

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

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councilors Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest:

Delegations:

Bill deVries Zone 5 representative on the DSSAB Board attended the meeting. He presented council with an overview of DSSAB and the services they provide. He advised representative from DSSAB will be attending the Steering Committee Meeting on January 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the South River Arena and recommended council attend this meeting. He advised there are several issues that will affect municipalities coming in the future and these will be discussed at the meeting.

Jameson Clow, Barriston Law Firm attended the meeting.

Discussion Items:

Cheer Lake Property Owner's correspondence reviewed. Council will install a solar powered Stop light on Machar Strong Boundary Road eastbound at this time to slow traffic down. Council will investigate other options.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2012-001 Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Closed Session of Council at 5:37 p.m. as per the Municipal Act, S.O. c.25, 2001 as amended under Section 239(2)(c)(e).

Carried

R2012-002 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby exited from a Closed Session of Council at 6:47 p.m. as per the Municipal Act, S.O. c.25, 2001 as amended under Section 239(2)(c)(e).

Carried

R2012-003 Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be is resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the December 13, 2011 meetings as circulated.

Carried

R2012-004 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 January 10, 2012 in the amount of \$133,791.17 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2012-005 Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Whereas the Township of Strong, Village of Sundridge and Township of Joly have advanced funds to the Medical Centre Committee to Capital expenditures of a new roof and drilled well in the 2011 year in the amount of \$64,163.92 in a 50%-40%-10% split respectively.

Now Therefore the parties hereto agree that the funds will be a 0% loan with repayment of the funds advanced to be paid to the Municipalities from any available net rental income received by the Committee from the tenants of the Centre on the following proportion:

Strong 50% Sundridge 40% Joly 10%

The repayment of the funds will start following the completion of the payments of the previous loan in the amount of \$61,132.12 (March 30, 2015).

Carried

R2012-006 John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

Now Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the quotation from TrueSteel to install smoke detectors in the municipal office in the amount of \$1156.00 plus taxes;

And also accept the quotation to install rate of rise heat detector and a smoke detector in the Township Garage in the amount of \$1446.00 plus taxes.

Carried

R2012-007 Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Now Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have read the resolution circulated by the Township of Carling to support MPP Norm Miller’s Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong supports this Private Members bill as there are obvious health benefits for individuals to cycle and walk for recreation, or for transportation where paved shoulders are installed.

Now therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong hereby support this Private Members bill which will enhance Public Safety for the motoring public and promote active transportation in Ontario.

Carried

R2012-008 Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

The council is aware that the Township receives some invoices that must be paid prior to Council meetings because of penalties for late payments.

Council is also aware that the Treasurer pays for janitorial services bi-weekly and employees wages every second Friday.

Council authorizes the Treasurer to issue cheques for the above as and when required throughout 2012. The Council also authorizes the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase necessary stationary supplies, printing supplies and other office materials that are required to efficiently operate the Municipal office from day to day throughout 2012.

Carried

R2012-009 Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have seen Policy No. PK09000282 (2009) for Bond Coverage for employees in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 as per Section 287 (1) (b) as per S.O. 2001 c.25.

Carried

R2012-010 Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2012-001 Being a by-law to authorize the borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year the required readings;

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

Carried

R2012-011 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2012-002 Being a by-law to provide interest to be charged for overdue payments – Tax Arrears the required readings;

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

R2012-012 Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2012-003 Being a by-law to establish a charge for interest for non-payment of current taxes the required readings;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2012-013 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2012-004 being a by-law for Indemnification the require readings;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2012-014 Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2012-005 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Levy and the payment of Interim Taxes for 2011 the required readings;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2012-015 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. to declare the Public Meeting Open.

Carried

Conflict of Interest declared by: Jason Cottrell

(Councillor Cottrell left the room during the public meeting and reading of the by-law)

R2012-016 Kelly Elik – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby declare the Public Meeting Closed at 7:10 p.m. and resume the regular meeting of Council.

Carried

R2012-017 John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong reviewed By-Law 2011-034 at the regular meeting of council on December 13, 2011;

And that Council deferred a decision on this by-law to the January 10, 2012 meeting;

And Whereas council have read By-law 2011-034 being a by-law to stop up, close and convey to adjoining property owners part of the original shore road allowance fronting their property being:

1. In front of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 4, Part 1 on a Plan of Survey as Plan 42R19515
2. In front of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 4, Part 2 on a Plan of Survey as Plan 42R19515
3. In front of Lot 14 Concession 4, Part 3 and Part of Block C, Plan m-69, Part 4 on a Plan of Survey as Plan 42R195915. Having read the by-law the required readings.

Now Therefore be it resolved the council for the Township of Strong authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2012-018 Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2012-006 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meetings for the fourth quarter of 2011 and read the by-law the required readings;

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

R0212-019 Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve payment of the annual membership to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association as presented in the amount of \$150.00.

Carried

R0212-020 Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong join the South East P.S District Steering Committee with membership fee of \$40.00. **Carried**

R0212-021 Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve sending 3 representatives to the Ontario Good Roads Convention February 26 to 29, 2012. **Carried**

R0212-022 Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the proposal presented by Healthy Almaguin and provide a donation in the amount of \$75.00 for the year 2012. **Carried**

R2011-023 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 8:43 p.m. until the next regular meeting of council on January 24, 2012.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer