

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

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

Councillor Jason Cottrell contacted the office at 10am to advise he would be absent.

Staff Present: Caitlin Haggart – Deputy Clerk

Staff Absent: Dave Pringle – Road Superintendent

Resolution:

R2012-162

Kelly Elik - Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the October 9, 2012 Council agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Delegations:

Jason McCracken – lives at 1527 Muskoka Rd and had some land purchased by MTO due to the road widening and/or relocation. Wanted to inquire on possibility of purchasing Township unopened road allowance/land located right behind his property, in order to possibly build an addition to his existing dwelling. The Deputy Clerk will prepare some information for McCracken. Brian Johnstone – asking for Council support for his application to the Ontario Power Authority for 100 kW solar array to be installed on a barn, to elevate the application status. A resolution was passed.

Reports: None

Comment Sheets:

Joseph Bourret – 911 number application was dropped off in July and has yet to be measured. Road Superintendent is required to address this concern.

Ted Swent – new solar stop sign near Cheer Lake Rd has no warning sign. Road Superintendent is required to address this concern.

Guests in the audience included: None

Discussion Items:

Uniform Cost Savings: Joint Purchasing Group prices were discussed, a resolution was passed.

Roads Meeting Date: Mayor has a conflicting meeting on original date of October 30th. Council will discuss date possibilities with the Road Superintendent at the following meeting.

Forest Management Meeting at Joly – October 9th: The Deputy Clerk attended this meeting on behalf of the Township with Mayor Mario Campese, Councillor Marion Duke, MPP Norm Miller and Clerk-Administrator-Treasurer Joanne Griffiths. Managed Forest rates were discussed. The mayor asked that Norm Miller look into the legislation or program to see if municipalities can be included in the process so they may be aware of number of applications for Managed Forest Tax Incentive, as well as notification from Ontario Partnership Grant when money is received specifically for Managed Forest.

Fee By-law amendment: landfill tipping fees were discussed. The classification of rates will continue and Landfill staff will notify office staff of specific load types according to the by-law.

Pinestone Engineering - D&O Update: Council asked for more information on ECA.

Landfill Supervisor Holidays: Landfill Supervisor notified the office staff of his upcoming holidays. Mark Basso will be asked to fill in.

D. Cuthbert OP Comments: Council reviewed the comments and ask that they be filed for the next public meeting.

North Horn Lk Rd 911 numbering: numbers begin to repeat at the Magnetawan border, but no numbers are duplicates. Council would like it recorded that there is a verbal agreement between Magnetawan and Strong for handling future numbering of this road.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2012-163

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the September 25, 2012 meeting as circulated.

Carried

R2012 – 164

Kelly Elik – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including October 9, 2012 in the amount of \$183,350.58 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2012 – 165

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2012-019 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of Council at its meetings held between July 1, 2012 and September 30, 2012;

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

R2012-166

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

WHEREAS John Vanthof, M.P.P Timiskaming-Cochrane, submitted a motion to the House that a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, with authority to meet at the call of the Chair, should be established consisting of M.P.Ps representing the electoral districts north of the French River and be empowered to consider and report to the House its recommendations regarding any bills whose principal focus and impact affect Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the District of Parry Sound was excluded from this motion and it was subsequently debated in the House and passed despite receiving a resolution from the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association and other District of Parry Sound municipalities after the first reading point out that the Parry Sound District IS in Northern Ontario and listing the numerous common socio-

economic demographics and issues facing all northern electoral ridings including Parry Sound District;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Vanthof attended a meeting with District of Parry Sound municipal representatives on August 27th, 2012 and stated that he did not contest the District of Parry Sound was part of Northern Ontario and that he wouldn't oppose the inclusion of the District of Parry Sound.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Strong request that the Parry Sound District Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, respectively, pass a resolution requesting that the MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, introduce a motion in the provincial legislature that would include the MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka on any Northern Committee of M.P.Ps that is formed by Legislature; and

FUTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Parry Sound District Municipal Association for their collection and presentation.

Carried

R2012-167

Kelly Elik – John Newstead

WHEREAS the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association intends to make a submission to the Federal Electoral Boundary Commission at its upcoming Public Hearings on behalf of the member Municipalities affected by the proposed electoral boundary changes for the ridings of Nipissing and Parry Sound-Muskoka;

AND WHEREAS the following Municipalities wish to remain in the Parry Sound- Muskoka riding and not be integrated into the riding of Nipissing as proposed by the Commission: Township of Machar, Township of Strong, Township of Joly, Village of Sundridge and the Village of South River;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Strong, along with neighbouring municipalities, wish to preserve The Parry Sound-Muskoka riding in its current form because the current MPP understands the needs of this area and to change that would be a detriment to the area;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong support the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association's brief to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario for the presentation to be made at the public hearing to be held in North Bay on Tuesday October 16, 2012.

Carried

R2012-168

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of Strong is pleased that both the Liberal government and the PC party have kept the issue of interest arbitration reform at the forefront of major policy discussions;

AND WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of Strong supports the overall intention of interest arbitration reform;

AND WHEREAS, a preliminary review indicates that there appears to be room for improvement in both pieces of draft legislation before the legislature;

AND WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of Strong trusts that through further consultation these issues can be resolved;

AND WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of Strong is aware that AMO and the Emergency Services Steering Committee are reviewing these issues and look forward to further discussion and input;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council for the Township of Strong requests that the legislature will work collectively in the best interest of Ontario municipalities and Ontario taxpayers on this important issue of interest arbitration reform, and forward our support to AMO for their collection and presentation. **Carried**

R2012-169

Kelly Elik – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Tiered-Response Agreement between the Parry Sound District EMS and the Sundridge Strong Volunteer Fire Department as presented.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor to sign this document and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2012-170

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that as provided in the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Closed meeting as per Section 239 (2)(b) regarding “personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees” at 6:15pm. **Carried**

Council resumed its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council did discuss the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2012-171

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the application to the Ontario Power Authority by Brian Johnstone to install a 100kW solar array, as per the specifications reported to Council at their regular meeting, on his property: Concession 9 Lot 6. **Carried**

R2012-172

Kelly Elik – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby end the contract with Cintas Uniforms effective January 1, 2013. **Carried**

R2012-173

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Agreement for Winter Maintenance Services between the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and The Corporation of the Township of Strong as presented.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this document and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2012-174

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on October 23, 2012. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Deputy Clerk, Caitlin Haggart