

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

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Jason Cottrell, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow. Councillor Kelly Elik was absent from this meeting.

**Resolution:**

**R2012-206**

**Merlyn Snow – J.D. Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the August 14, 2012 Council agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

**Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest:** None declared

**Delegations:**

**Barry Hubbert, Catherine Webb, Garry McCreary** attended the Meeting on behalf of the Strong Agricultural Society – Pevensey Church relocation committee. The Township of Strong requested their attendance to discuss submitting an application to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund to assist with costs to relocate the Pevensey Church to the Strong Agricultural Society Fairgrounds. A discussion took place regarding ownership of the church building, application format, and financial commitment by the Township of Strong and fundraising commitment on behalf of the Agricultural Society. Resolutions were passed.

**Lawrence & Penny Erven** attended the meeting to discuss the unopened Road Allowance adjacent to their property and the hydro easement that will be required by the Village of Sundridge to the sewage lagoons. Mr. and Mrs. Erven were provided with an application to purchase the road allowance to be completed.

**Jim Schmidt** attended the meeting at the request of council to report on the water testing that is done around Lake Bernard. Mr. Schmidt advised that various locations around the lake were sampled and was tested twice a year in the summer. This testing is being done on behalf of the Lake Bernard Property Owners Association and the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge pay for this testing.

**Reports:**

**Dave Pringle Road Superintendent:** Dave reported Parks Lane should be done next week, Peacock Road has been graded and Brooks Lane has had gravel on it, Carr Aggregates will be contacted regarding the winter sand contract, MTO will be contacted regarding Muskoka Road and winter maintenance, abstracts will be obtained for all drivers, the new truck should be ready in the next few weeks, Hill Valley Road ditching is almost complete, stump has been removed on Albert Street.

**Guests in the audience included.**

**Discussion Items:**

9-1-1 signs- some property owners along the new Hwy 124 have not picked up their

9-1-1 signs. Staff will send another letter requesting pick up by August 31, 2012, any signs left in the office after that the roads crew will install on September 4, 2012. It is important these signs are installed as Emergency Services have been provided with the new numbers.

Schooley Mitchell regarding reduced costs for telecommunication services. Council would like a representative attend a meeting to provide more information.

Auto Aid Agreement on behalf of the Sundridge Strong Fire Department was reviewed and supported by council. A by-law will be prepared for all municipalities to sign.

DM Wills Bridge Inspection was reviewed. Dave Pringle will look into prices for replacement of the Muskoka Bridge for the 2013 budget.

Parks Contract – Resolution passed.

By-law enforcement – correspondence was reviewed regarding by-law enforcement.

Landfill Letter to staff – complimenting staff for their work.

The following resolutions were passed:

**R2012-207**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:**

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

**Carried**

**R2012-208**

**J. D. Newstead – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including August 14, 2012 in the amount of \$ 65,839.59 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

**Carried**

**R2012-209**

**Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the application to FedDev Ontario Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund to apply for funding for:

1. Project 1 of 1 – Road Rehabilitation Project total project \$ 870,000.00. The Township of Strong is requesting funding in the amount of \$ 435,000.00

**Carried**

**R2019-210**

**Jason Cottrell- J.D. Newstead:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the Strong Agricultural Society in their application to FedDev Ontario Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund requesting funding for:

1. Project 1 or 1 – Pevensy Church relocation Project total project \$ 180,000.00. The Strong Agricultural Society is requesting funding in the amount of \$ 90,000.00.

**Carried**

**R2012-211**

**Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong Council agree to transfer ownership of the Pevensey Church to the Strong Agricultural Society for placement at the fairground provided the Society can meet their financial obligation. **Carried**

**R2012-212**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong council support donating \$ 20,000.00 from the Parks Fund Account for relocation of the Pevensey United Church Project to the Strong Agricultural Fairground. **Carried**

**R2012-213**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:**

WHEREAS the Township of strong is the administrative municipality for the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena and Hall; and

WHEREA the SSJ Arena and Hall Committee is applying for a grant under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund to renovate and upgrade the kitchen in the facility; and

WHEREAS the kitchen has never been upgraded since the structure was built in 1978; and

WHEREAS the upgrade would make the kitchen more appealing and user friendly to groups who wish to rent the facility for various reasons which would create much needed employment in our area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Strong on behalf of the municipalities of the Village of Sundridge, the Township of Strong and the Township of Joly support and sanction the application by the SSJ Arena and Hall committee in the request for funding to enable the committee to upgrade the facility;

And Further that the three municipalities will share in the cost of these improvements.

**Carried**

**R2012-214**

**Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby commit \$ 2,000.00 for a decorative municipal signage project in partnership with the Village of Sundridge. **Carried**

**R2012-215**

Whereas the Government of Ontario has proposed building up to 29 new casinos throughout the province,

AND WHEREAS new Casino development brings with it a broad-spectrum of opinions including both positive and negative considerations;

AND WHEREAS, the municipality recognizes the importance of a referendum on the issue and prior to the development of any new casino;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipality request the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to immediately pass Bill 76, Ensuring Local Voices in New Casino Gambling Development Act to help ensure that local voices are respected prior to the development on any new casino,

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Dalton McGuinty.

**Carried**

**R2012-216**

**Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Tender from James Copeman in the amount of \$ 15,400.00 as presented. **Carried**

**R2012-217**

**J. D. Newstead – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Joint Building Committee Agreement as presented. **Carried**

**R2012-218**

**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:

e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong hereby enter into a closed meeting of Council at 7:53 p.m. **Carried**

**R2012-219**

**Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:**

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:

e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong hereby return from a closed meeting of Council and resume the Open Meeting of Council at 8:05 p.m. **Carried**

**The Mayor reported out of council – A closed meeting was held to review advice from the municipal solicitor regarding a litigation issue.**

**R2012-220**

**Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:**

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong will begin testing the water of Lake Bernard for the next season and thereafter. Results will be posted on the municipal website. The Township of Strong will no longer be financing the Lake Bernard Property Owners Association water testing program. **Carried**

**R2012-221**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:**

Therefore be it resolved that council for the Township of Strong extend the Parks contract to September 30, 2012. **Carried**

**R2012-222**

**Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of council at 8:30 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on August 28, 2012.

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**