

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ON JANUARY 26, 2021  
AT 5:30 P.M.**

**NOTICE – Due to the Provincial Lockdown in the North Pay Parry Sound District Health Unit until January 24, 2021, no members of the public are permitted to attend Council meetings in person at this time. Zoom link is available on the website [www.strongtownship.com](http://www.strongtownship.com)**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Kelly Elik (in person), Councillors Jody Baillie (electronic), Jeff McLaren (in person), Jason Cottrell (electronic), Marianne Stickland (electronic)

**Guests:** Sherrie Berdusco, President of Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association (electronic – 5:30PM to 5:57PM)

**Staff Present:** Public Works Superintendent Tom Young (in person – 5:30PM to 8:05PM), By-law Enforcement Officer Chris Fraser (in person – 5:30PM to 8:37PM)

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

**2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared**

None

**3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**R2021-015**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the January 26, 2021 meeting agenda as circulated.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**4.1 R2021-016**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the January 12, 2021 regular meeting; as amended.

Recorded Votes on all resolutions added.

Amended for Councillor McLaren's concerns.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

	<i><b>For</b></i>	<i><b>Against</b></i>
<i><b>Kelly Elik</b></i>	<b>X</b>	

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

**4.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

Council inquired about an update on Old Ranch Road. The Clerk Administrator advised the required paperwork was submitted on January 25, after the deadline for the meeting.

Mayor Elik read an apology for the conduct at the last regular meeting and encouraged all Members to read the Procedural By-law, Code of Conduct and Staff/Council Relations Policy.

**5.0 Delegation**

**5.1 Sherrie Berduso, President LBPOA – LBPOA Initiatives**

Ms. Berdusco described the Roundtable on Lake Health with was created by LBPOA and includes representatives from the Association, North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, Near North Enviro-Education Centre, Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the Township of Strong and Village of Sundridge. The current focus of the group is on educating the residents on septic health, and are looking for consideration for the Township to include a letter from the Roundtable and Educational insert with the Interim Tax bill mail-out.

**6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence**

None

**7.0 Report of Committees**

**7.1 Lake Bernard Round Table on Lake Health – November 26, 2020**

Received

**7.2 SSJ Arena Committee – January 14**

Received. The Clerk Administrator advised that the Health Unit is currently looking for potential facilities in each community which would be suitable to hold COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics. The request has been forwarded to the SSJ Arena Community Secretary for inclusion on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

**7.3 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – January 18**

Mayor Elik provided an update on Regional Re-Branding.

**7.3.1 ACED & AHCC 2020 AGM Report, 2020 Partnerships**

Received

**7.3.2 2021 ACED Work Plan**

Received

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**7.4 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – January 19**

Received

**7.4.1 Approve Purchase of Land and Capital Works**

**R2021-017**

**Moved By: Jody Baillie    Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have received and read resolution #2021-005MC with respects to Purchase of Tangible Assets (land, residence) and renovation; and Hereby approve the recommendation for the Sundridge District Medical Centre Committee to purchase the vacant lands and proceed with two consent applications required, to be included in the 2021 Budget.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

*Conflict of Interest Declared and seat vacated: Jeff McLaren*

**R2021-018**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have received and read resolution #2021-005MC with respects to Purchase of Tangible Assets (land, residence) and renovation; and Hereby approve in principle the recommendation for the Sundridge District Medical Centre Committee to proceed with a renovation of the Medical Centre Facility with the understanding that the Village of Sundridge shall proceed with an Infrastructure Ontario Loan on behalf of the committee; and

That the share of repayment amount shall be the same amount of any other expense incurred by the Medical Centre: Strong's share 50%, Sundridge's share 40% and Joly's share 10%.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**7.5 Almaguin Recycling Initiative – January 20**

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Minutes not received to date. Councillor Baillie advised that the former secretary/treasurer has retired. The Township of Strong would like to thank Karen Hall for her years of service to the Almaguin Recycling Initiative.

**8.0 Discussion Items**

**8.1 2021 Landfill Rates – Township of Joly & Village of Sundridge  
R2021-019**

**Moved By: Jason Cottrell                      Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend the Waste Management Fees to the Village of Sundridge and Township of Joly by 2% for the year 2021.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**8.2 Operations Update: COVID-19**

The Clerk Administrator provided an update on the extension of the Provincial Declared Emergency, Health Unit closure of OFSC Trails in the district, vaccinations, and a Q and A opportunity for elected officials with Dr. Chirico, Medical Officer of Health, on January 28.

**R2021-020**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby reduce the Trailer Permit Fees by \$200 for the Rural Zone, and Shoreline Residential and Limited Service Zones for the year 2021, as outlined in Schedule A of Trailer Licensing Bylaw 2015-11.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**R2021-021**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby extend the due date for a Dog Tag License to June 30, 2021 for the calendar year only as set out in By-Law 2016-009 Section 2 b).

**Carried**

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

**8.2.1 Quote for Plexiglass – Council Chambers  
R2021-022**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the quotation from Accent Environments to purchase 6 plexi glass shields for Council Chambers at a cost of \$1,770.00 + HST.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**8.3 Interim Tax Bill Newsletter**

Received. Changes have been provided to the Clerk Administrator.

**8.3.1 Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association – proposed insert**

Council deferred consideration of the insert to the next regular meeting on February 9, 2021.

**9.0 Staff Reports**

**9.1 Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent – Roads Report**

**9.1.1 Letter from Doug Vardy, Freightliner re: Tandem Truck RFP  
Extension**

**R2021-023**

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

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to acquire pricing for two American style Viking one way plow with carbide cutting edges to be included in the 2021 Budget.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

	<i><b>For</b></i>	<i><b>Against</b></i>
<i><b>Kelly Elik</b></i>		<b>X</b>
<i><b>Jody Baillie</b></i>	<b>X</b>	

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

**R2021-024**

**Moved By: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to place one-way plow off of Truck #18 onto Truck #24 and use if fits; and

That staff use the two-way plow as delivered on Truck #24 if it does not fit.

**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>	

**9.2 Brian Dumas, CBO**

**9.2.1 November 2020 Permit Report**

Received

**9.2.2 December 2020 Permit Report**

Received

**9.2.3 2020 Annual Report**

Received

**10.0 Council Member Reports**

None

**11.0 Public Meeting/Notice**

None

**12.0 By-Laws**

**12.1 2021-001 Confirm Proceedings of Council Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2020**

**R2021- 025**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2021-001 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council from October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

And that Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

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**12.2 2021-002 Interest on Tax Arrears**

**R2021-026**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-002 being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for nonpayment of tax arrears;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**12.3 2021-003 Penalty on Current Taxes**

**R2021-027**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-003 being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for nonpayment of current taxes or any class or installment thereof;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**12.4 2021-004 Temporary Borrowing**

**R2021-028**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland                      Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-004 being a by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the financial year ending December 31, 2021.

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**12.5 2021-005 Interim Tax By-Law**

**R2021-029**

**Moved By: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-005 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Levy and the payment of Interim Taxes for 2021;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**12.6 2020-006 Limit Gross Weight of vehicles passing over Proudfoot**

**Bridge**

**R2021-030**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-006 being a by-law to limit the gross weight of any vehicle or any class thereof passing over a bridge under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Township of Strong;



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And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

**13.0 Closed Session**

**R2021-031**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

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, 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; Legal Matter; and 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Grievance; at 8:23 p.m.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:43 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion. The Clerk Administrator was given direction in Closed Session.***

**14.0 Adjournment**

**R2021-032**

**Moved by: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on February 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

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***Jeff McLaren***                      ***X***  
***Marianne Stickland***           ***X***

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**Mayor, Kelly Elik**

**Clerk Administrator Caitlin Haggart**