

**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:** Jason Cottrell –Re: Delegation for zoning by-law amendment.

**Delegations:**

**Bruce Campbell – North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit.** As the area representative on the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit Board Mr. Campbell gave Council an update on programs and services offered by the Health Unit. He advised the budget has not been set at this time however it is hoped to be completed in the next few weeks. His report included accommodation status in that the Health Unit does not have enough room at the existing location and they are looking at all options. Renovations are being completed at the Burk's Falls site.

**George & Linda Cottrell – Zoning By-law amendment**

Mr. Cottrell presented council with an application for a zoning by-law amendment for property located at Part of Lot 18, Concession 9, Part 6, 42R16872

Correspondence was received from Mr. Earl Gray regarding the SSJ Arena. Council will forward this concern to the SSJ Arena Committee for their response.

Correspondence was received from Bev Schneider, Landfill Site attendant. A resolution was passed.

**Guests in the audience included.** None

**Dave Pringle – Road Superintendent.** Dave reported he is looking into the solar powered stop sign for the Machar Strong Boundary Road. The Mayor requested Dave ensure time sheets are initialed by staff before they are submitted for payroll, and that request for vacation time be in writing.

**Discussion Items:**

The following resolutions were passed:

**R2012-24 Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2012-25 Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including January 24, 2012 in the amount of \$ 156,982.34 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

**R2012-26 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Application as presented by 821815 Ontario Ltd. o/a George Cottrell for a Zoning By-law Amendment located on Part Lot 18, Concession 9, Part 4, 42R16872;

And that Council approves this application “in principle” and shall now be directed to the Municipal Planner .

**Carried**

***Conflict of Interest Declared and Seat(s) Vacated: Jay Cottrell***

**R2012-27 Jason Cottrell – John Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves permitting the Clerk/Treasurer to attend the AMCTO Annual Conference June 17 to 20, 2012.

**Carried**

**R2012-28 Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves the Annual Membership to FONOM in the amount of \$ 210.00.

**Carried**

**R2012-29 Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the resolution presented by the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association (CAEDA) relating to Bill 124 of the Building Code Statue Law Amendment Act;

Whereas the Act was initiated to make significant changes to the Ontario Building Regulatory System to increase public safety and to make building practitioners more accountable,

Whereas none of the regulations in the Act are being enforced in the unincorporated areas of the Province; and

And Whereas this has created a major expense to the amalgamated municipalities as a result of health and safety issues and sub-standard buildings that do not comply with the standards set out in Bill 124;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong support the concerns expressed in this resolution and forward our support to CAEDA for their presentation to Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

**Carried**

**R2012-30 Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the resolution presented by the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association (CAEDA) pertaining to four-laning of Highway 11 and emergency crossovers;

And Whereas the Council for the Township of Strong support the request for construction of emergency crossover roads that would alleviate the problem and allow emergency personnel to attend the scene of an accident much more quickly with the possibility of saving a life;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved the Council for the Township of Strong support this petition and forward our support to CAEDA for their presentation to the Minister of Transportation.

**Carried**

**R2012-31 John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the Municipal/MNR Forest Fire Management Agreement Renewal as presented;

And that Council hereby approve the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer signing this Renewal Agreement on behalf of the Municipality and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2012-32 Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the resignation of Bev Schneider effective June 26, 2012, with regrets.

**Carried**

**R2012-33 Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 7:14 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on February 14, 2012.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**