

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 – Resolution regarding Spectrum Tower Proposal.

Delegations:

Andy Dymond – Signcraft. Mr. Dymond presented council with drawings to place a billboard sign along Mountainview Road. The original application was submitted to the Ministry of Transportation for their approval, however as the road has been transferred to a municipal road he requested permission from council. The Township of Strong do not have a sign by-law and a resolution was passed.

Barry Shields – Stirling Creek Property. A revised survey drawing was presented to council for consideration. Council reviewed the comments submitted by the Planner regarding parkland and feel that 2.5% of land will be sufficient for parks purposes. Mr. Shields will discuss the changes with the surveyor and submit new drawings for council to view.

Guests in the audience included. None

Discussion Items:

Share of Legal costs – a resolution was passed

By-law for swimming pools – council did not feel this was necessary

RFP – Official Plan and Zoning by-law update – council will review and provide comments for the next meeting.

Employee Policy Review – final changes were discussed. A final version will be brought to the next meeting of council for review.

Black Creek Road issues – John Newstead & Merlyn Snow will be meeting with representatives from MTO Wednesday to discuss the concerns.

Insurance – council agreed to tender for municipal insurance for 2012 – tenders to be returned by November 21 for review at the November 22, 2011 meeting.

Volunteer Appreciation – December 3 or December 10 has been set for the volunteer appreciation dinner.

Sale of Equipment – council felt they should not sell the Chipper as it can be used in areas where the larger equipment cannot be.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-285

Jay Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the September 13, 2011 and September 20, 2011 Meetings as circulated. **Carried**

R2011-286

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including September 27, 2011 in the amount of \$ 54411.39 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2011-287

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the presentation by Signcraft to install a billboard sign along Mountainview Road. **Carried**

R2011-288

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the payment to John MacLachlin in the amount of \$176.00 for two ewes that were killed by wolves;

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

R2011-289

Merlyn Snow- J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong are willing to share their Decorative Municipal Sign along Highway 11 with the Village of Sundridge;

And that the Clerk/Treasurer is authorized to complete the encroachment permit application and submit the \$ 450.00 permit fee. **Carried**

R2011-290

Jay Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong would like to request the Ministry of Transportation install two “Boundary Signs” on Highway 11 located at the south and the north limit of The Township
Carried

R2011-291

Jay Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the correspondence from DeNovo Treatment Centre regarding the portable office addition;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a 1 year extension to 2012. No further extensions will be permitted. **Carried**

R2011-292

J. D. Newstead – Jay Cottrell:

WHEREAS Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd. (Spectrum Group) wishes to erect a 250-foot self-support telecommunications tower on private lands located on Lot 15, Concession 8 north side of Muskoka 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 15, Concession 8 for the delivery of broadband wireless and other services to the area. **Carried**

Conflict of Interest declared and seat vacated: Merlyn Snow

R2011- 293

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve sending 2 representatives to the Municipal Law Seminar on October 12, 2011. **Carried**

R2011-294

Jay Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the tender from: A. Miron Topsoil Ltd in the amount of \$ 34,323.75 including HST for the supply of 4500 tonnes of granular B applied to Tower Road provided the gravel is acceptable for our purposes. **Carried**

R2011-295

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the purchase of a counter unit for Landfill Site # 1 gate in the amount of \$200.00 plus HST. **Carried**

R2011-296

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the application presented on behalf of Enid Bastien for a minor variance;

And that the property owners or their agent can apply for a minor variance and the clerk is hereby authorized to begin the process once the application and fee is received. **Carried**

R2011-297

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the Resolution presented by The Central Almaguin Economic Development Committee to send the Recording Secretary to EDCO Regional Research Project Training on October 27 and 28, 2011 as all expenses will be paid by CAEDA. **Carried**

R2011-298

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support the application to the Northern Ontario Heritage fund for two intern positions – Regional Development Intern and a Community Business Support Intern on behalf of the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association in principle.

And that the Township of Strong will be the administrator for the intern projects. **Carried**

R2011-299

Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong is aware that Kelly will be away for the next Library meeting Thursday October 21, 2011 because she is attending the Planning Seminar in Sudbury and has asked Jason to attend this meeting. **Carried.**

R2011-300

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support obtaining a legal opinion regarding the airport agreement with the Township of Joly and the Village of Sundridge based on sharing costs equally.

Carried

R2011-301

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the tender documents for a Development and Operation Plan at Landfill Site # 2;

And that Council reviewed the recommendations for this project presented by the Project Manguer, Brian Hachkowski of Integrated Earth;

Now therefore be it resolved that the council for the Township of Strong hereby award the Development and Operation Plan – Landfill # 2 Contract to:

Pinestone Engineering in the amount of # 75,000.00 (total Upset Limit fee and Disbursements)

Carried

R2011-302

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong do hereby adjourn at 8:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for October 11, 2011.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer