

**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:**

**R2014-44**

**Merlyn Snow – J.W. Newstead:**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Agenda for the February 11, 2014 as amended and/or presented. **Carried**

**Delegations:**

**Mr. Lawrence Whitney** attended Council meeting to discuss Landfill Site # 1. Mr. Whitney had previously asked for a statement of revenue received for the sale of metal from Landfill Site # 1 which was provided to him. Mr. Whitney further asked for Budget statements which outline the taxation received from the public for operation of Township. Mr. Whitney was advised that his request must be in writing and submitted to Administration. Mr. Whitney requested paper and pen to complete his letter while in council chambers. His letter was received by the Deputy Clerk to be processed.

Mr. Jim Dymont of MHBC was in attendance at the meeting to go through revisions suggested by Council to the Official Plan. Several issues have been brought forward that Council felt should be included in the Official Plan. Councils goal at the end of the day is to have an Official Plan that meets our needs, is user friendly and not open to challenges. Mr. Dymont advised that the changes suggested will be made and provided definitions for areas of concern by council. A final draft will be sent to the Clerk for review and it is hoped to be adopted by Council. Mr. Dymont requested council review the draft of the zoning by-law and provide comments to his office. Mr. Dymont would like council to have the public meeting in the spring.

Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent attended the meeting. Mr. Minor provided council with his road report. The 2014 Budget is being prepared and Kevin would like to see a reserve set up for an additional winter sand shed as we are having to put up more sand each year and running out of room in the sand dome for storage room.

**R2014-45**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

**R2014-46**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the quotation from Strongco to provide an extended warranty package on the new grader in the amount of \$ 6,400.00 **Carried**

**R2014-47**

**J. D. Newstead – Jason Cottrell:**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the pre-consultation application as presented in principal provided MTO approves access to the retained lot.

**Carried**

**R2014-48**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the Resolution circulated by the Township of Armour expressing concern with the level of winter maintenance under the new contract;

And That Council agrees with those concerns expressed in this resolution;

Therefore be it resolved that Council provide support to the Township of Armour to request the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation to take immediate and necessary steps to restore the level of winter maintenance on Highway 11 to its former level.

**Carried**

**R2014-49**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong has reviewed the resolution presented by CAEDA requesting support to enter into an agreement with Humanika Enterprises Limited for a two year provision of human resources services on behalf of CAEDA at a cost of \$ 2380.00 plus applicable taxes.

It is understood that the first year of the contract will be funded by the Labour Market Group the second year of the contract will be funded jointly by CAEDA and the Village of Burk's Falls, the Townships of Armour & Ryerson and Employment North.

**Carried**

**R2014-50**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:**

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the CAEDA/FedNor/NOHFC project which began in 2012 to provide an Economic Development Community Development & Business Support Officer;

And that Council is aware that the FedNor Project is scheduled to be concluded June 30, 2014 and that the Municipalities will be required to pay a share of the cost to continue this project to December 31, 2014.

And Council is aware that the funding for the youth Intern position will end in October 2014 for the second term of the project;

And that the municipalities will be required to pay a share of the cost to continue this project to December 31, 2014.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby advise the participating municipalities that Council is only prepared to pay 25 % as our share of these costs to December 2014.

Council would also like a commitment from the participating municipalities for their participation in this project for 2015.

**Carried**

**R2014-51**

**Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:**

The Council for the Township of strong hereby approve the Employee Review for Caitlin Haggart and approve increasing her to the next step in the pay grid effective February 15, 2014.

**Carried**

**R2014-52**

**Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on February 25, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**