

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis

Councillors Kelly Elik, Merlyn Snow, John Newstead & Jason Cottrell

Staff Present: Linda Maurer – Clerk/Treasurer, Caitlin Haggart – Deputy Clerk

Councillor Cottrell advised that he will be away from April 12 – May 7, 2014.

R2014-69

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 11, 2014 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Guests in audience included: – John Sbrolla

Delegations:

Mr. Lawrence Whitney – following up from attendance at last council meeting. Mayor provided Mr. Whitney with 2013 revenue and expenditures. Mr. Whitney requested a copy of the auditor's report once it is completed.

Kevin Minor, Road Superintendent – Mayor Ellis and the Road Superintendent attended the OGRA Annual Conference at the end of February. Mr. Minor went through his attached report for February.

Mr. John Sbrolla – invited to the table to address his application for severance on 271 Cheer Lake Road. Back piece will remain an Environmental Protection area, the proposed severances are along the road in the Rural zone. Consultant will conduct the needed environmental impact study and suggest a building envelope among the created lots. The Clerk advised that the EIS needs to address adjacent lots to the wetland. A letter will be sent to Mr. Sbrolla to outline what the EIS will require.

Discussion:

CAEDA 2014-2015 Estimates – Discussed resolution submitted for operating costs for the remainder of 2014 and proposed 2015 budget. Council stand behind their original resolution R2014-50 on cost sharing for the 2015 budget.

Municipal Alcohol Policy Seminar re: updates – North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit is holding a seminar on April 10, 2014. The Deputy Treasurer and Arena Manager will be attending.

MOL Field Visit Report – Inspector came February 26, 2014 and advised of mandatory basic OHS training to be completed by July 1, 2014 and recommended that a Working Alone Policy be created.

Carillion & MTO Fine Update – Clerk had conference call last week. Stirling Creek is being monitored by MTO and a committee has been created to discuss projects using funds .

The following resolutions were passed:

R2014-70

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting as circulated.

Carried

R2014-71

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have received the Tender Recommendation Report – Replacement of the Muskoka Road Bridge, Contract No. 2014-01 from DM Wills Associates Limited;

And that Council for the Township of Strong accept the Recommendation to award the contract based on this recommendation.

Carried

R2014-72

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the correspondence received from DM Wills Associates regarding the Muskoka Road Bridge Replacement Tender 2014-001;

And that DM Wills Associates have reviewed all tender documents in detail and have submitted their recommendation for awarding the contract;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support their recommendation and award the Muskoka Road Bridge Project to:

MTM-2 Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$ 503,600.00 plus HST in the amount of \$ 65,468.00 for a total price of \$569,068.00.

Carried

R2014-73

Kelly Elik – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Pre-consultation application for a severance as presented by Marlin Cox at 151 Sunnyridge Road:

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this application in principal provided the usual conditions are met.

Carried

R2014-74

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have received a Pre-consultation application for a severance from John Sbrolla at 271 Cheer Lake Road;

Council is prepared to review the consent application subject to submission of an environmental Impact Study to address the Hazard Land designation/Rural as outlined in the Official Plan, and the Environmental Protection/Rural Zone of the Zoning by-law.

Once Council has received the above document, Council will be in a better position to comment on the severance application.

Carried

R2014-75

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed Policy C.4.4 Working Alone Policy along with attachments:

And that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the policy to be included in the Employment Policy for municipal employees. **Carried**

R2014-76

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Whereas the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound district Health Unit would like to proceed with the option to purchase property to address the accommodation issue, and

Whereas, Consent of council from the majority of municipalities within the health unit service area is required,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Council for the Township of Strong supports the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit in proceeding with the purchase of property. **Carried**

R2014-77

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby donate \$ 100.00 to the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair. **Carried**

R2014-78

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Whereas Section 81.1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 requires a council shall before October 1 of an election year, establish a compliance audit committee; and

Whereas economics of scale shall be realized by participating municipalities through the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee; and

Whereas the important role of the Almaguin Clerk's Group in facilitating this joint initiative, and subsequent cost savings to each municipality is recognized, now

Therefore be it resolved that the council for the Township of Strong deems it necessary to enter into an agreement with other interested municipalities to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2014 election and subsequent term thereafter ending on November 30, 2018. **Carried**

R2014-79

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the 2014 Roads Budget as presented in the amount of \$ 2,294,911.00.

Council is aware the Budget includes the total price of the 2014 Grader \$ 256,000, the Mill Capital Projects- Muskoka Road Bridge \$ 966,000.

Funding for the above Capital Projects will be secured. **Carried**

R2014-80

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong will transfer \$ 55,000.00 from the Roads Reserve in 2014 to use for the Muskoka Road Bridge Project;

And that Council supports the use of Gas Tax Funds to offset our share of the Muskoka Road Bridge Project. **Carried**

R2014-81

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve:

1. An increase in wages by \$ 2.00 per hour for the Deputy Fire Chief; and
2. An increase in wages by \$ 1.00 per hour for Captains; and
3. An increase of 2% in wages for the Fire Chief as per the 2014 Sundridge Pay Grid. **Carried**

R2014-82

Kelly Elik – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve:

1. An increase of 2% in wages for the Nurse Practitioner Receptionist as per the 2014 Sundridge Pay Grid. **Carried**

R2014-83

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the Recommendation of the Sundridge and District Medical Centre Committee to accept the Detailed design services and Construction contract administration services proposal from AECOM as presented. **Carried**

R2014-84

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby supports the recommendation from the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association to commit a further \$3,200.00 to cover operating expenses from July to December 2014.

Carried

R2014-85

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)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual enter into a Closed Session of council at 6:55p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:03 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2014-86

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the Township of Strong agree to an extension of the Fire Agreement until March 31, 2014 with Joly Township.

Carried

R2014-87

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on March 25, 2014.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer