

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
AT 5:30 P.M.
ON JULY 28, 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 6:01PM), Jeff McLaren (in person, arrived at 5:37PM with notice) and Marianne Stickland (teleconference).

Absent: None

Staff Present: Clerk Administrator Caitlin Haggart (in person), Public Works Superintendent (in person – 5:30PM to 5:43PM and 6:45PM to 8:27PM), Treasurer Dan Truchon (in person – 5:30PM to 7:56PM)

Guests:

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda
R2020-175

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the July 28, 2020 meeting agenda as amended.

Add items: 13.3 Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees: Medical Centre janitorial wages; 8.3 Pre-Consultation for Consent: 573 Muskoka Road; 8.4 Pre-Consultation for Minor Variance: 23 Golf Lane.

Move item 13.0 and 9.0 to after item 5.0 to discuss with 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 R2020-176

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Moved by: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the July 14, 2020 regular meeting, as circulated.

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	

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

4.2.1 By-law Enforcement Matter – Motion to Amend

The Clerk Administrator advised that the offer was not accepted. Council would like to acknowledge that the need for a vehicle will be reviewed for approval by the current Council at the end of life.

R2020-177

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend motion R2020-171 passed at the regular meeting on July 14, 2020 to include the following:

make an offer of \$6000.00 to the Joint Building Committee for the purchase of the 2014 Jeep Patriot

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>		X
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	X	

Amended Motion

R2020-171

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Township of Strong make an offer of \$6000.00 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.

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<i>Kelly Elik</i>	X	

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<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>

5.0 Delegation

Item Moved per R2020-175

13.0 Closed Session

R2020-178

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

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, Wage Review; and Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; Legal Matter; and Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees: Medical Centre janitorial wages; at 5:43 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>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 6:44 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion. Note – Councillor Cottrell joined the meeting at 6:01PM. Public Works Superintendent left the meeting from 5:43PM to 6:44PM.

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent

9.1.1 Public Works Report

Mr. Young reviewed the submitted report. Council wished to see 4-5 designated areas for Community Safety Zones, so staff will prepare a draft for review.

R2020-179

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed Community Safety Zones; and

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Hereby direct staff to prepare a By-law to establish a Community Safety Zones.

Carried

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	<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	

9.1.2 2021 RPF for Grinding Shingles/Wood at Landfill #1

Council requested information from the Landfill engineer for consideration at the next regular meeting.

9.1.3 2021 Beach and Parking Considerations

R2020-180

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed beaches and parking considerations; and

Hereby approve staff to prepare a proposal for Sunny Ridge Road Access and South Lake Bernard Beach for consideration for the 2021 Budget

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	

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Media Release: Harmful BGA in Lake Bernard

Received. Staff have posted the required signage at each beach location and sent a CodeRED notification.

6.2 Town of Parry Sound – Support to Establish Municipal Financial Assistance Program

R2020-181

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) issued a report titled "Protecting Vital Municipal Services" on April 23, 2020 which

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included recommendations to the federal government to provide financial assistance for municipalities across the country;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) recognizes that a collaborative federal-provincial effort is required to provide much needed financial assistance to municipalities and their May 14, 2020 letter (attached) to the Prime Minister and the Premier urges Canada and Ontario to extend their successful collaboration through financial support for municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Strong joins the Town of Bracebridge in supporting the FCM recommendation and requests that both the Federal and Provincial Governments establish a municipal financial assistance program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township of Strong supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in lobbying the Provincial Government for financial assistance to support Municipalities in offsetting the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Steve Clark, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Member of Parliament (MP) and local Member of the Ontario Legislature (MPP), FCM, AMO and municipalities in the Districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against
Kelly Elik	X	
Jody Baillie	X	
Jason Cottrell	X	
Jeff McLaren	X	
Marianne Stickland	X	

**6.3 City of Oshawa – Support re: COVID-19 Funding
R2020-182**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Whereas on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization and the Canadian Government declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and, Whereas on March 12, Ontario ordered schools closed and by March 17, began a more extensive shut down; and,

Whereas the pandemic has led to the closure of public spaces and the cancellation of events around the world throughout the country our province and right here within our own community, causing great stress on the arts sector; and,

Whereas local cultural organizations such as Strong Agricultural Society, Sunflower Festival Committee, the Sundridge Strong Recreation Committee have all been forced to cancel major events (i.e. Canada Day,

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Fall Fair, Sunflower Festival.), and local sporting events such as ball hockey, baseball and day camp; which historically contribute in large part to the fundraising and operational financing efforts of these sociocultural entities; and,

Whereas the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have committed they through the Canada Council for the Arts will continue to work with the Government of Canada, as well as provincial, territorial, and municipal partners, to ensure the strength of the sector; and,

Whereas at present, the Canada Council's for the arts priorities as are our collective governing priorities are to ensure the health and safety of people across Canada and around the world and to work towards the sustainability and recoverability of the arts sector; and,

Whereas a significant period has past without further indication as to what tools, funding measures, or financial support our local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting originations can readily access to help support their operating costs and programming,

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong join the City of Oshawa in supporting:

1. That the Federal, Provincial, and Regional Government help local municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting originations with clear and definitive relief funding programs directed to help sustain the afore mention groups through these trying times inflected on them by the affects of COVID-19; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, local Member of Parliament (MP) and local Member of the Ontario Legislature (MPP), Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

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	

6.4 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Bill 197 Guidance Materials for Electronic Meetings and Proxy Voting.

Council discussed both guidance materials and wish to proceed with an amendment to include Electronic Attendance.

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Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

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Be it resolved that Council has received and read the MMAH Guidance Materials for Electronic Meetings and Proxy Voting; and
Hereby directs staff to prepare an amendment to the Procedural By-Law to permit Electronic Attendance.

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	

6.5 FONOM – OPP Detachment Model

**6.5.1 Township of McDougall Support Resolution
R2020-184**

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong received correspondence dated May 14, 2020 from The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding issues discussed at their May 13th, 2020 virtual meeting;

AND WHEREAS the correspondence brought attention to AMO's Discussion Paper "New Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Boards: Building a Framework for Better Policing Governance";

AND WHEREAS AMO's discussion paper proposes that Northern Ontario District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB) replace the current OPP Detachment Boards;

AND WHEREAS the FONOM Board has identified several issues with DSSAB Boards replacing the current Detachment Boards, and recognizes that Community Policing is distinctive to each Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Strong is in agreement with the opinion of FONOM, that the current DSSAB's would not be the best solution for overseeing the Northern OPP Detachments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to FONOM and its member municipalities, AMO, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, and Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

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

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Jeff McLaren X
Marianne Stickland X

**6.6 Ministry of Transportation – Highway Traffic Act Amendments Related to Off Road Vehicles
R2020-185**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren **Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that Council has received and read the MTO correspondence dated July 10, 2020 regarding new types of off-road vehicles permitted on provincial roadways which extend to municipal roadways; and
Hereby directs staff to prepare an amendment to the Off Road Vehicle By-Law to Opt-In to permit all ORV Vehicles per Ontario Regulation 316/03 and Ontario Regulation 8/03.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against
Kelly Elik	X	
Jody Baillie	X	
Jason Cottrell	X	
Jeff McLaren	X	
Marianne Stickland	X	

**6.7 City of Sarnia – Support re: Long Term Care Home Improvements
R2020-186**

Moved By: Jody Baillie **Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Strong have received correspondence dated June 24, 2020 from the City of Sarnia regarding the deplorable conditions exposed by the pandemic in LTC homes in the province, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Strong hereby join the City of Sarnia in supporting that Premier Ford start implementing the following:

1. increasing hours for all part-time and casual labour
2. since the government provides funding for privately operated homes, they have an obligation to inspect these homes and see that they are being properly run, and that funds are being used for the benefit of the residents and not the huge profitability of the operators, and
3. to end the neglect and unacceptable conditions being experienced, each day, by our vulnerable seniors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario and the City of Sarnia

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>	

- 6.8 Susan Church, Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation – Update on Regional Broadband Project**
Staff will prepare a letter of support.

- 6.9 Zachary Wilson – Donation request re: South River Skateboard Park**
Council deferred the resolution and requested that staff confirm whether the Village of Sundridge has a skateboard park project pending.

R2020-

Moved By: Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and reviewed correspondence from Zack Wilson regarding the request for funds to the South River Skateboard Committee for the installation of a Skate Park in Dufferin Park, South River; and
That Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a donation of _____.

- 6.10 Antaris & Bernard La Rose – Letter re: Vaccine Choice Canada filed lawsuit with Ontario Superior Court**

Received

- 6.11 AMO President – Blue Box Program Transition Update**

Received

- 6.12 Village of Sundridge – Notice of Public Meeting for Zoning Amendment: 10356 Hwy 124**

Received

- 6.13 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Media Release: Mandatory Face Coverings**

Received

7.0 Report of Committees

- 7.1 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – June 18**

7.1.1 2020 Draft Budget

Deferred from the July 14, 2020 meeting pending additional information. Confidential report from the Village of Sundridge was reviewed in Closed Session Item 13.5.

R2020-168

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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

Defeated

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

7.2 Highrock Lookout Park Committee – June 22

7.2.1 2020 Draft Budget

Deferred from the July 14, 2020 meeting pending additional information. The Clerk Administrator advised that caretaker services are under contract.

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

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	

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Operations Update re: COVID-19

Council and staff wish to take a cautious approach to re-opening fully due to the uncertainty surrounding a second wave of COVID-19, and the majority of services offered by the Township have been successfully dealt with by phone, email or electronic meetings. Staff are recommending proceeding with opening for appointment only for limited services, in

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recognition of those who are unable to deal with their matters by phone, email or electronically.

R2020-187

Moved By: Jason Cottrell

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Municipal Administration Office re-open to the public by appointment only effective Tuesday, August 4, 2020 subject to Provincial and Health Unit required protocols; and

That Council Meetings re-open to the public effective August 11, 2020 subject to Provincial and Health Unit required protocols.

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	

8.2 Pre-Consultation for Consent – 55 Buckhaven Road

R2020-188

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the pre consultation application as presented to sever 1 hectare from Part Lot 19, Concession 9, known as 55 Buckhaven Road in the Township of Strong; And that Council supports this application as presented provided the usual conditions are met, as well as requiring a zoning amendment of both lots from Rural to Rural Residential to address the frontage as a condition of consent.

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 Pre-Consultation for Consent – 573 Muskoka Road

R2020-189

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the pre consultation application as presented to sever 1.3 hectares from Part Lot 11, Concession 5, known as 573 Muskoka Road in the Township of

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Strong, and the report from Municipal Planning Services dated July 24, 2020;

And that Council accept the recommendation of the planner that the application for consent be deferred pending receipt of the requisite MECP D-2 Assessment Study (Compatibility between Sewage Treatment and Sensitive Uses).

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	

**8.4 Pre-Consultation for Minor Variance – 23 Golf Lane
R2020-190**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

The Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the pre consultation application as presented for a Minor Variance at Part Lot 19, Concession 8, known as 23 Golf Lane, in the Township of Strong; And that Council supports this application in principle.

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	

9.0 Staff Reports

Item moved to after 5.0 per R2020-175

10.0 Council Member Reports

None

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

None

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13.0 Closed Session

Item moved to after 5.0 per R2020-175.

14.0 Adjournment

R2020-191

Moved by: Jason Cottrell

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on August 11, 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>	

Mayor, Kelly Elik

Clerk Administrator Caitlin Haggart