

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 was absent.

Resolution:

R2013-103

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 26, 2013 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest:

Delegations:

Shawn Flindall – One Life Wealth Management Inc. Mr. Flindall attended the meeting to discuss the 2013 Employee Benefit package renewal and various options for consideration.

Jim Dymont, MHBC attended the meeting to review the 2nd draft of the Official Plan and to review the 1st draft of the Zoning By-law. Council provided Mr. Dymont with several comments and changes to both plans. Mr. Dymont advised that he will be sending the 2nd draft of the Official Plan to various Ministries and partners for comments. The draft of the zoning by-law will again be reviewed by council with the changes made as discussed. A date for a Public meeting was set at May 25, 2013 in Council Chambers from 9 am to 12 noon.

Guests in the audience included. There were no guests in the audience.

Discussion Items:

The Clerk advised the by-law officer had been looking into issues with the crushing at the pit on O'Brien Side Road and the Road Superintendent has been in contact with MTO regarding concerns with trucks hauling from the pit and the condition of the road. MTO have advised they will be in discussions with us prior to regular use of the road.

Discussion took place regarding remuneration for the Health Unit representative. We have received confirmation from 7 of the 9 municipalities indicating their support to share the cost of meetings and mileage. At the end of the year Strong Township will invoice each municipality and forward the reimbursement to the representative.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-104

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2013-105

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including March 26, 2013 in the amount of \$318,084.15 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2013-106

K. Elik- Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2013 Benefit Package renewal for employees;

And That Council accepts the proposal from Great West Life as presented and that the Sirius Benefit package will terminate on May 31, 2013;

And Council for the Township of Strong agrees to the proposal to a 90% drug and dental contribution as presented. **Carried**

R2013-107

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2013 Sundridge Strong Rec Committee Budget in the amount of \$ 27,020.00 with the Township of Strong’s share being \$10,291.50;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves the 2013 Rec Committee Budget as presented. **Carried**

R2013-108

J. D. Newstead – Kelly Elik:

As per the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 as amended the Township of Strong hereby enter into a closed meeting of council as permitted under Section 239 (2)(b) – personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees: **Carried**

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:40 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2013-109

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accepts the letter of resignation from Ray Robichaud effective March 26, 2013 **Carried**

R2013-110

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong approves sending 3 representatives to the 2013 FONOM/MMAH Northeastern Ontario Municipal Conference for Thursday May 9, 2013. **Carried**

R2013-111

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves sending 2 representatives to the Spring District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting on April 12, 2013.

Carried

R2013-112

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2013 Joint Building Committee Budget and approve the budget as presented. **Carried**

R2013-113

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby have read By-law 2013-012 being a by-law to enter into a Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement the required readings;

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

R2013-114

J. D. Newstead – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby have reviewed the 2013 High Rock Lookout Park budget in the amount of \$ 4,600.00 with Strong Township's share being \$ 1800.00 **Carried**

R2013- 115

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

The Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve the amendment to the Employee Policy Section C.5.3. Retirement. **Carried**

R2013-116

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Council at 8:25 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on April 9, 2013. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer