

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

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Jason Cottrell (arrived at 6:00pm), John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

**Council Members Absent:**

Councillor Kelly Elik, with notice

**Resolution:**

**R2013-241**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the agenda as presented/amended.

Amended to include: MTO agreement for winter maintenance, Received response to Acoustic Peer Review – Fowler Quarry & Updated Review, Closed Session – Litigation Documents.

**Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest:** None

**Delegations:**

**Arnold Hall – Lake Levels:** Mr. Hall spoke to council regarding his concern with the lake levels on Lake Bernard and concern with the erosion of his lot due to water levels. Mr. Hall provided council with photos of his waterfront and the erosion that has occurred in the past 5 to 10 years. He feels the optimum lake levels have changed and this has caused the erosion issues. Mr. Hall also feels the dam is not being monitored as closely as it should be.

**Bill May – Lake Levels:** Mr. May also expressed concerns with the levels of the lake and the erosion that has occurred on his property. Mr. May provided council with letters from other property owners who felt they also have lost a lot of property due to erosion caused by the lake levels. Mr. Hall and Mr. May along with other guest in the audience would like council to have a meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss the target levels and maintaining the dams. Council will try to arrange a meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss this matter.

**Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent Road Report:** Mr. Minor reported that he is getting prices for the electrical installation of the flashing light at Cheer Lake Road Intersection, discussed beaver dam issues and will contact other municipalities to determine if they have policies, the township have been advised by insurance/legal not to remove dams, suggested property owners contact a registered trapper to remove the beavers, Oakridge Road concerns and they are going to do some ditching and culverts to try to address the problem, concern with run off on Maple Valley Road, work on the “S” bend on Machar Strong Boundary road will begin in the fall when there is not as much traffic on the road,.

**Guests in the audience included.**

Stephen O’Donnell, Gail Boyer, Linda Barry, Lorne Stenning were in the audience and supported the concerns of Mr. Hall and Mr. May. Mr. O’Donnell provided council with an

aerial photograph of his property several years ago and highlighted the area that has been lost to erosion.

**Discussion Items:**

**North Horn Lake Rd Concern-** Staff will begin the process of changing the name of the road.

**Lake Bernard Conservation plan** –Council’s discussed the draft of the conservation plan. Council wishes to advise all property owners the Township has an Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law which is approved by all Ministries and adheres to the Provincial Statements regarding development in the Municipality which affects water quality and shoreline development. Property owners are advised to review the regulations in these documents prior to any development on their property. A copy can be obtained from the Township website and/or arrange a meeting with Municipal Staff to discuss any concerns you may have regarding zoning on your property.

**Update from RBC re: financing-**information only.

The following resolutions were passed:

**R2013-242**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the July 23, 2013 council meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2013-243**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in the right of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario regarding a winter maintenance agreement for services roads within the municipality for the year 2013-2014;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this agreement and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2013-244**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve Almaguin Highlands Airpark Logo as presented. **Carried**

**R2013-245**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby rescind Amendment No. 1 to by-law 2013-010 being a Seasonally Maintained Roads by-law and hereby delete the Section of S. Lake Bernard Road shown as Schedule “B” to the above by-law. **Carried**

**R2013-246**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the application as presented by C. Hannaford at Lot 18 and Part Lot 19, Concession for a severance;

And that Council for the Township of Strong support this application as presented provided the usual conditions are met and the applicant completes a Minor Variance for the lot to be severed.

**Carried**

**R2013-247**

**John Newstead – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the tender recommendations as presented by D. Bonsall, DM Wills Associates regarding the replacement project of the Proudfoot bridge;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the recommendations and award the contract to McLaren Brothers Construction Limited in the amount of \$ 65,312.01 including HST.

And that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign the Tender agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

**Carried**

**R2013-248**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby write off taxes for property 49 46 003 018 01000 0000 as per the Municipal Act, S.O. c. 25, Section 357(1)(e) in the amount of \$ 33.61 Minimum tax and \$ 16.39 property taxes as this property is now municipally owned land.

**Carried**

**R2013-249**

**John Newstead – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby make a donation in the amount of \$ 100.00 to the Near North Crime Stoppers Annual Golf Tournament.

**Carried**

**R2013-250**

**John Newstead – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby close the regular meeting of council at 7:00 p.m. to open the Public Meeting to discuss the Tariff of Fees by-law.

**Carried**

**R2013-251**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby close the public meeting at 7:05 p.m. to resume the Regular Meeting of council.

**Carried**

**R2013-252**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2013-024 being a by-law to prescribe a tariff of fees;

And that the Clerk and the Mayor are hereby authorized to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2013-253**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the recommendation of the SSJ Arena Committee to amend Arena Staff Pay grid.

**Carried**

**R2013-254**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve in principal the proposed sketch of shoreline stabilization work to be completed at Part Lot 12, Plan M41 and Pt. of OSRA in front of Lot 18, Con7, Pt. 1, 42R17150.

**Carried**

**R2013-255**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support sending \_\_\_\_\_ representatives to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Meeting on September 27, 2013.

**Carried**

**R2013-256**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the Tender for the supply of gravel from: P.D. Brooks Haulage in the amount of \$62,300.00 plus HST.

**Carried**

**R2013-257**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong as per the Municipal Act, S.O. c. 25, Section 239, the council for the Township of Strong enter into a closed session as per items:

239 2(c) Acquisition of Land,

239(e) litigation or potential litigation,

239(f) advice – solicitor client privilege at 7:32 p.m

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:50 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

**R2013-258**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:15 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on August 27, 2013.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**