

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.

Staff Present:

Deputy Clerk – Caitlin Haggart

Resolution:

R2013-190

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the June 11, 2013 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None declared.

Delegations:

Susan Church & Jeff Buell – Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation: Susan and Jeff provided some background history on the GIS program that was set up for smaller municipalities in the Blue Sky region. Funding was received from FedNor and NOHFC, as well as municipal contributions, in order to create and provide GIS for 5 years. The project is coming to an end in September and CGIS will be forming agreements for 3 years directly with the municipality for this service. The municipal partners will be receiving a portion of the surplus from this project which could assist in covering the cost of the first year.

Jeff Dean & Ryan Belvedere – CGIS via Go-to-Meeting conference: Jeff and Ryan presented remotely about the various features that Township of Strong staff use in the GIS mapping, including records on the cemeteries, dog tags, licenses and roads. These features save a great amount of time in regards to accessing/providing information that the public is entitled to, as well as providing history for new staff.

Kevin Minor - Road Superintendent Report (attached)-

Mr. Minor has addressed the comment form submitted by Carl Miners and also discussed it with the roads staff. The roads department is still busy with washouts associated with the wet spring weather, which is a priority. Mr. Minor has followed up with the MTO on the conditions of the roads they are responsible for as there have been some washouts on the shoulders. Fire Chief Wayne Beavis inquired as to whether the water tanker could be available as a back up in the event of bush fires. Mr. Minor advised it was fine as long as the roads staff were operating the vehicle. Billing was discussed for the use of the water truck. Staff uniforms were discussed. Mr. Minor informed council that the gravel will be delivered June 12. Mr. Minor advised that the solar stop sign does not appear to be working so will be checking into having it fixed.

Guests in the audience included. Sundridge Councillor Bill deVries – viewing GIS presentation. Left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Discussion Items:

Dr Starr's Letter-Deferred to later date

Landfill Staffing – Council discussed the staff vacancy at Landfill #1 effective January 1, 2014.

Clean Fill – Canor called the office to inquire about taking clean fill to the landfill site. Council was not interested at this time due to space limitations.

Fire Department – The agreement with Township of Joly was discussed. Fire Hall shingles were discussed.

Cenotaph Re-Dedication – funds for re-furbishing the cenotaph were needed from the municipalities. A resolution was passed.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-191

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting as circulated and amended so that Resolution 2013-171 reads “2013 Almaguin Highlands Airpark Budget in the amount of \$106,211.00...”

Carried

R2013-192

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

WHEREAS the implemented shared GIS System and Service has become an essential service for our municipality in the areas of Planning, Building, Fire, Public Works, General Administration and Finance/Asset Management;

AND WHEREAS numerous neighbouring municipalities are participating in the centralized and shared delivery of GIS services;

AHD WHEREAS the shared delivery of GIS services is helping to make this technology affordable and sustainable;

AND WHEREAS the developed system and service is acting as a key risk management strategy in the areas of succession planning for key staff members;

AND WHEREAS the developed GIS system increases the efficiency and effectiveness of day-to-day operations for data maintenance, data retrieval, and Municipal decision making;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Strong hereby agrees to a three year commitment starting October 1, 2013 with CGIS for the provision of services presented at a price of \$9,052.00 per year with CPI coming into effect year two and three.

Carried

R2013-193

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have used the services of DM Wills for consulting services regarding bridges and roads in the Township of Strong;

And/or

Deputy Treasurer – Tera

Pinkerton

And that all payments shall require two signatures.

Carried

R2013-198

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation of the Township of Strong have reviewed and accept the 2013 Risk Assessment report prepared by the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department.

Carried

R2013-199

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the quote from Waste Logix for 25 rolls of baler wire, at a cost of \$55.90 + HST per roll, for a total cost of \$1579.18 (including HST).

Carried

R2013-200

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby donate \$250.00 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #467 for the Cenotaph re-furbishing.

Carried

R2013-201

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on June 25, 2013.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Deputy Clerk, Caitlin Haggart