

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON
AUGUST 12, 2014
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC MEETING 6:30 P.M.**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Christine Ellis
Councillors Merlyn Snow, John Newstead, and Jason Cottrell (arrived at 5:45p.m.). Councillor Kelly Elik absent with notice.

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

R2014-218

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the August 12, 2014 agenda as presented and/or amended.

*Amended to include Closed Session 239(2)(b)&(c) and Discussion – EMS Meeting **Carried**

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None

Guests in the Audience: J.E. Arruda, Maria Arruda

Delegations:

Josie Dingman - Stirling Creek Rd: Ms. Dingman advised that there is a lack of signage for Stirling Falls Road (formerly North Horn Lake Road) that has led to concerns with speed for those heading in the wrong direction. Requesting signage to clarify directions to Rodeo Road and North Horn Lake Road. Council recommended Ms. Dingman call OPP to report speeding and will have the Road Superintendent investigate signage options.

Shawn Flindall, OneLife Wealth Management: Mr. Flindall provided an update on Employee Benefit Renewal with Great West Life. A resolution was passed.

Chris Clarke - Sewer Upgrades: Mr. Clarke attended the public meeting on August 7th, discussed the service extended to Strong residents with Council regarding the local improvement charge.

Kevin Minor, Road Superintendent: Mr. Minor discussed his submitted report. He requested Council approval to extend double surface treatment to the 1 km section of Albert St. North that is unpaved beyond the end point. A resolution was passed. He advised that the raft was removed from South Lake Bernard beach due to damage, owners of Lake Bernard Park are interested in purchasing the boat docks and raft. Council instructed the Clerk to draft a letter.

Discussion:

Budget Review: Council reviewed current budget report, to date.

Parks Contract: resolution passed

Property Standards Committee Decision: Mayor directed to send a letter to Mr. Rawn.

September Council Meeting Reminder: Second September meeting will be moved to Tuesday September 30th due to staff attending the Planning Conference Sept. 23-24.

EMS Meeting: meeting will be held August 26th at 10am at Dunchurch Community Centre to discuss changes to services in the area. The mayor is attending.

Website Update: Council viewed the draft website.

South Lake Bernard Beach Boat Launch: The Clerk will send a letter of response to Mr. Gilpin.

Resolutions:

R2014-219

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong hereby accepts the 2014-2015 Employee Benefit Proposal as presented by One Life Wealth Management – Great West Life at an increase of 5.9%. **Carried**

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R2014-220

Jason Cottrell - Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Proposal presented by Bruell Contracting to proceed with surface treatment 1 km further on Albert St. in the amount of \$38,631.25 plus HST.

Carried

R2014-221

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong enter into a Public Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a Minor Variance, Zoning By-Law and Landfill Fee By-Law.

Carried

R2014-222

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong exit from a Public Meeting and enter into a Committee of Adjustment meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Carried

R2014-223

Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby resume the regular meeting of Council at 6:44 p.m.

Carried

R2014-224

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting as circulated.

Carried

R2014-225

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the decision of the Committee of Adjustment as presented regarding Minor Variance File A33-14 – Steven & Shelley McGirr, Con. 5, Lot 23, 64 Flanagan Trail.

Carried

R2014-226

John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong have read and adopt By-Law 2014-017 being a by-law to enact a Zoning By-Law;

And that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2014-227

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have read and adopt By-Law 2014-018 being a by-law to prescribe a Tariff of Fees for Landfill #1 Located at Con 10 Pt. Lot 31;

And that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

R2014-228

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong approve a sponsorship donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in the amount of \$ 250.00 for 2014 Relay for Life.

Carried

R2014-229

John Newstead – Jason Cottrell

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed amendment to the Township of Strong Employee Policy B.2.1.A Public Works & Road Staff Benefits;

And that Council approves the amendment to this policy as presented. **Carried**

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R2014-230

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby extends the Part-Time Contract from Mike Nagy in the amount of \$ 18.00 per hour for Parks Maintenance September 1 - October 12, 2014. **Carried**

R2014-231

Get wording for arena resolution

Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong does not support hiring a full time year round Arena employee at this time.

And that Council recommends a Part Time Seasonal winter ice time employee to be reviewed after a one year period. **Carried**

R2014-232

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that as per the Municipal Act, S.0 c. 25, Section 239 the Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Closed Session of Council, subsection 2 (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and subsection 2 (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, at 7:55 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:00 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion

R2014-233

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on August 26, 2014.

Carried

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer