

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

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Christine Ellis,  
Councillors Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

**Absent:** Councillor Jason Cottrell, with notice

**Resolution:**

**R2013-211**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the July 9, 2013 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

**Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest:**

**Delegations:**

Emergency Management Committee: Wayne Beavis, Kevin Minor, Ann Swallow, Caitlin Haggart. The Emergency Management Committee held a regular meeting to review Emergency plans, procedures and addressed any concerns council may have had. Mr. Beavis reviewed the protocol, emergency contact names and updated any records for the file. Council discussed hosting the next Sector meeting in the fall for all of councils in the area.

David Fletcher and Bob Link from the Royal Bank of Canada attended the meeting at the request of council to discuss loans/leases and lease financing and the benefits of each. Mr. Link advised that the rates for lease financing are competitive, hst benefits, amortization is flexible, allows council to keep reserves that may be required.

Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent. Mr. Minor provided council with a report of activities to date, advised he had located areas where to install a “hidden intersection” sign and flashing light on the Machar Strong Boundary Road. He will be contacting MTO and the Municipality of Magnetawan requesting permission to install this equipment along the road allowance.

**Guests in the audience included.**

**Discussion Items:**

Lake Bernard Conservation Guide – council reviewed the document.

MTO closing old highway – documentation received.

Draft Airport Commission Agreement – copy of a draft agreement.

The following resolutions were passed:

**R2013-212**

**Kelly Elik – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the quotation from DM Wills Associates Limited for engineering services regarding the Union Street and Forest Lake Road Culvert replacement project in the amount of \$6,400.00 plus HST **Carried**

**R2013-213**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the June 25, 2013 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2013-214**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council does hereby Close the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. to open the Public Meeting to discuss a Zoning By-law Amendment. **Carried**

**R2013-215**

**Kelly Elik – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council does hereby close the Public meeting of Council at 7:07 p.m. and resume the regular meeting. **Carried**

**R2013-216**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council does hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to sign the NECO Agreement for the Local Initiative Contribution Fund on behalf of CAEDA. **Carried**

**R2013-217**

**Kelly Elik – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council does hereby support the submission of a funding application on behalf of CAEDA to the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines to secure funds for the Northern Communities Investment Readiness Initiative;

And that Council does hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to sign this application of behalf of CAEDA. **Carried**

**R2013-218**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council does hereby support the request for a further contribution to CAEDA in the amount of \$ 1440.00 for the NCIR Project pending funding approval for 2013. **Carried**

**R2013-219**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council does hereby support the recommendation to hire McSweeney & Associates to develop the Asset Inventory/Gap Analysis and Market Study pending MNDM funding and Municipality approval. **Carried**

**R2013-220**

**John Newstead – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council have read and approve By-law 2013-022 being a by-law to amend the Zoning By-law 93-1307 as follows:

Rural exception (RU-16) Notwithstanding Section 3.1 (e) on lands within the Rural, Exception RU-16 Zone, located in Part of Lot 18, Concession 2, the maximum building height shall be amended as per by-law 2013-022.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2013-221**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council have read and approve By-law 2013-023 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council from April 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

**R2013-222**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby amend Employee Policy Section D.1.5. All staff shall be entitled to the 11 Statutory Holidays in the Policy including Landfill Staff.

**Carried**

**R2013- 223**

**Kelly Elik – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council have read and approve the addition of a Casual Truck/Equipment Operator position and job description to the Township of Strong Pay Equity policy;

**Carried**

**R2013- 224**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Road Superintendent to prepare tender documents by July 23, 2013 for the supply of a new grader. Documents to go out to CAT, CASE & JOHN DEERE dealers. Tenders to be submitted by Sept. 10, 2013.

**Carried**

**R2013-225**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong Roads Committee recommend Randy McLaren be a permanent employee of the Township of Strong effective July 29, 2013. **Carried**

**R2013-226**

**John Newstead – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved the Corporation of the Township of Strong recommend any discussion with the Town of Kearney regarding joining the Joint Building Committee cease and desist **Carried**

**R2013-227**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a closed meeting of Council at 8:35 p.m. per S.O. c.25, Section 239(2)(e) Litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality. **Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:45 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

**R2013-228**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourns the regular meeting of council at 9:06 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on July 23, 2013

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**