

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON  
July 8, 2014  
IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Christine Ellis

Councillors Merlyn Snow, John Newstead, Kelly Elik, Jason Cottrell (arrived at 5:55 p.m.)

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

**R2014-195**

**Merlyn Snow – John Newstead**

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

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

**Guests in the Audience:** None

**Delegations:**

Kevin Minor – Road Superintendent: discussed submitted report. Mr. Minor advised that the heavy rain has caused some problems, which the department is busy repairing.

**Discussion:**

Parking Concern – S. Lk Bernard Beach area: Road Superintendent to purchase additional No Parking signage.

Zoning By-Law – Comments/presentation review: the Clerk has received further amendments, Council reviewed the presentation.

Invitation to Legion Candle Lighting Ceremony: July 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Invitation to Strong Agricultural Society Ribbon Cutting: July 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Council reviewed the 2014 Energy Management Plan as presented. Council discussed some possible energy saving ideas for the municipal buildings.

**Resolutions:**

**R2014-196**

**John Newstead – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the June 24, 2014, and June 21, 2014 meeting as circulated.

Amend Minutes of June 21, 2014 to include that Councillor John Newstead was in fact in attendance at the meeting. **Carried**

**R2014-197**

**Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Sundridge Strong Joly Energy Management Plan as presented. **Carried**

**R2014-198**

**John Newstead – Merlyn Snow**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve our annual donation to the Near North Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$ 100.00 for 2014. **Carried**

**R2014-199**

**John Newstead – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong approve the Sign Permit Application as presented by Bill Agroff to locate a sign at 1861 Machar/Strong Boundary Road provided all requirements of the by-law are met. **Carried**

**R2014-200**

**Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow**

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The Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09 report as presented relating to the 2014 Municipal Budget.

**Carried**

**R2014-201**

**Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell**

The Council for the Township of Strong have read and adopt By-Law 2014-016 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of Council up to and including June 30, 2014;

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

**R2014-202**

**Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell**

Whereas the council of the Town of Parry Sound passed resolution # 2014-136:

1. to discontinue volunteer service delivery to Argyle
2. To discontinue the South River night shift,
3. To implement a six hour a night call-back for South River,
4. To implement a day shift in Argyle
5. To hire an additional supervisor to create a 12/7 supervisor coverage on the east side of the district
6. That the supervisor shift become an afternoon/evening shift; and

WHEREAS the proposed supervisory coverage would not provide any transport services for patients (first response only); and

WHEREAS the supervisory coverage between South River and Argyle creates a gap in coverage for six hours each night; and

WHEREAS it is recognized the window of survivability for cardiac arrest patients is less than eight (8) minutes from the time of the arrest to the arrival of the paramedics; and

WHEREAS a call-Back crew cannot meet that critical window of opportunity; and

WHEREAS the Sundridge Strong Volunteer Fire Department participates in tiered-response the proposed changes to the EMS delivery model will greatly increase the demands of our local fire department both financially and department personnel; and

WHEREAS Argyle is part of an unorganized municipality; and

WHEREAS the tax payers in the Township of Strong will pay \$ 72,610.00 in 2014 for 24 hour ambulance service coverage; and

WHEREAS unorganized townships will not be contributing tax dollars at the same local level (without provincial government subsidy);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the Township of Strong respectfully requests the Parry Sound Resolution # 2014-136 be rescinded and the previous EMS delivery model for the South River, Sundridge, Strong, Machar and Joly area be maintained; and

FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the municipalities affected by this new service deployment model.

**Carried**

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**R2014-203**

**John Newstead – Jason Cottrell**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong agree that Steven McGirr may apply for a Minor Variance and the Clerk is hereby authorized to begin the process once the application fee is received. **Carried**

**R2014-204**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed Payment Certificate 1 – June 2014 as presented by DM Wills Limited regarding the first payment to MTM Contracting Inc;

And that Council hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$ 237,906.81 to MTM Contracting Inc. **Carried**

**R2014-205**

**Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik**

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on July 22, 2014. **Carried**

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**Mayor, Christine Ellis**

**Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer**