

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:

R2013-348

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the December 10, 2013 agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None declared

Delegations:

Brian Hachkowski – Landfill/Aggregate Pit. Mr. Hachkowsky attended the meeting to advise council of the work that he had completed in the year for the aggregate license, the markers placed for the footprint of the landfill site, reviewed work plans for the pit and the landfill to begin closure of areas in the landfill. Mr. Hackkowski expressed concern that a ratepayer had attended the landfill site with a container of ashes which were still hot and started on fire while in the property owner's truck. If it had not been noticed this may have caused a fire at the landfill site. The Clerk was directed to ensure that a notice is placed in the Newsletter regarding care with Hot Embers/Ashes.

James West – proposed severance: Mr. West owns property along Stirling Creek Road. The road at this time only goes as far as his driveway and he would like to sever a lot. Mr. West was provided with direction as to the steps required prior to approval in principal.

Mayor Elgin Schneider & CAO/Clerk Lillian Fowler – Village of

Sundridge. Representatives from the Village of Sundridge attended the meeting to discuss the easement over the unopened road allowance, maintenance agreement for roads and Road Restriction by-law.

Road Superintendent Kevin Minor: Mr. Minor provided Council with his road report for November. Mr. Minor reported that a new plow had been purchased for the Freightliner truck and requested that the reversible plow be declared surplus. Mr. Minor will put an ad out to sell the plow. Mr. Minor presented the 2014 Road Course program for council to review. Discussion took place regarding staff training on equipment. Mr. Minor will look into these courses with the Road Superintendents Association, and will provide training to new staff as required.

Guests in the audience included. Lyle Hall

Discussion Items:

Agricultural Society – Heritage Committee partnership re: summer student grant. The Historical Committee of the Strong Agricultural Society requested that Strong Township

partner with the Committee to apply for summer student funding on their behalf as they are not in the position to provide payroll services. As the Committee is a non-profit organization they may be provided with 100% funding. Council supported this partnership and will work with the Committee to complete the application and process payroll should they be successful in their application.

Employee Policy amendment deferred until the New Year. Discussion took place regarding Vacation time and will be discussed again in January.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-349

John Newstead – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong declare the Larochelle 12ft Reversible Plow as surplus equipment to be sold. **Carried**

R2013-350

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Minutes of the November 26, 2014 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2013-351

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the Accounts Payable up to and including December 10, 2013 in the amount of \$74,803.67 and hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2013-352

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Whereas, Municipalities are required to retain and preserve the records of the municipality and its local boards in a secure and accessible manner; and

Whereas, Blue Sky Net, is a non-profit Corporation whose mandate is to facilitate the development of technology within the Blue Sky region, and

Whereas, Blue Sky Net has facilitated the creation and implementation of a GIS Municipal Partnership to which the Township of Strong belongs, and

Whereas, the municipal property records currently stored in paper format are subject to destruction in the event of disaster such as fire or flood, and

Whereas, Blue Sky Net would submit an application for funding for a project that would see the digitization of those property records and the addition of those digitized records to our existing GIS system,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong supports, in principle, the application of Blue Sky Net to FedNor and the Ministry of Infrastructure to undertake a project that will see the digitization and version of our paper property file documents to

electronic records that will be integrated with our existing GIS interface. By doing so, we will secure our Property Information files. **Carried**

R2013-353

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the application as presented by the Central Almaguin Planning Board file B035-036-037 for a severance provided the usual conditions are met. **Carried**

R2013-354

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong have read By-law 2013-030 being a by-law to rename certain highways in the Township;

Whereas Council held a Public Meeting on November 26, 2013 to discuss the renaming certain highways in the Township:

And Whereas at this Public Meeting no delegations attended the meeting to speak on behalf of this issue, nor were any comments provided to the Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto and proceed with Registration of documents.

Carried

R2013-355

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2013-031 being a by-law to restrict the common law right of passage by the public over a highway;

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

Carried

R2013-356

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong as per the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c. 25 as amended, Section 239 2(c) –pending or proposed acquisition or disposition of land enter into a Closed Session of Council at 6:15 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2013-357

John Newstead – Kelly Elik

Whereas the Township of Strong have the jurisdiction over roads within their boundary;

And Whereas the Township of Strong have continued to upgrade and maintain the road network system;

And Whereas it has been brought to the attention of Council that the Village of Sundridge is undertaking a large Sewage Lagoon reconstruction project that will involve several heavy trucks hauling aggregates on the Township Roads;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve the Road Maintenance Agreement with the Village of Sundridge and/or their contractor.
Carried

R2013-358

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Whereas the Township of Strong have read By-law 2013-027 being a by-law to enter into an Easement Agreement over Part of the original road allowance between Concession 4 & 5, in front of Lots 11-13 inclusive for the purpose of providing electrical service to the Village of Sundridge Sanitary Sewage Lagoons;

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

Carried

<i>Recorded Vote:</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Chris Ellis</i>	X	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	X	
<i>Kelly Elik</i>	X	
<i>John Newstead</i>	X	
<i>Merlyn Snow</i>	X	

R2013-359

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Now 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 to the public – Minor Variance
Carried

R2013-360

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong close the Public Mtg at 7:10 p.m. to resume the regular meeting.
Carried

R2013-361

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the proposal from Fire Chief Wayne Beavis regarding a property identification program for those properties with a solar energy system on site;

And that Council for the Township of Strong accept the proposal from CGIS to implement a Solar Energy System identification program on our existing GIS site for use by the Sundridge Strong Fire Department. **Carried**

R2013-362

Jay Cottrell – John Newstead

Whereas the Township of Strong have reviewed the Recommendation from the SSJ Arena committee regarding an application for a Liquor License through the Alcohol & Gaming Commission to permit the SSJ Arena to sell alcohol from their facility with the Township of Strong as the Lead Municipality:

The Council for the Township of Strong do not support this resolution.

Carried

R2013-363

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Whereas the Township of Strong support the recommendation of the Joint Building Committee to cease Building Services to the Town of Kearney Effective February 17, 2014. **Carried**

R2013-364

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Whereas the Township of Strong have reviewed the Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Rural Affairs (MRA) and the Township of Strong for conditional funding in the amount of \$ \$ 21,030.48;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation and affix the Seal thereto. **Carried**

R2013-365

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Whereas the Township of Strong have reviewed 2014 Insurance Proposal as presented from Knox Insurance effective January 1, 2014;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to proceed with the Insurance proposal as presented. **Carried**

R2013-366

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on January 14, 2014

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer