, 2011 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2011-256

Jason Cottrell – 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 23, 2011 in the amount of \$243,010.00 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2011-257

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby grant an exception to the Noise By-law to Aecon Construction & Materials Limited effective September 19, 2011 for a 14 day period, 24 hours per day to complete work as outlined in their contract along Highway 11.

Carried

R2011-258

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Clerk and the Mayor sign a letter of intent to share costs equally in researching the 10 mega watt solar project and the application to proceed only. A separate contract will be drafted to set up a power authority. **Carried**

R2011-259

Kelly Elilk – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-Law 2011-028 being a by-law to restrict the weight of vehicles passing over bridges under the jurisdiction of the Township of Strong;

And that the 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**

R2011-260

J. D. Newstead – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve the Amendment to By-law 96-1351 to amend speed limits of motor vehicles on certain highways in the Township of Strong;

Amended and to be signed:

High Rock Road from Sunnyridge to South Lake Bernard Road 50 kilometers
(Unless posted otherwise during construction)

Crescent Road from High Rock to the end 40 kilometers
Crescent Road from South Lake Bernard to the End 40 kilometers

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this amendment, affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto and attach to the original by-law.

Carried

R2011-261

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the purchase of Computer Software for the property tax program from Munisoft (current software provider) in the amount of \$ 6875.92.

Carried

R2011-262

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the tender for Basement Renovations in the amount of \$ 14,565.70 from McLaren Builders.

Carried

R2011-263

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve an exemption to the Procurement by-law by the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena Committee for installation of a vestibule.

The SSJ Arena Committee posted ads in two local papers regarding the tender and to date no contractors responded to the tender.

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the exemption to the procurement by-law and permit the Arena Committee to contact contractors of their choice to determine if they wish to tender on this project.

Carried

R2011-264

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve sending 5 representatives to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting on September 30, 2011.

Carried

R2011-265

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 9:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting on September 12, 2011

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer