

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:20 p.m..

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,
Councillors Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik, Merlyn Snow.

Absent: Councillor John Newstead, with notice

Resolution:

R2013-229

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

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

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None declared.

Delegations:

Barry Bousfield: Mr. & Mrs. Bousfield attended the meeting to express concern with the increase in use of the Union Street Beach, the number of dogs that are off leash and in the water running onto private property, the noise late into the night, fires at the beach and the quality of the water. Mr. & Mrs. Bousfield were also concerned with the amount of broken bottles they have picked up off the beach and cans that have been found in the water. They are concerned for the health and safety of their children using the beach as several of the dogs off leash come running toward the children, their children cutting themselves on the broken glass or cans. They would like council to limit the number of people that access the Union Street beach as they feel there is not enough parking for all of the vehicles. They feel that council should Close the Beach at 11 p.m. and that no dogs should be allowed at the beach. It was also requested that a garbage can be placed at the beach all year long. Mr. Bousfield advise they are paying for the water to be tested again at their own expense.

Council thanked them for attending the meeting and advised they would discuss the matter in detail and would forward their response as soon as possible.

Tim Bryson: Mr. Bryson attended the Council meeting to present a pre-consultation proposal for a possible severance. He has been working with Mrs. K. Whitfield in negotiating the purchase of approximately 4 acres of her property where a garage located. He would like to purchase this property and attach it to his adjacent property. Once this is completed he would like to amend his zoning to permit a logging operation which would include the storage of his equipment in the garage, maintenance of his own equipment, and possible processing firewood. A resolution was passed. Mr. Bryson also asked council about a small portion on municipal property adjacent to his lot. He would like to know if council would be interested in selling this small piece of property. The Clerk was directed to check into this property through MPAC etc and provide an update to council.

Kevin Minor. Mr. Minor attended the council meeting to provide council with the final copy of the Grader tender for their review. Mr. Minor advised council he is not in favour of replacing the grader at this time. As recent repairs have been completed on the grader and the low number of hours on the grader, he feels it should last a few more years before it is replaced. Mr. Minor advised the gravel tender was completed and would have the winter sand tender ready by the end of the week.

Mr. Minor asked Council if there had been any changes to the Chapman Strong Boundary Road agreement as he had been approached by ratepayers along this road expressing some concern. Council advised there were no changes to the agreement and to continue as usual. The Clerk was instructed to follow up with the Lount Roads Board MTO manager and the Clerk for the Municipality of Magnetawan regarding permission to install a flashing light on the Machar Strong Boundary Road near the Cheer Lake Intersection.

The Mayor requested Councillor Jason Cottrell contact Mrs. D. Kemp regarding the cedar trees along the road allowance.

Guests included: Ginnette McCoy attended the council meeting to view the process. Ginnette has recently completed a Business Administration Program at Canadore College. To complete her course she is required to complete a two week placement in an office environment. She is completing this placement with the Township of Strong.

Discussion Items:

Landfill Staff- A Resolution was passed.

Fee Schedule By-Law- Various fee by-laws were reviewed and the Clerk is to prepare a revised by-law for a public meeting on August 13, 2013.

Airport- draft agreements were reviewed.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-230

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2013-231

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including July 23, 2013 in the amount of \$268,773.07 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2013-232

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign Ontario Trillium Foundation Fund agreement on behalf of SSJ Arena. **Carried**

R2013-233

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore the Township of Strong hereby approve in principal the application presented by Tim Bryson – K. Whitfield for a severance on lot. 28 & 29 conc. 9 the existing garage lot to be severed approximately 4 acres. **Carried**

R2013-234

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the pre-consultation application as presented by Jenna Manchester for a severance at Lot 9 Concession 1 Strong Township in principal. **Carried**

R2013-235

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the council for the Township of Strong hereby rescind Resolution R2013-224 regarding the grader tender. **Carried**

R2013-236

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the draft Grader tender and authorize the Road Superintendant to circulate the tender document. Tenders to be returned by: September 9, 2013 at 12 Noon for council to review.

Carried

R2013-237

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a closed meeting of Council at 6:25 p.m. as per S.O. c. 25, Section 239(2)(b) for personal matters about an identifiable individual, and Section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor – client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose.

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 6:40pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

2013-238

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have been advised by the Landfill Site Supervisor Mike Basso that effective July 19, 2013 Mr. Gord Furlong tendered his verbal notice of termination of employment at Landfill Site # 1, along with his keys to the landfill site;

And that Council accepts this verbal notice of Mr. Furlong's resignation effective July 19, 2013 .

Carried

R2013-239

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Township of Strong's Employment/Hiring Policy Section C.1.1 Hiring Procedure states that the Township of Strong selects the most qualified candidates, and use a rigorous recruitment and selection process;

And that in during the recent interview process for the Landfill site position completed on February 11, 2013, Mr. Peter Adams was interviewed for the position;

And that Mr. Adams was selected as the 2nd choice for this position;

Now Therefore be it resolved that due to the resignation of Mr. Gord Furlong from the Landfill Site position, Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve hiring Mr. Peter Adams for this position based on his interview score.

And That Mr. Adams will be on a three month probation period, which may be extended at council's discretion.

Carried

R2013-240

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:40 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on August 13, 2013

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer