

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:

R2012-129

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the April 23, 2013 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None Declared

Road Superintendent's Report: Due to the severe rain storm and damage done to the roads, Road Superintendent Kevin Minor attended the meeting to update council. The Mayor expressed appreciation to the Roads Staff for a great job during the storm, and for all their hard work to keep on top of the road situation.

Mr. Minor advised that Union Street will be out for a little longer and he was meeting with the Village of Sundridge's Road Superintendent Tom Rhuebottom and Fowler Construction to discuss the plans for re-construction. As the creek in Sundridge flows into the culvert on Union Street the two municipalities will work together to complete the project at the same time. The concern with the Township of Strong is that a culvert on Forest Lake Road will have to be removed and a larger one installed to work with the new culverts going in on Union and Main Streets. Mr. Minor advised they would look into temporarily fixing Union Street to open it to traffic if possible. As this is a large project the Roads Department feel it is better to contract this project out. Mr. Minor discussed the Comment Form received regarding water run off onto a private driveway. He will look into this further to determine what options are available to correct the run off when they have caught up with repairs to the roads.

Delegations:

Staff Sgt. Stacey Whaley – Almaguin Highlands OPP. Staff Sgt. Stacey Whaley attended the meeting along with Sgt. Bill McMullen to update council on activities in the past year. Reports were provided on calls of service, staffing issues and highway patrol.

Staff Sgt. Whalley updated council on the 2013 Business Plan and advised a copy would be supplied to them for their review. He reported 3 staff members had been promoted to Sgt., the North Bay SAVE unit had been in the area monitoring snowmobile and atv activity.

Tim Bryson – Ski trail committee. Tim Bryson and Mr. Todoroff attended the meeting to discuss with the council the use of the unopened road allowance from Mountainview Road along the school property. The school is in the process of developing 7 km of trails to be used for cross country skiing and other trail activities however motorized vehicles will not be permitted to use the trails. The Access 2011 committee has arranged with St. Lawrence College to have students this summer clearing the trails, and have an individual attending the site to assist with marking the trails. It is hoped that once the trails are open this site will be able to host Provincial High School competitions for cross country skiing and other activities. Council will look into insurance issues,

leasing land issues and other alternatives to permit access to the unopened road allowance. Tim Bryson will keep council informed as the need arises.

Frank Gill and Jim Schmidt– Legion cenotaph. Mr. Gill attended the meeting to inform council of the plans to restore the cenotaph in the Village of Sundridge. They have obtained prices and donations have been received, along with assistance to fix up the grounds. Mr. Gill informed council that the cenotaph belongs to the 3 municipalities as it was donated to them many years ago. They are hoping to have a re-dedication ceremony on June 6 if all the work is completed. The flag pole at the park was discussed and council advised they would have their parks staff re-paint the pole this year. Jim Schmidt advised he would provide a new flag.

Jim Schmidt – Water Testing. Mr. Schmidt came to discuss the 2013 water testing program. He will be monitoring at 9 locations throughout the lake – Government docks east and west, Checkerboard, Union Street, Victoria Street, Inlet of Pool Lake, Lake Bernard Park and High Rock. The results will be sent directly to the Clerk’s office and posted on the website.

Guests in the audience included. Mr. Brian Johnstone attended the meeting to discuss the zoning by-law amendment application.

Discussion Items:

Note: Council did not enter into a closed meeting of council as indicated on the agenda as it was not required.

Mr. Minor discussed the section of S. Lake Bernard Road that previously went to Highway 11 and is now a dead end road. They are finding it difficult to complete snow removal on this section of road and there are no year round residents on this road. The Clerk was directed to investigate the process to amend this road to a seasonally maintained road.

Draft budgets were presented and discussed with council and various committee budgets were reviewed.

An update to the cost reduction for the employee benefit package was reviewed.

Peers reviews recently completed were discussed and a meeting will be set up to discuss the reports. The Clerk was directed to send a letter to a property owner who has been removing material from Landfill Site # 1.

Tenders were reviewed for the supply of a computer server at the administration offices. As the tenders varied dramatically in costs, the Clerk was directed to obtain an independent opinion on the tenders.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-130

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hire Randy McLaren as a Roads Equipment Operator at Pay Band one with a 3 month probationary period. **Carried**

R2013-131

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby provides permission for the AHSS Access 2011 group to use the unopened road allowance as per the attached map to stake

out a potential ski trail while the Township investigates a land use policy.

Carried

R2013-132

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the April 9, 2013 meeting as circulated and amended:

Resolution R2013-125 amended to include Closed Session for Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Carried

R2013-133

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including April 23, 2013 in the amount of \$130,362.35 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2013-134

John Newstead – Jay Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby declares the regular meeting of Council Closed at 7:00 p.m. to Open the Public Meeting to discuss a Zoning By-law Amendment for Brian and Karen Johnstone.

Carried

R2013-135

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation of the Township of Strong resumes the Regular meeting of council at 7:20p.m. and declares the Public meeting closed.

Carried

R2013-136

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation Township of Strong has received a report from the Planner Chris Jones, Municipal Planning Services regarding the Zoning Bylaw Amendment – B. Johnstone.

Carried

R2013-137

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation of the Township of Strong has provided the applicant Brian Johnstone with the recommendations provided by the Sundridge Strong Fire Department regarding the Zoning Bylaw amendment presented by Mr. Johnstone and that Mr. Johnstone will be provided 90 days to complete the work outlined. Once completed the Zoning bylaw amendment shall be reviewed at that time.

Carried

R2013-138

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the application as presented by Betty Hagey for a Hawkers & Peddlars License for 2013 provided all fees are paid and requirements of the by-law have been met. **Carried**

R2013-139

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves an exception to the Employee Policy D.1.4 Overtime Banked Time 2(b) to provide an employee permission to carry over any overtime over and above the 40 hours for an extended period of time due to the shortstaffing situation at this time.

Employees understand that as soon as practicable, excess overtime hours to be taken off.

Carried

R2013-140

John Newstead – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong has read and accepts the 2012 Datacall Results – Annual Monitoring Report for the Township of Strong Landfill site. **Carried**

R2013-141

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong accepts the Quotation as presented from Waste-Logic in the amount of \$15,792.00 for Grinding shingles and wood stockpiled at Landfill Site # 1. **Carried**

R2013-142

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$25.00 to the Almaguin Highlands Arts Council. **Carried**

R2013-143

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the quotation from the Almaguin News to supply yearly subscriptions to the Almaguin News, Publish notice of meetings, provide a set guaranteed advertising rates as presented. **Carried**

R2013-144

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves the application from Nick Loney Construction to install 3 signs on municipal road allowances as presented. Fee - \$75.00 for 3 signs. **Carried**

R2013-145

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Whereas the Municipality of the Township of Strong recently experienced a extremely heavy and torrential down pour of rain on Friday April 12, 2013 and has experienced substantial damage to

municipal property and infrastructure, the Council for the Township of Strong hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to declare various roads and streets within the Township of Strong as set out in the attached schedule, a “disaster area” for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP); **Carried**

R2013-146

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong received a report from Municipal Planning Services, Chris Jones regarding Peer Reviews for the Fowler Quarry Zoning By-law Application;

And that Council for the Township of Strong has reviewed the results of the Peer reviews. **Carried**

R2013-147

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 9:16 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on May 14, 2013. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer