

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.

Resolution:

R2013-287

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Agenda for the October 8, 2013 agenda as amended to include:

Delegations:

Wayne Simpson, Wayne Simpson & Associates

Judith Arai – Fowler Quarry

MIII Agreement for signature

Notification of New funding initiative

Carried

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Delegations:

Wayne Simpson – Wayne Simpson & Associates: Mr. Simpson attended the council meeting to discuss the Memorandum presented by Mr. Chris Jones of Municipal Planning Services regarding the Fowler Quarry. Mr. Simpson would like the peer reviewers and Fowler's consultants together to address the concerns expressed in the Public Meeting and Peer Review reports. Once the meetings were complete council would have an opportunity to review the final document and if required submit to the peer reviewers for their further comments. Mr. Simpson did not see the need for the Planners to get involved and questioned whether a \$ 15,000.00 deposit would be necessary to continue with the discussions. Fowlers would be willing to pay all expenses associated with the discussion and would be willing to prepare a letter of commitment. Mr. Simpson thanked council for the opportunity to speak.

Judith Arai: Ms. Arai spoke to council requesting council consider the comments made at the public meetings expressing concern with the Fowler Quarry zoning application. A copy of a petition was presented to council with names of those who were opposed to the zoning application. Ms. Arai asked that council listen to the voices of the people who expressed concern and to say no to the zoning by-law application.

Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent:

Mike Mowatt: Mr. Mowatt attended the council meeting to discuss the recent zoning by-law amendment. A further amendment will be required due to the size of the building to be constructed.

John & Nancy Maynes: Mr. & Mrs. Maynes attended the council meeting to discuss purchasing the unopened concession road adjacent to their property. A copy of their presentation is attached to the Minutes. Council advised the Maynes that further investigation into this matter is required and that a letter will be prepared and sent to them with their response.

Guests in the audience included:

John & Donna MacLachlan, Mike Mowatt, David Mowatt, Ewart Fulford, Ron Shilson, Stephen O'Donnell

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-288

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2013-289

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Tender from Fowler Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$94,110.00 Plus HST for the Union Street and Forest Lake Road Culvert Replacement project.

Carried

R2013-290

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong has reviewed the tenders received for the supply of a 2013 Motor Grader:

And that Council for the Township of Strong after careful consideration and evaluation of the tenders and equipment accept the tender from Strongco Limited Partnership for the supply of a 2013 Motor Grader in the amount of \$ 258,000 less a trade in allowance of \$ 65,000.00.

Carried

R2013-291

John Newstead – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the FedNor Agreement Amendment No.: 2.

Carried

R2013-292

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2013-025 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of Council from July 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013.

And that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2013-293

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Memorandum presented by Mr. Chris Jones, of Municipal Planning Services – Status Report – Proposed Fowler Quarry. **Carried**

R2013-294

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong has received and declared the application as complete presented by Fowler Construction for a Zoning By-law Amendment;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong have held two public meetings to discuss this zoning by-law amendment;

And that at both meetings the public opinion was not in favour of the amendment for the following reasons:

Concerns with:

Groundwater impacts and impacts to existing water supplies

Blasting impacts including noise and physical impacts;

Suitability of buffers;

Impacts on natural features and animal migration routes through the area;

Impacts on the Trans Canada Pipeline corridor;

Concerns about the prior burial of contaminated animal carcasses on site

Changes to surface drainage;

Odour and dust migration;

Impacts on land values;

Traffic impacts and safety of turning on to Highway 124 during winter months

Need for the quarry;

Migration of noxious substances originating from quarried stone.

We find it difficult to consider the site to be a preferred site for a quarry.

Concern for the residents in close proximity to the site.

After much consideration, council for the Township of Strong hereby denies the application as presented for a Zoning By-law Amendment. **Carried**

A Recorded Vote was requested and was recorded as follows:

Chris Ellis For

Jason Cottrell Against

Kelly Elik For

John Newstead For

Merlyn Snow For

R2013-295

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(D) Labour relation/employee negotiations

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:35 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2013-296

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong has reviewed the Agreement with the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Capital Program – Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Rural Affairs to provide capital assistance to small municipalities;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2013-297

Kelly Elik- Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:55 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on **October 21, 2013**

Please Note change in the date for the next meeting to **MONDAY OCTOBER 21,**

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer