

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: None declared

Delegations:

Shawn Flindall – One Life Wealth Management Limited. Mr. Flindall attended the council meeting to discuss the annual renewal of the employee benefit package and reviewed options. A resolution was passed.

Guests in the audience included. No guest in attendance

Assistant Road Superintendent Report: Mr. Lawrence Erven attended the meeting in the absence of the Road Superintendent. There was a discussion regarding liquid or flake calcium and a cost comparison was completed. Council feels that liquid calcium is the better method and a resolution was passed. Lawrence has had interest in Truck # 15 - 2003 Freightliner when we are in a position to sell the equipment. A resolution was passed.

A bridge inspection will be completed this year as required on the Township bridges. Councillor Newstead has had contact with a company who will also look at the bridges when coming through the area and complete an evaluation.

Discussion Items:

Applications for the Summer Position will be reviewed by Council to determine how many and who will be interviewed for the position. Several applications had been received and council felt that a short list be compiled to interview up to 5 applicants.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Joly regarding Old Ranch Road was reviewed. Council directed the Clerk to send a letter to the snowmobile club advising they were not in support of this resolution and that this road through the Township of Strong can continue to be used as an Official Trail route.

Employee Overtime Policy was reviewed. Council decided not to amend the current policy at this time. The Road Superintendent shall review the overtime amounts and ensure that staff will take this time off in a reasonable period.

Information was provided by the Township of Perry regarding a roads blasting course – council did not feel it was beneficial at this time for our staff to participate.

Budgets from the Sundridge Strong Recreation Committee and the SSJ Arena Committee were reviewed by Council. Council questioned the representatives on several items. Resolutions were passed. Council decided that should Township equipment be used for future events equipment and staff will be charged out at the Provincial rate.

Seminars:

Leading With Sustainability – Merlyn Snow on behalf of CAEDA will look into this.

Municipal Project Management – no one will be attending

Municipal Politicians Seminar- Essentials of Fire Fighting – no one will be attending

The following resolutions were passed:

R2012-105

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong approve the Agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

R2012-106

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong supports the purchase of liquid calcium for treatment of roads along with the 32 units of flake calcium which have already been ordered and cancel the remaining order of flake. **Carried**

R2012-107

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby declare Truck # 15 2003 Freightliner as surplus equipment. **Carried**

R2012-108

Merlyn Snow- Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting as circulated and amended. **Carried**

R2012-109

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including April 10, 2012 in the amount of \$131366.73. And hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2012-110

~~**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:**~~

~~Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong accept the 2012–2013 Renewal for the Employee Benefit Package plan as presented.~~

~~Employees are to be notified that as of August 1, 2012 LTD payments will be paid by the employee and will not be paid by the Township.~~ **Carried**

RESCINDED BY RESOLUTION 2012- 126 ON APRIL 24, 2012

R2012-111

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong approve closing one lane of traffic on Mountainview Road on May 3, 2012 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am to permit a Mock Crash demonstration;

And that the Almaguin Highland Ontario Provincial Police, Sundridge Strong Fire Department and EMS are participating in the event and will provide the necessary assistance. **Carried**

R2012-112

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong approve application B004 to B016/12 Strong as presented by the Central Almaguin Planning Board provided the necessary conditions are met.

Carried

R2012-113

J. D. Newstead – Jay Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2012-009 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council from January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012 as presented;

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

R2012-114

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Township of Strong read the resolution circulated by the City of North Bay expressing concern with the Government of Ontario's plan to divest the assets of the ONTC;

And Whereas a Growth Plan for Northern Ontario 2011 acknowledged the critical need to “maintain and enhance the North's transportation infrastructure and to improve connectivity among the various modes of travel”;

And Whereas the divestment of the ONTC would have an immediate catastrophic impact on many small Northern communities akin to the disaster faced by small southwestern communities with the collapse of the auto industry, as well as irreparable damage to future development opportunities;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong support the concerns expressed by the City of North Bay and forward our support for their collection and presentation to the Premier of Ontario.

Carried

R2012-115

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the 2012 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena Budget as presented in the amount of \$ 412175.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$111969.50.

Carried

R2012-116

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the 2012 Recreation Committee Budget in the amount of \$ 27326.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$ 10324.70

Carried

R2012-117

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 9:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting of council on April 24, 2012.

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maure