

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.

Resolution to Adopt Agenda as Presented/Amended.

R2012-074

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the March 13, 2012 Agenda as presented and/or Amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None Declared

Delegations: Mario Campese – EMS Representative

Mayor Mario Campese as the area EMS Representative attended the Council meeting to discuss the 2012 EMS Budget. He reported a 9.9% increase in the budget due to several factors – Powassan full year of service, WSIB claim, health and safety programs, new ambulances to be purchased, heli pad, upgrades to equipment. Council had some questions for Mayor Campese that he will look into and report back to council.

Guests in the audience included. None

Road Superintendent Dave Pringle made his report to council. Work is completed on Bloomfield Road, tender going out for winter sand and granite. Council discussed the resolution passed recently regarding sanding the entire road on a weekly basis. Council amended the resolution. Council set a date for a Roads Tour on May 7, 2012. Dave expressed concern with washouts occurring on the new roads that have been built for MTO. The new N. Horn Lake Road washed out along the guard rails and undermined the pavement. Council will contact MTO to request they asphalt the shoulders before these roads are turned over the municipality. There is also concern with Muskoka Road and Pevensey Road as Carillion are hauling from the pit which is destroying the road. MTO will be contacted to arrange fixing up the roads and notified the Half Loads are in place.

Comment Forms -

Carl & Linda Barry – concerned with parking on Clear Spring Lane blocking traffic and emergency vehicles. The By-law Enforcement office has been contacted to look into this. No Parking signs quoting the By-law will be installed along the road.

Derek Young – concern with over flow of water from a culvert in front of his property. Council directed the Clerk to send a letter.

Discussion Items:

Sundridge South River Flying Club correspondence- Council felt the proposal outlined by the flying club should be pursued. Council would like to ensure the Club has been contacted regarding interest in this proposal.

Review Landfill/Recycling Centre Site Yearend report- review of year end expenses at the Landfill and Recycling Centre Site.

Pre Budget discussions-pre budget discussions took place and council discussed areas that could be decreased. Council is still waiting for budgets from the joints boards before it can be finalized.

Health Centre – council discussed the Health Centre and the recent resolution passed. Councillor John Newstead will attend the next meeting to hear the presentation on the Business Plan. A report will be provided at the next council meeting.

Council is hiring a summer student as a Recycling/Waste Diversion Educator.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2012-075

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend Resolution R2012-055 to “at the discretion of the Road Superintendant”.

Carried

R201-076

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2012 meeting as circulated.

Carried

R2012-077

Jay Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including March 13, 2012 in the amount of \$272,717.54 and hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2012-078

Merlyn Snow- Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$ 100.00 to the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair.

Carried

R2012-079

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong recommend to the Joint Building Committee the inclusion of the following two items in their new Joint Building Committee Agreement:

1. The Joint Building Committee meet quarterly with one special meeting to prepare the budget.
2. All motions are made and finalized at the committee level.

And that our Resolution is circulated to the participating member municipalities for their support. **Carried**

R2012-080

Jason Cottrell - Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Employment Contract with 719406 Ontario Limited for services at Landfill Site # 2 effective May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this Employment Contract on behalf of the Township. **Carried**

R2012-081

J. D. Newstead - Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Sundridge and District Medical Centre 2012 Budget as presented in the amount of \$118,942.92 with Strong Township's share being \$ 5308.51. **Carried**

R2012-082

J. D. Newstead – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Tender as presented from Brian McCabe and David McCabe in the amount of \$14,564.76 to complete office/washroom renovations at Lanfill Site # 1. **Carried**

R2012-083

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

As per the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 Section 239 (2) a meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is:

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong hereby enter into a closed meeting of council at 7:10 p.m. as permitted by Section 239(2)(b) **Carried**

R2012-084

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

As per the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 Section 239 (2) a meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is:

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong hereby return from a closed meeting and resume the Open Meeting of Council at 7:15 p.m. **Carried**

The Mayor reported Council held a closed meeting to discuss issues relating to an identifiable employee.

R2012-085

Jason Cottrell Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the 2012 Sundridge Strong Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$261,827.60 with the Township of Strong's share being \$ 118263.80. **Carried**

R2012-086

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 8:40 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on March 27, 2012. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer