

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021
AT 5:30 P.M.**

NOTICE: Due to physical distancing requirements, limited members of the public are permitted to attend Council meetings in person at this time. Please pre-register with the Clerk Administrator. 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), Jason Cottrell (electronic), Jeff McLaren (in person), Marianne Stickland (in person).

Staff Present: Kevin Noaik – CEMC (in person 6:03PM – 6:10PM), Andrew Boucher – Public Works Superintendent (virtual 7:56PM – 8:07PM)

Guest(s) Present (in person): Lawrie Vincer & Doug Tait – Happy Gang (5:30PM – 5:52PM), Wayne Wallace – SMRT Computer Solutions (6:03PM – 6:10PM)

Guest(s) Present (virtual): Sherrie Berdusco, Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association (5:30PM – 6:00PM)

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2021-352

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the November 9, 2021 meeting agenda, as amended.

Add Item 8.8 Tri-Bi Council Meeting Request [R]

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2021-353

Moved by: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the October 26, 2021 regular meeting, as circulated.

Carried

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

None

5.0 Delegation

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5.1 Lawrie Vincer & Doug Tait, Happy Gang – Emergency Operation Centre/Warming & Cooling Centre

Mr. Vincer provided a history of the Happy Gang and wished to propose that the SSJ Arena be used as an Emergency Operations Centre for the Township of Strong, Village of Sundridge and Township of Joly. Mr. Vincer and Mr. Tait have been invited to attend a Tri-Council meeting.

5.2 Sherrie Berdusco, Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association – Lake Bernard Conservation Guide

Ms. Berdusco advised that the Roundtable on Lake Bernard Lake Health will be reviewing and updating the 2013 Lake Conservation Guide, and would recommend Council consider implementing action items from the Guide when completing future Official Plan update.

5.3 Wayne Wallace, SMRT Computer Solutions – Council Phishing Training

Mr. Wallace provided a training session on e-mail phishing awareness and cyber security.

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy Update – Paramedicine, Broadband and LTC Inspections
Received

6.2 AMO Policy Update – Fall Economic Statement
Received

6.3 AMO News Release – President Announcement
Received

6.4 MPAC – Fall Economic Statement
Received

6.5 Dr. James Chirico, NBPSDHU Chief Medical Officer of Health – Public Health Funding 2022
Received

6.6 Jennifer McCourt, Executive Director for Discovery Routs Trails Org – 2021 DRTO Impact Report
Received

**6.7 Tom Hanrahan – Request to purchase Township lands adjacent to Stirling Creek
R2021-354**

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and reviewed correspondence from Tom Hanrahan dated October 8, 2021

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regarding a proposal to purchase Township of Strong land adjacent to their property located at 326 Stirling Falls Road; and

Is not interested in selling, as we have future development plans.

Carried

6.8 CUPE Ontario – Support re: OMERS Independent Review

Received

6.9 Comment Forms: October 22 – 29

Received

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Village of Sundridge – Financial Statements for SS Fire Department, Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library, Sundridge & District Medical Centre

R2021-356

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received the 2020 Draft Financial Statements from the Village of Sundridge for the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department, Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library and Sundridge & District Medical Centre, as prepared by Grant Thornton LLP.

Carried

7.2 Central Almaguin Planning Board – October 20

Received

7.3 Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee – October 28

Received

7.4 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – November 2

7.4.1 Resolution of Support re: NOHFC Funding

R2021-357

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Strong have approved the renovation project for the Sundridge and District Medical Centre; and

That The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program is designed to help build strong and resilient Northern communities through infrastructure investments, to upgrade / repair existing assets that improve community quality of life, economic development infrastructure and strategic economic development initiatives; and

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That the Township of Strong supports submitting an application to the NOHFC's Community Enhancement Program for the amount of \$744,566.50 as the Sundridge and District Medical Centre is an essential facility that improves the community's quality of life, economic development infrastructure and contributes to a healthy and vibrant community; and

That the renovation will be financed through a loan with Infrastructure Ontario administered by the Village of Sundridge with the costs being shared in the respective municipal percentage by The Township of Strong (50%), The Village of Sundridge (40%) and the Township of Joly (10%); and

Further that as part of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program application, The Township of Strong commits to ensuring their contribution to the project and if applicable, cost overages, with the funds to be taken from Operating Funds.

Carried

7.5 SSJ Arena Committee – November 3

Received

7.5.1 Parking Lot Upgrade

R2021-358

Moved By: Jason Cottrell

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby provide an in-kind contribution of reclaimed asphalt from the Public Works Yard for the SSJ Arena to use for their parking area to cover approximately 16" x 40" adjacent to the entry paved pad, and driveway entrance; and

That works and costs associated with transporting and applying the material be covered by the SSJ Arena.

Carried

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Operations Update – COVID-19

The Clerk Administrator provided a verbal update on Health Unit statistics.

8.2 2022 Accessibility Plan

R2021-359

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the 2022 Accessibility Plan for the Township of Strong; and

That Council accepts this plan as presented.

Carried

8.3 Public Works Recruitment – Lead Hand

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Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong direct the Clerk Administrator to cancel the Lead Hand job posting and advertise for an Operator 1 position.

Carried

8.4 Near North Snow Drifters Memorandum of Understanding: 2022 & 2023

R2021-361

Moved By: Jason Cottrell

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read correspondence dated October 24, 2021 from the Near North Snow Drifters Snowmobile Club; and

That Council authorize the Clerk Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Near North Snow Drifters to legally enter, establish, groom, maintain, sign and use the municipally owned roads as per the submitted map and list of roads, for a two (2) year period (2021/2022 and 2022/2023); and

Further than the use of Township of Strong roads shall not commence until a Certificate of Liability naming the Township as an additional insured is received.

Carried

8.5 2021 Holiday Closures

R2021-362

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to advertise the following closures for the Holiday Season:

Administration Office: December 27 – January 3, 2022

Landfill #1: December 25, 2021 and January 1, 2022

Landfill #2: December 25, 2021 and January 1, 2022; and

That notice be hereby placed in the Almaguin News, and posted on the website, Facebook page and Office.

Carried

8.6 Cancellation of Council Meeting – December 28, 2021

R2021-363

Moved By: Jason Cottrell

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby cancel the regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 28th, 2021; and

That notice be hereby placed in the Almaguin News, and posted on the website, Facebook page and Office.

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8.7 Staff and Volunteer Appreciation

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Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a Staff and Volunteer appreciation catered lunch.

Carried

8.8 Tri-Bi Council Meeting Request

R2021-365

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby confirm availability of Council for a Tri-Bi Council meeting on November 25, 2021 at 6PM to be hosted virtually by the Village of Sundridge; and

Request the following agenda items:

Tri-Council: Shared CEMC

Removal of Bi-Council Agenda items proposed by Sundridge.

Carried

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Brian Dumas, CBO – October Permit Report

Received

10.0 Council Member Reports

10.1 Councillor Stickland – Oakridge Drive

R2021-366

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received information regarding Oakridge Drive; and

Direct staff to get an updated legal opinion from Russell Christie LLP.

Carried

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

12.1 By-law 2021-039 Deeming Lots Plan M56 Lot 33 and 34 (1356 South Lake Bernard Rd)

R2021-367

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2021-039 being a by-law deem two lots in a registered plan of

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subdivision no longer to be lots in a registered plan (Plan M56 Lot 33 and 34);

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

Carried

- 12.2 By-law 2021-040 Emergency Management Program for the Township of Strong**
Deferred

13.0 Closed Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

R2021-368

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 9:20 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on November 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Kelly Elik

Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart