

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON MARCH 23, 2021
AT 5:30 P.M.**

NOTICE – Due to the Red Zone Requirements at the time of agenda preparation in the North Pay Parry Sound District Health Unit, no members of the public are permitted to attend Council meetings in person at this time. Zoom Link to attend the virtual meeting is available on the website at <https://calendar.strongtownship.com/meetings>.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kelly Elik (in person), Councillors Jody Baillie (in person), Jeff McLaren (in person), Jason Cottrell (electronic 5:40PM – 8:35PM), Marianne Stickland (electronic)

Staff Present: Dan Truchon - Treasurer (in person 5:30PM – 8:35PM), Tom Young – Public Works Superintendent (electronic 5:30PM – 8:12PM)

Guests (Electronic): Jim Yella – MI Petro (5:30PM – 6:20PM), Mark Bhuj (5:30PM – 6:20PM)

1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:33 PM by Mayor Elik

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2021-078

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 23, 2021 meeting agenda as amended.

Move Item 8.0 to after 5.0 to hear from staff.

Add item 8.5.2 AMCTO 2021 Virtual Leaders' Forum

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2021-079

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting; as circulated.

Carried

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

4.2.1 Barb Belrose – Santa Clause Parade Committee – 2021 Parade

Recorded Vote requested by Mayor Elik.

R2021-080

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the Santa Clause Parade 2021 Draft Budget, as provided by Barbara Belrose, Parade Chairperson; and

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That Council authorize a donation in the amount of \$2000.00.

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

5.0 Delegation

None

Per R2021-078, Item 8 Moved

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Asset Management Update

Mr. Truchon provided an update on the Asset Management Plan and his training.

R2021-081

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve Dan Truchon to complete course three Asset Management work during the work day of March 25th.

Carried

8.2 2021 Draft Capital Budget

Council reviewed and discussed the Public Works Capital Project listing.

R2021-082

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Preliminary 2021 Capital Budget as presented, and

That the Capital Items shall be included in the Final 2021 Township of Strong Budget; and

That Council for the Township of Strong approve the release of tender documents relating to the Capital Projects; and

That staff be directed to investigate an Infrastructure Ontario Loan for \$250,000.00.

Carried

8.2.1 Mark Bhuj, MI Petro – Presentation re: Fuel Management System

Jim Yelle, MI Petro, provided a presentation on the system. Council was not interested in further information at this time.

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Councillor Cottrell noted he provided fuel logs and pre-trip forms to staff 7 years prior. Mr. Young confirmed there is a fuel tracking form.

**8.3.1 Finance Co-op Proposal
R2021-083**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Finance Coordinator Co-op Position for 35 hours per week for a period of 16 weeks at the rate of \$ 16/hour.

Carried

8.3 2020 Council and Committee Remuneration

Councillor Cottrell requested a recorded vote.

R2021-084

Moved By: Jason Cottrell Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Whereas the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 C.25 as amended, Section 284(1) requires that the Treasurer of a municipality shall in each year on or before March 31 provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to each member of council in respect of his/her services as a member of the council or any other body, including a local board, to which the member holds office by virtue of being a member of council; each member of council in respect of his/her services as an officer or employee of the municipality or other body described in clause (a); and each person other than a member of council appointed by the municipality to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his/her services as a member of the body; and

That By-Law 2018-037 and identified the remuneration to be paid to members during this period as per S.O. 2001, c.25 Section 284 (2).

COUNCIL:	Honorarium	Benefits	Meeting Per Diems	Sundry Expenses	Mileage	Total
Mayor - Kelly Elik	15,348.00	935.78		275.00		16,558.78
Councillor - Jason Cottrell	12,198.00	714.73	40.00	300.00		13,252.73
Councillor - Jeff McLaren	13,452.00	784.79		-		14,236.79
Councillor - Marianne Stickland	13,452.00	800.51		300.00		14,552.51
Councillor - Jody Baillie	13,452.00	818.36	340.00	300.00		14,910.36
						\$73,511.1

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	# of meetings	Total
Recreation Committee - Shirley McGirr	3	150.00
Recreation Committee - Stephen Kissoon	3	150.00
Recreation Committee - Rachel Edwards	2	100.00
Recreation Committee - Nicole Therrien	2	100.00
		-
Library Board Committee - Betty McLaren	8	320.00
Library Board Committee - Cindy Van Til	8	320.00
Livestock - John MacLachlan	1	40.00
		\$1,180.00

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 Operations Update – COVID-19

The Clerk Administrator provided an update on the Yellow Zone provisions and Vaccine Clinic at the SSJ Arena.

8.5 Approve Training – Administration

8.5.1 2021 OMAA Spring Symposium

R2021-085

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the registration for one attendee for the 2021 OMAA Spring Symposium in the amount of \$299.00 + applicable taxes; and

That this be included in the 2021 Township Budget.

Carried

8.5.2 AMCTO 2021 Virtual Leaders' Forum

R2021-086

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the registration for one attendee for the AMCTO 2021 Virtual Leaders' Forum in the amount of \$372.90 + applicable taxes; and

That this be included in the 2021 Township Budget.

Carried

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6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy Update – Municipal Councillor Code of Conduct Consultations
Received

6.2 Stephen Glass, President of Board of Directors: Wendigo Lake – Project D.A.R.E. Call to Action R2021-087

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby read and received correspondence dated March 4, 2021 from Stephen Glass, President of Board of Directors: Wendigo Lake regarding Project D.A.R.E. Call to Action; and

That Council hereby direct the Clerk Administrator to write a letter of support for Wendigo Lake Expeditions Inc. to Norm Miller, M.P.P. (Parry Sound – Muskoka).

Carried

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – February 16 & March 16

Received. Councillor McLaren requested information regarding the roof replacement.

7.2 Regional Recreation Committee – March 10

7.2.1 Driftscape Proposal

R2021-088

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read the General Government Report regarding Driftscape submitted by Lacey Stevens, Recreation Coordinator; and
Hereby refer to the SSJ Recreation Committee.

Carried

7.3 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – March 15

7.3.1 Staycation Proposal

R2021-089

Moved By: Jason Cottrell Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Township of Strong have hereby read and received the Staycation in Almaguin Proposal; and

That Council approve a \$1,900.00 financial contribution to be allocated from COVID-19 funding.

Carried

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7.4 Joint Building Committee – March 18

7.4.1 2021 Proposed JBC Budget

R2021-090

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Joint Building Committee Budget for 2021 in the amount of \$203,627.00;

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

Carried

8.0 Discussion Items

Item 8 moved to after Item 5.0 per R2021-078.

9.0 Staff Reports

None

10.0 Council Member Reports

Mayor Elik congratulated Councillor Stickland for her nomination for ACED's Influential Women in Almaguin campaign.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

None

13.0 Closed Session

R2021-091

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, Section 239(2)f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary re: Legal Matter; and Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees re: Staffing Matters; at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:45 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.

14.0 Adjournment

R2021-092

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on April 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Kelly Elik

Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart