

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Jason Cottrell (arrived at 5:50pm), Kelly Elik, John Newstead (left at 7:15pm), Merlyn Snow

R2014-131

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the May 13, 2014 agenda as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

Delegations:

Mike Basso – Landfill Supervisor: Mike Basso attended to be honoured for 25 years of service to the Township of Strong. He was presented with a token of appreciation from Council for his service.

Kevin Minor - Road Superintendent: Kevin Minor reviewed his submitted Roads Report. He will be placing tenders out this week for surface pulverization and granular “A”.

Judy Kleinhuis – Grant Thornton, LLP: Reviewed the Township Draft Financial Statement.

Guests included: Landfill staff: Pete Schneider Adams, Mark Basso

Discussion Items:

Zoning By-Law review update – Public Meeting date has been set for June 21, 2014 at 10 am in Council Chambers.

Volunteers needed for Hazmat Day on May 23, 2014 from 10am-2pm.

Administration Office air quality results –an air quality test was done at the administration office and it was found that the air was dry and a humidifier was recommended. The Clerk is obtaining prices on this.

Moonlighting Policy clarification – There was some discussion as to the wording in the policy. Council felt that the wording was correct and that the chain of command as indicated on the policy was accurate. No changes were made to the existing policy.

Resolutions:

R2014-132

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read the Resolution circulated by the SSJ Arena & Hall Committee advising that a copy of the lease agreement between the municipalities and the Greater Metro Hockey League has been presented to Mr. Doug Christie of Russell Christie LLP for his comments and revisions;

And that this resolution requests that once the draft lease is prepared it will be presented to the municipalities and the Greater Metro Hockey League for approval and signatures;

And that in this resolution it is noted that “it is understood and agreed that once approval is received from the municipalities, this contract if signed by a majority of parties becomes binding”;

Whereas the Council for the Township of Strong does not support this resolution for the following reasons:

1. The March 4th, 2014 Tri Council meeting resolution states “Therefore be it resolved that the Tri-Council Committee prepare a letter of intent from each council to bring a Greater Metro Hockey League team to Sundridge for the 2014-15 hockey season. It was the understanding of the Council for the Township of Strong that the “letter of intent” was for negotiating purposes only and was not binding.
2. At this point in time there is insufficient information available to councils as to the extent of the financial commitment required from the Municipalities as an accurate budget is not available at this.
3. The SSJ Arena & Hall Committee did not have the authority to enter into a binding agreement on behalf of the municipalities as per Strong Resolution R2013-304 , Sundridge Resolution Dated October 22, 2013, Joly Township Resolution November 12, 2013 -03. Copies of these resolutions are attached.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong does not support the resolution as circulated.

Carried

Recorded Vote:	For	Against
Chris Ellis	.....X.....	.....
Jason Cottrell	.....X.....	.....
Kelly Elik	.....	.....X...
John Newstead	.....X.....	.....
Merlyn Snow	.....	.....X...

R2014-133

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong have read Resolution 36 of the May 7, 2014 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena and Hall Committee wherein the resolution states that “... The team was approved to come to the SSJ Arena Commencing in the 2014-15 Hockey Season in a 10-4 vote at a Tri-Council Meeting...”

The Council for the Township of Strong opposes this resolution for the following reasons:

1. The resolution quoted in the above meeting states that ““Therefore be it resolved that the Tri-Council Committee prepare a letter of intent from each council to bring a Greater Metro Hockey League team to Sundridge for the 2014-15 hockey season”. It was the understanding of the Council for the Township of Strong that the “letter of intent” was for negotiating purposes only and was not binding.
2. Resolutions passed by the participating Municipalities clearly does not give the SSJ Arena & Hall Committee the authority to bind the municipalities in a lease. Strong Resolution R2013-304 , Sundridge Resolution Dated October 22, 2013, Joly Township Resolution November 12, 2013 -03. Copies of these resolutions are attached.

3. Council does not feel that the SSJ Arena & Hall Committee can provide a guarantee that the ice will be ready on September 1, 2014 when to date an accurate budget has not been prepared, tender packages have not been prepared and approval from the participating municipalities has not been received.

Therefore be resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong does not support this resolution as presented. **Carried**

Recorded Vote:	For	Against
Chris Ellis	.....X.....	.....
Jason Cottrell	.....X.....	.....
Kelly Elik	.....	.....X...
John Newstead	.....X.....	.....
Merlyn Snow	.....	.....X...

R2014-134

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have read Resolution 35 of the May 7, 2014 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena and Hall Committee requesting the Township of Strong as the administering municipality submit an application to NOHFC’s Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program to support the project arena facility upgrades in the amount of \$ 120,000.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Clerk Treasurer to sign this application on behalf of the Corporation. **Defeated**

Recorded Vote:	For	Against
Chris Ellis	.....	.....X...
Jason Cottrell	.....	.....X...
Kelly Elik	.....X...	.....
John Newstead	.....	.....X...
Merlyn Snow	.....X...	.....

R2014-135

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2014 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena & Hall Budget as follows:

2014 Regular Budget \$ 384,588 with Strong’s share being \$ 109175.20

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the budget as presented. **Carried**

R2014-136

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong as per the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, sections 239 -2 (c) and (e) Council enters a Closed Session Meeting of Council. **Carried**

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:05 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion re: potential sale/disposition of land, potential litigation.

R2014-137

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the April 22, 2014 Meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2014-138

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong give a donation in the amount of \$100.00 for the 2014 Graduation Ceremonies.

Carried

R2014-139

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed Resolution 2014-14 from the Joint Building committee recommending the member municipalities that \$ 30,000.00 be transferred from the investment account to purchase a vehicle.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support this resolution as presented. **Carried**

R2014-140

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the 2014 High Rock Lookout Park Budget for 2014 in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 with Strong Township's share being \$2,000.00 **Carried**

R2014-141

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support the recommendation of the Roads Committee to move Randy McLaren to Step 3 of the Township of Strong Pay Equity Grid effective his anniversary date. **Carried**

R2014-142

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2014-011 being a by-law to enter into an Agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the provision of administering the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues.

And that 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**

R2014-143

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong has read and accepts the 2013 Datacall Results-Annual Monitoring Report for the Township of Strong Landfill Site.

Carried

R2014-144

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Whereas municipalities have been legislated to provide police services;

And Whereas municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing service;

And Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities;

And Whereas there are a number of small municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model:

Now therefore be it resolved that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less.

Carried

R2014-145

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Whereas the Province of Ontario is responsible for levying land tax in the unincorporated portions of Northern Ontario;

And Whereas the current tax rate is not sufficient to offset costs such as policing, social services or other emergency services;

And Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the property owners in the unincorporated areas be required to pay their fair share for the noted services. **Carried**

R2014-146

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong accept the tenders as presented:

Munisoft – Additional User License –computer software	\$, 2500.00
PCI Furniture – Office workstations (including HST)	\$ 1,195.54
MTY Electric Ltd. Electrical work for work station (including HST)	\$ 2,116.96

Carried

R2014-147

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Township of Strong 2013 Draft Financial received from Judy Kleinhuis CPA. CA, Principal, Grant Thornton LLP and adopt the reports as presented. **Carried**

R2014-148

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong authorize the Mayor Christine Ellis to negotiate the purchase of property up to \$5,000.00 to Near North District School Board and the School Board to pay all associated real estate fees and land transfer taxes. **Carried**

R2014-149

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2013 Draft financial statement for The Sundridge & District Medical Centre prepared by Grant Thornton, LLP. **Carried**

R2014-150

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2013 Draft financial statement for The Sundridge Strong Fire Department prepared by Grant Thornton, LLP. **Carried**

R2014-151

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2013 Draft financial statement for The Sundridge Trust Funds –High Rock prepared by Grant Thornton, LLP. **Carried**

R2014-152

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the resolution passed by the Sundridge & District Medical Centre committee to “recommend to the three municipalities that administration be instructed to suspend temporarily for cash flow purposes the loan repayable to the municipalities”

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this resolution. **Carried**

R2014-153

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2013 Draft financial statement for The Sundridge Strong Union Public Library prepared by Grant Thornton, LLP. **Carried**

R2014-154

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on May 27, 2014.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer