

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 – Discussion item, Merlyn Snow – by-law

Delegations:

Ray Hong, MTO. Mr. Hong contacted the Municipal Office early Tuesday morning to advise he would be unable to attend the meeting.

Staff Sgt. Stacey Whalley – Almaguin Highland OPP

Staff Sgt. Whalley advised that the policing trends are down this year in most cases. He is pleased with the results and feels it is due to the 24 hour coverage, offender management programs, ATV and snowmobile units have been down monitoring trails, programs for seniors, school aged children, fraud awareness. He reported the new detachment would be open May 29 and that Community Policing requires members. Anyone interested in participating in community policing programs should contact the detachment.

Guests in the audience included.

Darren Luckasavitch and Lynn Danis of the Almaguin Highlands OPP

Discussion Items:

- Concern with increase in EMS 2012 Budget – clerk directed to request attendance at the March meeting.
- Concern with sanding of roads- council would like to see roads sanded completely at least once per week. A resolution was passed.
- A review of culvert installations to be completed. GPS reports to be reviewed to determine how many culverts need to be recorded.
- Dave reported he has a standby equipment operator available while one of the employees is off on sick leave if required.
- Sale of Truck # 15 – 2003 Freightliner – there has been some interest in purchasing the truck. Dave is to prepare a spec sheet with information on the vehicle prior to the advertisement/sale of the vehicle.
- Tender for Blasting rock on Bloomfield Road was reviewed – resolution passed. Closed session was not required – no discussions were held that required closed session.
- Discussion regarding installation of a well, holding tank and bathroom at Landfill Site # 1. Tenders will be prepared to be sent out, posted on the website and one ad placed in the paper.
- Report from Meridian Planning Consultants re zoning by-law amendment was reviewed.
- update on the Joint Purchasing Group – staff have registered with suppliers and are able to order as required. They are proceeding with a tender for janitorial supplies and a local contractor has been included in the tender process.
- a draft medical centre budget was reviewed by council.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2012-034

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the January 24, 2012 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2012-035

J. D. Newstead- Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including February 14, 2012 in the amount of \$ 152,004.28 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2012-036

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby supports the recommendation by the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena and Hall Committee to sign the Court Lease Agreement as presented on behalf of the Township of Strong;

And that Council authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the Court Lease and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2012-037

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve permitting John Newstead and Dave Pringle attending an open house in Tomahawk Wisconsin USA to attend the ~~Caterpillar~~ Case Manufacturing site at no cost to the Municipality except for mileage to Verner Ontario on March 20, 21 & 22, 2012. **Carried**

R2012-038

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve amending Landfill Site # 1 hours of operation to 9:00 am to 5:00 every day. **Carried**

R2012 -039

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the tender from Tera North as presented in the amount of \$ 20,000.00 for blasting/road work on Bloomfield Road. **Carried**

R2012-040

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a transfer in the amount of \$ 14,900.00 from the Parks Fund Reserve to offset costs for work completed at the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena. **Carried**

R2012-041

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve sending 2 representatives to the LAS Energy Management Workshop in Orillia on April 13, 2012. **Carried**

R2012-042

Merlyn Snow – Jay Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Sundridge Triathlon for 2012. **Carried**

R2012-043

J. D. Newstead – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the recommendation by the Joint Building Committee to increase wages by 3% for the JBC staff. **Carried**

R2012-044

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby supports the recommendation by the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library to pay employees according to the Village of Sundridge's pay scale. **Carried**

R2012-045

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

The council for the Township of Strong hereby supports the recommendation by the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Management Board that the Fire Chief be moved to the fifth step on the 2012 Salary Grid for the Village of Sundridge effective January 1, 2012. **Carried**

R2012-046

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby supports the recommendation by the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Management Board that the 2002 Artic Cat Snow Machine (4 stroke touring sled) be declared as surplus and the revenue for the sale of the Snow Machine be used to retrofit the ATV with tracks. **Carried**

R2012-047

J. D. Newstead – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby supports the recommendation by the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Management Board to allow 29 firefighters temporarily. **Carried**

R2012-048

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong approves an increase in Landfill Fees to the Village of Sundridge in the amount of 3.5% for 2012;

And that Council for the Township of Strong approves an increase in Landfill & Recycling Fees to the Township of Joly in the amount of 3.5% for 2012. **Carried**

R2012-049

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Taxi License as presented by Peggy Haggart o/a Call Me A Cab taxi for the year 2012. **Carried**

R2012-050

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2012-007 being a by-law to appoint Caitlin Unger as Deputy Clerk for the Township of Strong having read the by-law as required; and that she stay at Step one until the AMCTO Course MAP Part is completed.

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**

R2012-051

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Tender submitted by the Almaguin News for the 2012 subscription/advertising rates in the amount of \$ 150.00 plus \$19.50 HST. **Carried**

R2012-052

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong re-confirm Resolution R2011-037

“Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong hereby appoint John Newstead as Deputy Mayor for the year 2011 and for 2012- Merlyn Snow, 2013 – Kelly Elik, 2014 – Jason Cottrell.”

Therefore be it resolved that Merlyn Snow shall act as Deputy Mayor for the year 2012.

Carried

R2012-053

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong support the Recommendation presented by the Sundridge and District Medical Centre Committee that the Receptionist for the Nurse Practitioner be given a 3% increase in salary effective January 1, 2012. **Carried**

R2012-054

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong support the Recommendation presented by the South River – Sundridge District Airport to adopt the 2012 Budget as presented in the amount of \$66,654.00 with Strong Township’s share being \$9,207.00. **Carried**

R2012-055

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby request that the Roads Department will fully sand all road to eliminate icy sections regardless of terrain once a week minimum.

Carried

R2012-056

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 8:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on February 28, 2012. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer