

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON APRIL 13, 2021
AT 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. – ZONING BY-LAW/OFFICIAL PLAN
AMENDMENT**

Due to the Provincial Stay at Home Order until May 6, 2021, 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 (electronic), Jeff McLaren (in person), Jason Cottrell (electronic), Marianne Stickland (electronic)

Staff Present: Dan Truchon - Treasurer (in person 5:30PM – 6:55PM), Brayden Robinson, Consultant (in person 5:30PM – 6:55PM)

Guests (Electronic): Lee McConnell, Almaguin News (5:30PM – 6:25PM, 6:55PM – 8:05PM), Greg Wilson (5:30PM – 6:25PM, 6:55PM – 8:05PM), Jen Norman (7:31PM – 7:55PM)

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2021-093

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the April 13, 2021 meeting agenda as amended.

Move Item 9.1 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>	X	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	X	
<i>Marianne Stickland</i>	X	

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2021-094

Moved by: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 23, 2021 regular meeting; as amended.

Correct Item 4.1 – resolution number, moved and seconded.

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>	

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes
None

5.0 Delegation
None

9.0a Staff Reports

Item 9.1 moved to after Item 5.0 per R2021-093

9.1 Brayden Robinson, Consultant

Mr. Robinson provided an overview of proposed changes only in the Draft Fee By-law and Draft Procurement By-law.

9.1.1 Draft Fee By-law

9.1.2 Draft Procurement By-law

Councillor Cottrell was unable to remove the mute function during the recorded vote due to a technical error.

R2021-095

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the report from Brayden Robinson, Consultant, regarding the Draft Fee By-law and Draft Procurement By-law, and

Hereby direct staff to prepare the final By-laws for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

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>	

9.1.3 Move to Closed Session 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; re: Wage Review

R2021-096

Moved By: Jody Baillie Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

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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)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees re: Wage Review; at 6:27 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>	

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 6:54 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

Council moved to item 11.0 in order to hold the Public Meeting at 7:00PM, pursuant to Procedural By-law 2011-008.

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

**6.1 Town of Caledon – Request for Support re: Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline
R2021-099**

Moved By: Jody Baillie Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read correspondence dated March 31, 2021 from the Town of Caledon regarding their March 30, 2021 resolution with respect to endorsing the 988 line for suicide and crisis prevention; and
That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this resolution as circulated; and

That a copy of this support be forwarded to the local MP, MPP and the Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CTRC) and the Town of Caledon.

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***

6.2 AMO Policy Update – Asset Management Plan Deadline
Received

6.3 AMO Policy Update – Provincial Budget Highlights
Received

6.4 AMO Communications – Gas Tax Update
Received

**6.5 Cathy Seguin, President, Ontario Recreation Facilities Association
Inc. – Open Letter**
Received

**6.6 Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound – Muskoka – Response re: Project
D.A.R.E. Wendigo Lake Expeditions**
Received

**6.7 Barb Belrose, Santa Clause Committee Chair – Reconsideration re:
Parade Donation
R2021-099**

Moved By: Jason Cottrell

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the letter dated March 25, 2021 submitted by Barbara Belrose, Santa Clause Parade Chairperson; and

That Council authorize a donation in the amount of \$0 toward the 2021 Santa Clause Parade; and

Encourage the Chairperson to approach the Recreation Committee to fund the parade.

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>	

**6.8 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Request for Support re:
Vaccine Distribution
R2021-101**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

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WHEREAS, the Corporation of the Township of Strong is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

WHEREAS, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

WHEREAS, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province; and

WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

WHEREAS, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

WHEREAS, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa).

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	

6.9 Comment Forms – March 24-27

Received. All have been responded to by applicable department head.

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7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board – March 17

Received

7.2 Joint Building Committee – March 18

Received

7.3 High Rock Lookout Park Committee – March 31

Received

7.4 SSJ Recreation Committee – April 1

Received. Committee meeting has been rescheduled to April 15 due to no quorum on April 1.

7.5 SSJ Arena Committee – April 7

Received

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Operations Update – COVID-19

The Clerk Administrator advised that all Provincial directives are being followed and provided an update on the SSJ Arena Vaccine Clinic.

**8.2 Public Works Department – Summer Hours
R2021-102**

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve 10 hour work days for the Road Department Staff starting May 3 through September 30, 2021. The dates may be amended upon the recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent.

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 Landfill #2 Contract
R2021-103**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Contract with 719406 Ontario Incorporated for the May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 term for services at Landfill Site # 2, in the amount of \$29,214.56 plus HST; and

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

Carried

9.0b Staff Reports

Item 9.1 moved to after Item 5.0 per R2021-093

9.2 Brian Dumas, CBO – March 2021 Permit Report
Received

10.0 Council Member Reports

None

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

R2021-097

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong Close the regular meeting of Council and commence the public meeting of Council at 7:00 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>	

Guests Present (electronic): None

The Mayor opened the meeting pursuant to Section 22 and 34 of the Planning Act. The Clerk Administrator provided the method of notice of which the meeting was given and confirmed that no written comments were received.

The proposed amendments have been requested by the owner of lands located at 3444 Pevensey Road on lands located in Part Lot 30, Concession 8 in the Township of Strong. The purpose of the amendments:

1. The proposed official plan amendment would provide a policy exemption from Section B1.5.2 c) of the Official Plan to authorize an accessory

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dwelling unit located in a detached garage to utilize an independent sewage disposal system rather than to share a system with the existing principle dwelling.

2. The proposed zoning by-law amendment would authorize permission to construct an accessory dwelling unit as part of an existing detached garage. The accessory dwelling is proposed to have a floor area of 77.3 m² (832 ft²) and would be attached to an existing garage having a floor area of 120 m² (1,290 ft²).

Council raised no questions on the application.

R2021-098

Moved By: Jason Cottrell

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong Close the Public meeting of Council and resume the regular meeting of Council at 7:07 p.m.

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	

With the closure of Item 11.0 Public Meeting, Council resumed their regular agenda Item 6.0.

12.0 By-Laws

12.1 2021-007 Deeming By-law re: Plan M56 Lot 18 and 19

R2021-104

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-007 being a by-law to deem two lots in a registered plan of subdivision no longer to be lots in a registered plan;

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>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**

**12.2 2021-008 Deeming By-law re: Plan M56 Lot 31 and 32
R2021-105**

Moved By: Jody Baillie Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-008 being a by-law to deem two lots in a registered plan of subdivision no longer to be lots in a registered plan;

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:

	For	Against
<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	

**12.3 2021-009 Zoning Amendment – Tower Road Con 13 Pt Lots 24 and 25
R2021-106**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-009 being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-19 as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Strong with respect to lands located in Part of Lot 24 and 25, Concession 14;

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:

	For	Against
<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	

**12.4 2021-010 Zoning/Official Plan Amendment – 3444 Pevensey Road
R2021-107**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jody Baillie

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-010 being a by-law to Being a by-law to adopt Amendment No.1 to the Official Plan of the Township of Strong;
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>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	

R2021-108

Moved By: Jason Cottrell

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2021-011 being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-19 as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Strong with respect to lands located in Part of Lot 30, Concession 8;

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>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	

13.0 Closed Session

R2021-109

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

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 8:24 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 8:55 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

R2021-110

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:56 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on April 27, 2021 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