

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON JULY 14, 2020
AT 5:30 P.M.**

NOTICE: The Administration Office remains closed to the public until August 4, 2020 due to COVID-19 and pursuant to Federal & Provincial recommendation we would ask public to remain home. Detailed meeting notes will be provided in draft on the website after the meeting.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kelly Elik (in person), Councillors Jody Baillie (in person), Jason Cottrell (teleconference – connected at 5:56PM), Jeff McLaren (in person – arrived at 5:40PM) and Marianne Stickland (teleconference).

Absent: None

Staff Present: Clerk Administrator Caitlin Haggart (in person), By-law Enforcement Officer Chris Fraser (in person - 5:30PM to 5:45PM)

Guests:

1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:30 PM by Mayor Elik

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2020-164

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the July 14, 2020 meeting agenda as amended.

Move item 8.1 to after 5.0 to hear from staff.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Kelly Elik</i>	X	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	X	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>		
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>		
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	X	

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2020-165

Moved by: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the June 23, 2020 regular meeting, as circulated.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
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<i>Jody Baillie</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	<i>X</i>

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes
None

5.0 Delegation

Item Moved per R2020-164

8.0a Discussion Items

8.1 Northridge Inn – Noise By-law exemption request for 2020

Chris Fraser advised that initial warning and fine was issued during patrol early in the season in 2019, with no further incidents or any complaints submitted to the office. Council discussed gathering sizes expected for Phase 3 with respects to indoor and outdoor gathering sizes, specifically that the numbers cannot be combined to boost the gathering size.

R2020-165

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby provide an exemption to the Noise By-Law per section 4.1, 4.2 to the Northridge Inn from July 14, 2020 to September 30, 2020; and

That the exemption shall be until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturdays only; and

That the By-Law Enforcement Officer be directed to conduct enforcement specifically in that area periodically during the exemption period; and

This exemption may be reviewed from time to time throughout the season.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Kelly Elik</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>		
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>		
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	<i>X</i>	

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy – Update on Emergency Declaration, ICON Program and Mandatory Masks

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6.2 AMO Policy – Update on Provincial Legislation

Received

**6.3 Ted Griffith, Demand the Right Coalition of Ontario Municipalities –
Municipal Right to Approve New Landfills**

Received

6.4 AMO – Call to Action Request re: Blue Box Producer Responsibility

The Clerk Administrator clarified that AMO, despite sending a revised resolution, still required a determined end date for the program.

R2020-166

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend motion R2020-160 passed at the regular meeting on June 23, 2020 to include the following:

AND WHEREAS the Strong Recycling Centre has the necessary infrastructure and contracts to continue providing an efficient program; and
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Strong would consider in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Strong would like to transition their Blue Box program, if required, to full producer responsibility January 1, 2023;

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Kelly Elik</i>	X	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	X	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	X	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	X	
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	X	

Amended Motion

R2020-160

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern;
WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

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WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Strong is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Strong is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

AND WHEREAS the Strong Recycling Centre has the necessary infrastructure and contracts to continue providing an efficient program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Strong strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Strong would consider in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Strong would like to transition their Blue Box program, if required, to full producer responsibility January 1, 2023;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Strong forward this resolution to the Honorable Jeff Yurek Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Kelly Elik</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	<i>X</i>	

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Marianne Stickland ***X***

**6.5 Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – COVID-19
Economic Recovery Act, 2020**

Received

6.6 CN Rail – News Release: CN Investing \$310 Million in Ontario

Received

**6.7 Susan Church, Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation – Almaguin
North Parry Sound Broadband Program Update**

Received

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – June 18

7.1.1 2020 Draft Budget

Council requested information from the Village of Sundridge on the 17% increase in janitorial services. Councillor Stickland advised that capital projects include the ramp, flooring and drainage.

R2020-168

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge & District Medical Centre Budget for 2020 in the amount of \$161,660.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$10,408.45; and

That the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented

Deferred

7.2 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board – June 18

Received

7.3 Highrock Lookout Park Committee – June 22

7.3.1 2020 Draft Budget

Council requested clarification on janitorial services for High Rock. Councillor Stickland advised that a well for drinking water is being considered.

R2020-169

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the High Rock Lookout Park Budget for 2020 in the amount of \$8,100.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$4000.00; and

That the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented

Deferred

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7.4 POA Advisory Group Q1 Update

Received

8.0b Discussion Items

8.1 Item moved to after Item 5.0 per R2020-164

8.2 Operations Update re: COVID-19

The Clerk Administrator shared the Framework for Phase 3 with Council and advised that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is mandating face masks indoors effective July 24th. Ms. Haggart also advised that the SSJ Arena Committee are expected to meet in August to discuss operations and re-opening plan for the Arena with the Manager.

R2020-170

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby open the playground equipment at South Lake Bernard Beach effective July 17, 2020 at 12:01am pursuant to the Province of Ontario's Phase 3 re-opening framework; and

The Reuse Centre at Landfill #1 with COVID Protocols effective July 17, 2020 at 12:01am

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Kelly Elik</i>	X	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	X	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	X	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	X	
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	X	

8.3 By-Law Enforcement Consideration

The Clerk Administrator and Public Works Superintendent are proposing the transfer of the Joint Building Committee vehicle to the Township for use by the by-law enforcement officer.

R2020-171

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Township of Strong make an offer of \$5000.00 to the Joint Building Committee for the purchase of the 2014 Jeep Patriot for use by the By-law Enforcement Officer while performing his duties; and That the Village of South River and Township of Joly be contacted for a cost sharing opportunity.

Carried

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<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	<i>X</i>

8.4 Municipal Website Update

The Clerk Administrator advised that staff have been busy creating content for the new municipal website. The tentative Go-Live for the website is at the end of July with public access in early August.

8.5 Collection of Outstanding Taxes

R2020-172

Moved By: Jason Cottrell Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and reviewed the proposal from Dixon Commercial Investigators Inc. for collection of default taxes prior to the tax registration process; and Require no action from staff at this time.

Carried

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<i>Kelly Elik</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	<i>X</i>	

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Brian Dumas, CBO – June 2020 Permit Report

Received

9.2 Dave Gray, Director of Economic Development – Regional Recovery Task Force

Council is unable to commit any members to the Task Force at this time.

10.0 Council Member Reports

Councillor Stickland advised that the Phragmites Working Group is scheduling a removal at High Rock Road dam tentatively for July 31. Council requested that information on the grader, Hill Valley Road culvert, Landfill RFP and beaches be brought forward with the Public Works Superintendent report for the next regular meeting.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

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12.0 By-Laws

None

13.0 Closed Session

R2020-173

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong enter into a Closed Session of Council as per the Municipal Act, C. 25, S.O. 2001 as amended, Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; CUPE Negotiation Update, Administration Performance Review; and Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; Survey Hearing Act Appeal; at 7:40 p.m.

Carried

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<i>Kelly Elik</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	<i>X</i>	

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:55 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

14.0 Adjournment

R2020-174

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on July 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Kelly Elik</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	<i>X</i>	