

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

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Jason Cottrell (arrived at 5:50pm), John Newstead, Merlyn Snow, Kelly Elik.

Staff Present: Caitlin Haggart, Deputy Clerk

Resolution:

R2013-259

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

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

Amended to include: resolution to authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement with NOHFC. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Delegations: None

Guests in the audience included:

Lea Cook, Brant Cook.

Discussion Items:

Proudfoot Bridge: a meeting was held on August 20th at the bridge at 8:00am with Kevin Minor, Keith McCoy, DM Wills and McLaren Brothers Construction Ltd to discuss plans for the bridge. An email was received from a resident with concerns over safety, which is to be handled by the contractor.

Health & Safety Update: Giant Hogweed was reported to be left at Landfill #1 in the brush pile. The staff were informed immediately and were provided with a safety informational sheet and pictures to post in the office.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-260

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the August 13, 2013 council meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2013-261

Kelly Elik – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including August 27, 2013 in the amount of \$90,539.72 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2013-262

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the Tender for the supply of Winter Sand from: Carr Aggregates Ltd. in the amount of \$27,419.45, including HST.

Carried

R2013-263

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

WHEREAS provincially mandated services are increasingly becoming a strain on small rural municipal budgets;

AND WHEREAS the province needs to recognize the unique challenges faced by small rural municipalities, which have a population of under 5000 and represent 44% of all of the municipalities in Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Mayor and Council of the Township of Strong send a letter to the Township of Baldwin in support of their campaign to overhaul the Provincial Land Tax system to assist small rural communities with increasing costs.

And, that this resolution and requested information be forwarded to the Township of Baldwin for their collection and presentation.

Carried

R2013-264

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council does hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to sign the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Agreement for Project #933038.

Carried

R2013-265

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 6:10 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on September 10, 2013.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Deputy Clerk, Caitlin Haggart