

**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:**

**R2013-312**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the November 12, 2013 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

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

**Delegations:**

**Lawrence & Penny Erven – Easement:** Mr. & Mrs. Erven attended the meeting to discuss concerns they had with the easement agreement and wanted some definitions clarified. They also had concerns with the location of the new hydro pole installed and would like their concerns addressed by the Village of Sundridge's contractor.

**Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent:** Mr. Minor gave his report to council. He is following up on the hydro connection for the Cheer Lake Intersection flashing light. Union Street and Forest Lake Road corner was discussed and a guard rail or eye beam railing to wrap the corner of the intersection will be installed in the spring. Mr. Minor has installed deflectors at the corner.

There was concern with water run off onto Church Road which will be looked into. There is still concern with continual maintenance costs for Mountainview Road and the clerk will send a follow up letter.

**Jim Dymont – MHBC Official Plan Revision Update:** Mr. Dymont reviewed the comments submitted from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The changes as recommended will be made and Mr. Dymont will be arranging another Public Meeting in the New Year.

**Guests in the audience included.** There were no guests in the audience.

**Discussion Items:**

**Review rental – municipal property.** Council reviewed the current rental rate charged for use of office space and will amend the rate effective January 1, 2014

**Office Closure Christmas Season.** Council approved the following closing times- Administration closed December 24 2013 at 12 noon, closed December 25, 26, 27, 2013 and close at noon on December 31, 2013 closed January 1, 2014. Landfill site December 24, 2013 close at 12 noon, closed December 25, 26 27, and on December 31, 2013 close at 12 noon and January 1, 2014.

**Email – Lake Bernard Property Owners Assoc. Winter Fishing Impact-** Council felt that this was not a concern directed solely to ice fishing but a year round use of the lake. The next newsletter will include these concerns.

**Bill May – Lake levels.** Correspondence was reviewed.

**Health Unit – office space.** A resolution was passed.

The following resolutions were passed:

**R2013-313**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the October 21, 2013, October 30, 2013 and November 4, 2013 meeting as circulated.

**Carried**

**R2013-314**

**John Newstead – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2013-026 being a by-law to set the remuneration for 2014 for municipal staff;

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

**Carried**

**R2013-315**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve a Christmas Bonus to Municipal Staff in the amount of \$ 400.00 each and to Council Members \$ 300.00 each.

**Carried**

**R2013-316**

**John Newstead – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby recommends:

1. Peter Adams probationary period has been completed and he shall be considered a full time municipal employee.
2. Mike Basso employee review has been completed and he shall move up one step in the Employee Pay Grid Scale.

**Carried**

**R2013-317**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby supports the recommendations of the Almaguin Highlands Airpark to:

1. Approve the application by Don Roberts to the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority for a septic system on his leased hanger property.
2. Council approves the winter snowblowing fee of \$ 20.00 per call for the 2013-14 season.

**Carried**

**R2013-318**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. to declare the meeting open for a Zoning By-law amendment.

**Carried**

**R2013-319**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the Public Meeting of Council at 7:10 p.m. to resume the regular meeting of council.

**Carried**

**R2013-320**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2013-028 being a by-law to amend By-Law 93-1307 as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Strong with respect to lands legally described as Part Lot 18, Plan PSR 789, located in Part of Lot 18, Concession 2 in the Township of Strong.

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this document and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**R2013-321**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2013-029 being A By-law to authorize certain capital works of the Corporation of the Township of Strong (Municipality); to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing of such capital works;

To authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such works; and to authorize long term borrowing from OILC for such works through the issue of debentures.

**Carried**

**R2013-322**

**Jason Cottrell – John Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong reinforce our original resolution of July 9, 2013 to cease and desist negotiations with the Town of Kearney for Joint Building Services

**Carried**

**R2013-323**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong is aware the Village of Sundridge have their sewage lagoons located on High Rock Road;

And that the Village of Sundridge is undertaking a large re-construction project of the sewage lagoons;

And that this project will involve an increase in heavy truck traffic along High Rock Road for An extended period of time;

Strong Township has invested well over \$ 200,000 in granite on this section of roadway over the past two years to improve the road. Council is concerned the route to be used by their contractors may cause damage to High Rock Road from Albert Street to the bridge.

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong request a meeting with the Village of Sundridge and their contractors for this project to address the haul route for this project. **Carried**

**R2013-324**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong recommends the NBPS District Health Unit look into purchasing/leasing a vacant school from the Near North District School Board before pursuing the option of Building a new facility for the Health Unit. **Carried**

**R2013-325**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong give a donation in the amount of \$50.00 to the West Parry Sound EMS Toy Drive. **Carried**

**R2013-326**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve 2013 Accessibility Policy for the Township of Strong as presented.

And that Council will endeavor to address the recommendations presented in the revised plan. **Carried**

**R2013-327**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong as per the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c. 25 s. 239(2)(f) enter into a closed session of council to discuss legal matters at 8:03p.m. **Carried**

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

**R2013-328**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on November 26 2013.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**