

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

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Jason Cottrell(5:45 p.m.), Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None declared

Guests in the audience included.

Wayne Lynch, Bill Hubbert, Almaguin News

Delegations: There were no delegations to see council.

Discussion Items:

Strategic Plan – After the Public Meeting held on August 30, 2011 council will make some changes as recommended as well as waiting for further comments regarding Agricultural initiatives. Council will present another draft at the next regular meeting.

Stirling Creek proposal was discussed by Council. Council did not have the opportunity to receive comments from the Planner for the meeting regarding the drawings. Council felt they should defer comments until they can speak to the Planner.

Granular B tender was reviewed by council and a resolution was passed.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-266

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the August 23, 2011 and August 30, 2011 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2011-267

Kelly Elik – 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 September 13, 2011 in the amount of \$91,2188.96 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2011-268

J. D. Newstead – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize Lawrence Erven to use the municipal backhoe at the Fall Fair September 17, 2011.

Carried

R2011-269

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby appoint Lawrence Erven Assistant Road Superintendent/Lead Hand effective August 28th, 2011. **Carried**

R2011-270

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

WHEREAS Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd. (Spectrum Group) wishes to erect a 120-foot (36.6 metre) self-support telecommunications tower on private lands located on Lot 30, Concession 4 near Maple Valley Road, in the Township of

Strong, District of Parry Sound for the delivery of wireless Internet, broadband data, and other services to the surrounding area;

AND WHEREAS Spectrum Group is required by Industry Canada to consult with the local land-use authority and to obtain a statement of concurrence from the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS Spectrum Group is completed the required public consultation process as mandated by Industry Canada with no concerns being recorded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby gives approval to the Clerk/Treasurer to issue a statement of concurrence to Spectrum Group for the proposed telecommunications tower on Lot 30, Concession 4 for the delivery of broadband wireless and other services to the area. **Carried**

R2011-271

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

WHEREAS, Numerous studies have shown that people living on social assistance are subject to increased risk of chronic and infectious diseases,

And WHEREAS, local data shows poor nutrition increases chronic and infectious diseases which cost more to treat than to prevent,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Strong supports the introduction of an additional \$100.00 a month Healthy Food Supplement for all Ontarians living on social assistance,

And THAT, this be funded solely by the Province of Ontario.

And FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Tony Clement, MP Parry Sound – Muskoka, the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Ministry of Community and Social Services. **Carried**

R2011-272

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby extends the Part-Time Contract from: Mark Basso in the amount of \$ 17.00 per hour for Parks Maintenance from May – September, 2012. **Carried**

R2011-273

J. D. Newstead – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby extend the Parks contract position to September 20, 2011 for 20 hours per week. **Carried**

R2011-274

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the Draft Financials for 2010 for the Sundridge and District Medical Centre as presented. **Carried**

R2011-275

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the Draft Financials for 2010 for the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department as presented. **Carried**

R2011-276

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve sending 1 representative to the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario Training session on November 17, 2011 in Bracebridge, Ontario.

Carried

R2011-278

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve renewing the LAS Closed Meeting Investigator Program for the term 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$ 678.00.

Carried

R2011-279

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Tender Application Tender # 2011-003 to purchase 4500 tonne Granular B, tenders to be returned by September 20, 2011.

Carried

R2011-280

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong re-open Resolution R2011-258 regarding sharing costs in researching a 10 mega watt solar project:

And that the council for the Township of strong will only participate if a majority of municipalities invited participate in the venture.

Carried

\$2011-281

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 8:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting on September 27, 2011

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer