

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors John Newstead, Merlyn Snow, Kelly Elik and Jason Cottrell.

Staff Present: Linda Maurer, Clerk/Treasurer

R2014-88

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 25, 2014 agenda as presented and/or amended.

Amended to include: JBC Budget, Joly Fire Agreement, Fire Dept – tiered response ambulance.

Carried

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Guests in the Audience: None

Delegations: Brian Johnstone – Zoning By-law amendment application. Mr. Johnstone did not attend the meeting.

Discussion Issues:

Councillor Cottrell expressed concern with the Intersection of Albert Street and Hwy 124 that the snow bank was well into the lane of traffic. The Road Superintendent will be asked to remove some of this snow.

Resolutions:

R2014-89

Jay Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting as circulated.

Carried

R2014-90

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including March 25, 2014 in the amount of \$78,633.99 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2014-91

Kelly Elik – Jay Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed and accept the 2014 Employment Contract with 719406 Ontario Limited for Maintenance and Operation of Landfill Site # 2 in the amount of \$ 25,639.64 plus HST;

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

Carried

R2014-92

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed and accept the amendment to By-law 2013-026 being a by-law to set remuneration for 2014 item 4 as follows:

4. The Deputy Clerk shall be paid for attending Council meetings at a rate of \$ 75.00 per meeting.
Carried

R2014-93

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the application as presented by Brian Johnstone for a Zoning By-law Amendment;

And that Council have reviewed the Memorandum from Municipal Planning Services providing recommendations and directions for the Zoning By-law Amendment.

And That Council supports the recommendation that a Temporary Use by-law be enacted to establish a time frame that the existing use may continue to operate from the applicants dwelling;

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby received the report presented by Municipal Planning Services and shall proceed with the Zoning By-law Amendment process.

Carried

R2014-94

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong received a pre-consultation application from Kathryn MacLean, Moyra Graham and Alan Beaupre to sever an existing lot. The lot to be severed is in between the property currently owned by the applicants. This severance will result in each property owner obtaining ownership of half of the existing lot.

Council support the application in principal provided the usual conditions are met.

Carried

R2014-95

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved the council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the tender proposal from Metroland Media for 2014 to supply yearly subscriptions to the Almaguin News and provide Notices of meetings, and set guaranteed advertising rates.
Carried

R2014-96

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the results of the survey completed by the Lake Bernard Property Owners Association in 2008;

And Whereas the survey was sent to 106 persons and 9 businesses and only 59 persons responded;

And That Council feels this survey was incomplete due to the fact there are 411 property owners around the lake. A return of 59 surveys do not accurately reflect the opinions of property owners and is in fact only a 14% return.

Whereas there is an increase in erosion occurring on the North West shores of Lake Bernard due to the slight change in water levels that occurred as a result of the survey document supporting higher lake levels.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong request MNR re-consider the lake levels in Lake Bernard for the 2014 season to half-way between the 2008 and 2013 lake levels on a trial basis.

And that this change be implemented in the spring of 2014 and continue to the late fall of 2014.

Carried

R2014-97

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the draft letter of intent to David Forde Re a Greater Metro Hockey Team at the SSJ Arena.

And that council supports sending this letter to Mr. Forde.

Carried

R2014-98

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Contract Employee Policy;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong approve this policy to be included in the overall Employee Policies for the Municipality.

Carried

R2014-99

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Official Plan as prepared by MHBC;

And Whereas the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2014-008 being a by-law to adopt a New Official Plan for the Township of Strong in accordance with Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the New Official Plan as presented and hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2014-100

John Newstead – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the tenders submitted for the purchase of a pick up truck;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the tender received from Bray Motors in the amount of \$31,122.97 for the supply of a 2014 2500 Series HD Regular Cab Long Box Pick Up Truck.

Carried

R2014-101

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2014 Joint Building Committee Budget in the amount of \$ 213,700.00

And that Council approves the budget as presented.

Carried

R2014-102

John Newstead – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong authorize the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to sign the Fire Service Agreement between the Village of Sundridge, Township of Strong and the Township of Joly effective January 1st , 2014 for a three year term.

Carried

2014-103

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong authorize the Mayor and to sign the Tiered Response Agreement between Parry Sound District EMS (hereinafter referred to as “The Ambulance Service”) and Sundridge Strong Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter referred to as “the Fire Department”) regarding the parties’ mutual understanding and their intention in tiered response for medical emergencies dated this 25th day of March 2014.

Carried

R2014-104

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong have Employee Policy C-5.1.2 Employment Conflict of Interest “Moonlighting Policy” as presented;

And that Council approves this policy for inclusion into the Township of Strong Employee Policy.

Carried

R2014-105

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn at 7:20 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on April 8, 2014.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maure