

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON MAY 24, 2022
AT 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. – BUDGET MEETING**

NOTICE: Zoom Link to attend the meeting virtually 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 (virtually), Jeff McLaren (in person) and Marianne Stickland (in person).

Staff Present (in person): Dan Truchon, Treasurer (5:30PM – 8:43PM)

Staff Present (virtually): Melinda Kent, Librarian/CEO (5:34PM – 6:03PM)

Guests Present (in person): Bob Renaud (5:32PM – 5:50PM)

Guests Present (virtually): Marisa Bressan (5:34PM – 6:44PM), Fraser Williamson (5:42PM – 6:03PM), Tom Hanrahan (7:42PM – 8:35PM)

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2022-202

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the May 24, 2022 meeting agenda, as amended.

Move Item 7.5.1 to after 5.1 to hear from staff.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2022-203

4.2 Moved by: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the May 10, 2022 regular meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Special Meeting, as circulated.

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4.3 Business Arising from Minutes

None

5.0 Delegation

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5.1 Robert Renaud, Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association – Love Your Lake Program

Council deferred decision due to audio issues for virtual attendees. Mr. Renaud will call the Councillor to provide an overview of the program.

R2022-

Moved By: Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the delegation from Robert Renaud; and
Hereby approve an in-kind contribution of Love your Lake program letters to Lake Bernard lakefront property owners.

Deferred

Item moved per R2022-202

7.5 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board – May 19

Melinda Kent, Librarian/CBO, provided an overview of 2021 for the Library.

7.5.1 SSUPL 2022 Proposed Budget

R2022-204

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Budget for 2022 in the amount of \$97,155.54 with the Township of Strong's share being \$38,784.44;

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

Carried

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy Updates

Received

6.2 Town of Rainy River – Request for Support re: Connecting Links Resolution

R2022-205

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read resolution 20-009 dated May 9, 2022 from the Town of Rainy River regarding MTO's Connecting Links Program; and

Hereby support this resolution; and

That a copy of this support be circulated to the Minister of Transportation, and the Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP.

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6.3 Village of Sundridge – Public Notice: Village of Sundridge Official Plan

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6.4 Comment Forms – May 9 – 19

Received. Council requested the Public Works Consultant to review a few areas on Albert Street prior to capital work.

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 SSJ Recreation Committee – May 5

Councillor Baillie provided an overview of Canada Day celebrations on June 25, 2022.

7.2 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Council – May 6

Received

7.3 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – May 17

**7.3.1 SDMC 2022 Proposed Budget
R2022-206**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge & District Medical Centre Budget for 2022 in the amount of \$2,190,564.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$79,301.00;

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

7.4 High Rock Lookout Park Committee – May 17

**7.4.1 HRLPC 2022 Proposed Budget
R2022-207**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the High Rock Lookout Park Budget for 2022 in the amount of \$8,000.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$4,000.00;

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

7.4.2 2022 Caretaker

7.4.3 Visibility at Lookout

7.5 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board – May 19

Item moved to after 5.1 per R2022-202

7.6 Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Committee – 2022 Budget Update

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8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Operations Update – COVID-19

**8.1.1 Ministry of Solicitor General – Conclusion of COVID-19
Enforcement Support Line
Received**

**8.2 Shore Road Allowance Application – Con 2 Pt Lot 19 (South Lake
Bernard Rd)**

**8.2.1 Closed Session – 239(2)(f) advise that is subject to solicitor-
client privilege, including communications necessary for that
purpose; Legal Matter re: Con 2 Pt Lot 19
R2022-208**

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) advise that is subject to
solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for
that purpose; Legal Matter re: Con 2 Pt Lot 19; at 6:45 p.m.
Carried

***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 they were permitted to under
the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

R2022-209

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby
defer a decision on the Application to Purchase the Shore Road
Allowance for Concession 2 Pt Lot 19 (South Lake Bernard Road)
until litigation with respect to this property is resolved.
Carried

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

**8.3 Shore Road Allowance Application – Plan M47 Lot 9 (Lakeshore Dr)
R2022-217**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the application as presented by Matt Stainton to purchase shore road allowance abutting the property located at 221 Lakeshore Drive (Plan M47 Lot 9); and
That Council support this application in principle and authorize the Clerk Administrator to proceed with the sale of the shore road allowance.
Carried

**8.4 Tri-Council Meeting
R2022-218**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jody Baillie
Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed the availability of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for an upcoming Tri-Council meeting; and
Hereby schedule the next Tri-Council meeting for July 28, 2022.
Carried

8.5 Administration Office Basement Space

8.5.1 Village of Sundridge – Letter re: Emergency Operation Centre
Received

8.5.2 Township of Joly Lease

Councillor Cottrell introduced a Motion.

R2022-219

Moved By: Jason Cottrell Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby provide 90 days notice to the Township of Joly to terminate the Lease Agreement for the Administration Office Basement space, terms of which are negotiable.

Carried

9.0 Staff Reports

The Treasurer provided estimates for culvert and bridge work included in the Public Works Capital budget.

10.0 Council Member Reports

None

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

11.1 2022 Budget Meeting

R2022-210

Moved By: Jody Baillie Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong close the regular meeting of Council to declare an Open Public Meeting to discuss the 2022 Township of Strong Budget; at 7:00 p.m.

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The Treasurer presented the 2022 Operating and Capital budget highlights.

R2022-211

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 7:24 p.m.

Carried

11.1.1 Accept Cemetery Budgets

R2022-212

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received the 2022 Strong Cemetery Budget in the amount of \$24,563.37; and Hereby accept this budget with the Township of Strong's contribution being \$5,162.50.

Carried

R2022-213

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received the 2022 Pevensey Cemetery Budget in the amount of \$2,214.24; and Hereby accept this budget with the Township of Strong's contribution being \$0.00 due to previous year surplus.

Carried

R2022-214

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received the 2022 Berriedale Cemetery Budget in the amount of \$8,172.84; and Hereby accept this budget with the Township of Strong's contribution being \$0.00 due to previous year surplus.

Carried

11.1.2 Accept O.Reg 284/09 2022 Report

R2022-215

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby defer to the O.Reg 284/09 2022 Report to the next regular meeting.

Carried

11.1.3 Accept 2022 Budget

R2022-216

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Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and reviewed the proposed 2022 Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the Township of Strong.

And that Council hereby adopts the proposed 2022 Budget as presented.

Carried

With the closure of Item 11.0 Public Meeting, Council resumed their regular agenda Item 8.3.

12.0 By-Laws

**12.1 2022-025 Tax Rates and Ratios
R2022-220**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2022-025 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of Tax Rates, Tax Ratios and 2022 Budget;

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

13.0 Closed Session

R2022-221

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; Administration Staffing Matters; and Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Public Works Staffing Matters; at 8:36 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:13 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

14.0 Adjournment

R2022-222

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 9:14 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on June 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor, Kelly Elik

Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart