

**The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:23 p.m..**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Kelly Elik, Merlyn Snow & Jason Cottrell. Councillor John Newstead absent with notice.

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

**R2014-106**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the April 8, 2014 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

The agenda was amended to include: request to sign Contract 2014-01, Medical Centre and Recreation Committee budgets. It was determined that Closed Session was not required.

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

**Guests in Audience:** None

**Delegations:**

**Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent:** Mr. Minor discussed his attached report for March. Council permitted Mr. Minor to look into pricing for a hydraulic dump box for the pickup truck. Work orders – the Road Superintendent will inspect the tree at the bridge on Robins Road and the area of South Lake Bernard Road. Chad Barclay will begin May 12, weather permitting.

**Bill May – Lake Levels:** Following up from meeting with the MNR on what has transpired since. The Mayor provided Mr. May with a copy of a letter was submitted to the MNR. The Mayor advised that they will monitor levels with the MNR this year and may survey property owners the following year if there are concerns at the end of the season.

**Discussion:**

Cheer Lake Road correspondence: many letters submitted to the Clerk/Treasurer regarding an application for severance adjacent to Cheer Lake. Residents were directed to Central Almaguin Planning Board to submit concerns.

Pre-budget Meeting Date: Monday May 12, 2014 at 5:30pm

Draft Zoning By-Law Review: Council review the documents and submit comments/concerns to Linda Maurer before her meeting with planner Jim Dymant.

JBC Administration: council stands by their original letter on raising the administration fee because the service is revenue neutral for the other 7 municipalities. The letter from Lawrie Vincer will be addressed at the next regular JBC meeting.

**Resolutions:**

**R2014-107**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting as circulated. The Minutes were amended as follows:

Resolution 2014-104 Conflict of Interest-Moonlighting Policy has been amended to Section D.3.5.1 **Carried**

**R2014-108**

**Merlyn Snow - Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Women's Own Resource Centre for 2014

**Carried**

**R2014-109**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong support the recommendation from the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association to submit the Year 1 Youth Intern Project funding application to NOHFC with the understanding that CAEDA will contribute 10% of the associated costs which will be included in their operating budget.

**Carried**

**R2014-110**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby Proclaim June as Seniors' Month to recognize the important achievements made by seniors and the important role seniors play in our communities.

**Carried**

**R2014-111**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the 2014 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Budget in the amount of \$ 84,647.12 as presented.

**Carried**

**R2014-112**

**Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a 2% wage increase for Library Staff as per the Village of Sundridge's pay grid.

**Carried**

**R2014-113**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2014-009 being a By-law to Establish a Fire Department;

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**

**R2014-114**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong support the recommendation of the Landfill Site Committee that Landfill Staff Mark Basso shall become a permanent full time employee of the Township of Strong.

**Carried**

**R2014-115**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong recommend to the Arena Board that we do not support the application to NOHFC with our clerk's name on it. Council has no facts backing the number of full time, part time and seasonal employees for 52 or 48 weeks of the year and that \$300,000 annually will be an actual economic impact amount.

**Carried**

**R2014-116**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2014 Rec Committee budget as presented;

And That the Council for the Township of Strong support the budget in the amount of \$25,810.00 with Strong's share being \$ 9,105.00.

**Carried**

**R2014-117**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2014 Medical Centre Committee budget as presented;

And That the Council for the Township of Strong support the budget in the amount of \$207,011.00 with Strong's share being \$ 11,831.84.

**Carried**

**R2014-118**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve our annual donation to the Happy Gang 705 in the amount of \$ 938.00 for 2014.

**Carried**

**R2014-119**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the recommendations of David Bonsall, P.Eng, of DM Wills Associates Limited pertaining to Contract 2014-01 Muskoka Road Bridge Replacement Project # 13-9164;

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the contract and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

**R2014-120**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve sending 2 representatives to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association on April 25, 2014 at the Township of Nipissing.

**Carried**

**R2014-121**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on March 11, 2014.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**