

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:

R2012-03

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the January 8, 2013 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None declared

Delegations: Mike and Dawn Berry. Mike and Dawn Berry attended the council meeting to discuss the 2013 Pitch In Campaign. Dawn advised council that last fall she organized a group to volunteer at the Fairgrounds after the Fall Fair to clean up the area. During the cleanup in which they only had 4 volunteers they cleaned up several bags of garbage and several blue boxes. They would like to continue with this program and asked the Township to support the Pitch In campaign with a \$ 225.00 municipal partner contribution. This will provide the group with access to activity guides, brochures, books etc to help promote the group. Dawn advised she would volunteer to lead this group and will arrange talking to other organizations to get involved for Pitch In week. A resolution was passed by council.

Kevin Minor attended the meeting as the appointed Road Superintendant. Kevin was welcomed by Council and discussed some 2013 budget items to be considered. A letter of concern was received from residents along Sinclair Lane (old Hwy 124) . Their concern is with a section of road that should have guiderails installed. Kevin looked into this section of road and advised Council there is reason for concern. Council instructed the Clerk to contact the Ministry of Transportation regarding this issue as the road is still owned by the Ministry.

Concern was also expressed with the Hwy 124 and Buck Haven Road intersection and the clerk was instructed to include this concern in correspondence with the Ministry of Transportation.

Guests in the audience included.- None

Discussion Items:

Correspondence from G. Glass was reviewed and the clerk was instructed to advise Mr. Glass that we are not in a position to accept waste from residents outside of Sundridge, Strong or Joly.

The Library Strategic Plan questionnaire was reviewed and each council member was asked to complete the questionnaire and return to the Clerk.

Draft easement proposal was reviewed and accepted by council.

Clerk was instructed to prepare a tender document for assistance with the Capital Asset Management plan.

The staff from each department will begin meetings later in the month for presentation to council.

Tender/Proposal documents to be prepared for a“Planner of Record” for review by council.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-04

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the December 11, 2012 and December 17, 2012 meeting as circulated and the January 3, 2013 minutes as circulated.

Carried

R2013-05

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including January 8, 2013 in the amount of \$95,074.51 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2013-06

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong support Pitch In Canada as a municipal patron at a cost of \$225.00 for 2013.

Carried

R2013-07

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

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.”

Carried

R2013-08

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the report prepared by Municipal Planning Services regarding review of the ARA Site Plan for the Proposed Fowler Quarry and approve the recommendations presented in this report:

Therefore the Township of Strong hereby accepts the quotations from:

SDK Consulting Services in the amount of \$ 2600.00 plus HST to conduct a peer review on the Acoustic Assessment Report;

Azimuth Environmental Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$ 4,000.00 plus HST to conduct a peer review on the Environmental Assessment Report;

Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. in the amount of \$ 2,400.00 to conduct a peer review of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Carried

R2013-09

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong approve sending the Clerk/Treasurer to the AMCTO Contract Tendering and Legal Requirements Seminar on February 28, 2013 in Barrie.

Carried

R2013-10

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong accepts the January 1, 2013 Insurance Renewal Proposal from MIS as presented in the amount of \$29,452.36 plus HST. **Carried**

R2013-11

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong accepts the tender from South Paw Canada to supply Safety jackets and shirts for Roads and Landfill staff in the amount of \$ 1431.86 HST included. **Carried**

R2013-12

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The council is aware that the Township receives some invoices that must be paid prior to Council meetings because of penalties for late payments.

Council is also aware that the Treasurer pays for janitorial services bi-weekly and employees wages every second Friday.

Council authorizes the Treasurer to issue cheques for the above as and when required throughout 2013. The Council also authorizes the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase necessary stationary supplies, printing supplies and other office materials that are required to efficiently operate the Municipal office from day to day throughout 2013. **Carried**

R2013-13

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read Bylaw 2013-002 being a by-law to appoint a Road Superintendent. **Carried**

R2013-14

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The council is aware that the Township have read and approve by-law 2013-003 being a by-law to appoint the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Strong;

And that council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2013-15

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read the correspondence from Grant Thornton LLP regarding the audit of the South River Sundridge District Airport Committee.

The Council for the Township of Strong support the recommendation that Township of Joly consult with a solicitor regarding the risks of non-compliance with section 296(10) of the Act;

And that once this information is provided to Council a decision can be made regarding the 2012 Audit.

Carried

R2013-16

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the rental rate increase for the Sundridge & District Medical Centre by 5% effective January 1, 2013.

Carried

R2013-17

Jay Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read the resolutions circulated by the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena Committee regarding the Greater Metro Jr. “A” Hockey League;

And that the Township of Strong agrees to enter into an Agreement with the participating municipalities and the Greater Metro Jr. “A” Hockey League.

Carried

R2013-18

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have identified replacement of the Muskoka Road Bridge and resurfacing of Muskoka Road as the highest priority and the Municipal Structures Assessment (which will form part of the Township of Strong Asset Management Plan) supports this as the top infrastructure need in the Township of Strong.

AND THAT the Information in the Expression of Interest application for the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Capital Program is factually accurate;

AND THAT the Township of Strong is committed to developing a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan by December 31, 2013, that includes all of the the information and analysis described in Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans:

AND THAT council instructs the Clerk Treasurer to sign and submit the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative-Capital Program-Expression of Interest prior to the January 9, 2013 deadline.

Carried

R2013-19

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 6:30 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:00pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2013-20

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. to declare the Public Meeting Open.

Carried

R2013-21

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourns the Public meeting of Council at 7:06 p.m. to resume the regular meeting of council.

Carried

R2013-22

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2013-001 being a by-law to Stop up, close and convey to adjoining Owners part of the original shore road allowance fronting their property – Con 8, Lot 20, Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 42R19778;

And that 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

R2013-23

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve including the cost of a “sea container” for use by the Sundridge Strong Recreation Committee to be stored at the Strong Township yard.

Carried

R2013-24

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:05 p.m until the next scheduled meeting on January 22, 2013

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer