

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

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

**Absent:** Councillor Jason Cottrell, with notice.

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

**Delegations:**

**Laura McNeice – CAEDA:** Mrs. McNeice provided an update on CAEDA projects to date.

**Peter Kidd – Legion:** Mr. Kidd attended to request an annual donation to the Legion to offset tax base. He also outlined the cenotaph perpetual care plan.

**Larry Sedore – CEMC:** Mr. Sedore was trained by the Township to serve as alternate CEMC and provided an overview of his training.

**Kevin Minor - Road Superintendent:** Discussed establishing a designated haul route for sewage lagoon project.

**Guests in the audience included.** Bud Brown – council invited him to the table to bring his concerns forward regarding the sewage lagoon re: haul route.

**Public Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 26, 2013.** The purpose of the Public Meeting was to hear any concerns/objections with Council's plan to rename a section of the North Horn Lake Road to Stirling Falls Road. This re-naming is required to accommodate 9-1-1 numbering to new lots that have been created along the road. Council intends on re-naming the old section of Highway 11 that may be transferred from the Ministry of Transportation. There were no delegates in the audience to discuss this issue.

**Discussion Items:**

**Snow Removal – Admin Office:** Council felt that the office staff could shovel the entrances and fire exits when the roads department are unavailable to do so.

**Community Sign:** The committee members advised that a decision regarding the sign has not been made to date.

**JBC Feasibility Report:** Council is supporting their original resolution.

**OMPF 2014 Funding Announcement:**

**Bryson Forestry – Landfill Project Update** as this project is now completed.

**Road Re-naming:** By-law deferred to December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Haul Route:** Council is concerned with the potential increase in heavy truck traffic along High Rock Road from Albert Street to the Sewage Lagoons due to the re-construction project by the Village of Sundridge. Council directed the clerk to prepare a by-law restricting Heavy Truck traffic on this section of roadway and to prepare a by-law designating a haul route for trucks to use during this construction along with a maintenance agreement and damage deposit.

**Resolutions:**

**R2013-329**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the November 26, 2013 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

**R2013-330**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2013-331**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve a donation to the RCL Br 467 in the amount of \$2300.00 per year for a 4 year term effective January 1, 2014. **Carried**

**R2013-332**

**John Newstead – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong Council support a donation to the Cenotaph Perpetual Care fund in the amount of \$200.00 per year. **Carried**

**R2013-333**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including November 26, 2013 in the amount of \$ 209,402.28 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

**R2013-334**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed Employee Policy D.1.4. – Overtime/Banked Time and hereby amend the policy to read:  
Purpose – *“To outline the condition under which employees may be require to work overtime”*

Policy: - This policies applies to all staff:

And hereby authorize the amendment to the Employee Policy. **Carried**

**R2013-335**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong is aware there are property owners within the Township of Strong who are 3 years in tax arrears;

And that Section 373 (1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. c.25 as amended permits the municipality to prepare and register a tax arrears certificate against the title of that land for those properties that are 3 years in arrears as of January 1, 2014;

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to send out registered letters to the property owners who are 3 years in tax arrears. **Carried**

**R2013-336**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong Council recommend the invoice for the FIT application be paid out of SSJ Arena Funds and is not the responsibility of the Township of Strong. **Carried**

**R2013 -337**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong support the resolution presented by Almaguin Recycling Initiative to accept the Review Engagement in the amount of \$ 750.00 as presented by Dalene MacDonald, CGA. **Carried**

**R2013-338**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong support sending 3 representatives to the 2014 Ontario Good Road Conference. **Carried**

**R2013-339**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong approve an increase in the monthly rate to the Joint Building Committee for office space effective January 1, 2014 to \$ 400.00 per month. **Carried**

**R2013-340**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. to open the Public Meeting to discuss re-naming a road within the Township. **Carried**

**R2013-310**

**Kelly Elik – John Newstead**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong resume the regular meeting of Council at 7:10 p.m. **Carried**

**R2013-342**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong as per the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 as amended, c 25, Section 239 (2)(e) potential litigation, and 239 (2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual enter into a Closed Session of council at 8:10 p.m.

**Carried**

*The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:22 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.*

**R2013-343**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby appoint the following as our representatives to the Ontario Municipal Board for the Fowler Quarry Appeal.

1. Legal Counsel: Ed Veldboom of Russell Christie LLP
2. Planning Services: Chris Jones, Municipal Planning Services

**Carried**

**R2013- 344**

**John Newstead – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the employee review as presented and authorize the change to the pay grid effective their anniversary date.

**Carried**

**R2013-345**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the correspondence/resolution presented by Sequin Township expressing concern with the Ontario Provincial Police proposal for a new billing model starting in 2015;

And that this new methodology would charge each municipality a flat \$ 260.00 per household fee for the base costs related to providing police services, plus a variable charge for each call for service in that municipality.

And Whereas, the actual specifics of the cost for the calls for service have not been released or calculated, the OPP estimate the average cost per household including the base cost and the calls for service, would be approximately \$ 369;

And Whereas, based on this formula the cost for policing in the Township of Strong would increase from \$ 163,899 to \$ 305,163 an increase of \$ 141,264.

And Whereas, this model is fundamentally flawed, unfair and inequitable.

Therefore be it Resolved that the Township of Strong support the request from the Township of Seguin to request that Premier Wynne scrap this funding model.

**Carried**

**R2013-346**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong support the request from the Township of Joly that it remains as status quo for snowplowing of the airport until December 31, 2013.

**Carried**

**R2013-347**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

The Council for the Township of Strong adjourn the special meeting of council at 9:00 p.m until the next scheduled meeting of Council on December 10, 2013. It should be noted there will only be **one council meeting in December.**

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**