

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ON JUNE 28, 2022  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC MEETING – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (2 FILES) AT 7:00PM**

**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 (in person – left at 8:30PM), Jeff McLaren (in person) and Marianne Stickland (in person).

**Staff Present (in person):** Braden Bradford, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (5:30PM-6:11PM)

**Guests Present (in person):** Terry Hornibrook (5:30PM – 6:51PM), James Toth (6:55PM – 7:27PM), Julia and John Breckinridge (6:55PM – 7:27PM)

**Guests Present (virtually):** “SF” (5:33pm – 8:23PM)

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

**2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared**

None

**3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**R2022-242**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the June 28, 2022 meeting agenda, as amended.

Move Item 9.1 to after 5.1 to hear from staff.

**Carried**

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**4.1 R2022-243**

**Moved by: Jason Cottrell**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 regular meeting, as circulated.

**Carried**

**4.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

**4.2.1 R2022-244**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Phragmites Working Group spraying invasive phragmites with in the Township of Strong and on municipal property in 2022;

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Specifically along High Rock Drive and Sunny Ridge Rd/Albert St.  
as a pilot project.

**Carried**

**5.0 Delegation**

None

**Item moved per R2022-242**

**9.1 Braden Bradford, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer – Draft Noise  
By-law Amendment  
R2022-245**

**Moved By: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed the draft noise by-law amendment; and

That staff be directed to prepare the noise by-law for the first reading at the next regular meeting.

**Carried**

**6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence**

**6.1 CN Rail – 2022 Rail Safety Week  
R2022-246**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 19 to 25, 2022;

Whereas it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 19 to 25, 2022.

**Carried**

**6.2 CN Rail – Investment of \$430 Million in Ontario in 2022**  
Received

**6.3 Comment Forms – June 9 - 23**  
Council discussed public works operations.

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**R2022-247**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby invite Terry Hornibrook to address Council pursuant to Section 7.8 of Procedural By-law 2011-08.

**Carried**

Mr. Hornibrook discussed his submitted comment and brushing work on Hornibrook Rd and Cottrell Rd.

**7.0 Report of Committees**

**7.1 Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Committee – June 9 Minutes Received**

**7.1.1 Approve Capital Equipment**

**R2022-248**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read resolution #2022-014F from the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department regarding replacement of Fire Trucks; and  
That the Fire Chief be authorized to proceed with a Request for Proposal for a Pumper Truck.

**Carried**

**7.1.2 2022 SSFD Budget Revision**

**R2022-249**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read resolution #2022-016F from the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department regarding the 2022 Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Budget revision; and  
That staff have included the funds in the 2022 Township Budget accordingly.

**Carried**

**7.1.3 SSFD Agreement – Comments from Russell Christie LLP**

**R2022-250**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read correspondence from Ed Veldboom of Russell Christie, LLP, regarding the Sundridge-Strong Fire Board of Management; and

Request that the status quo be maintained with respect to committee composition; and

To alter agreement to create a committee.

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Council had a recess from 6:50PM to 7:00PM

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

**7.2 Joint Building Committee – June 16**

Received

**7.2.1 Service Agreement – Municipality of Magnetawan**

**R2022-253**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read resolution #2022-022 from the Joint Building Committee; and hereby approve an agreement with the Municipality of Magnetawan and the Joint Building Committee for CBO shared services.

**Carried**

**7.2.2 Hiring Request**

**R2022-254**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read resolution #2022-024 from the Joint Building Committee;  
and hereby accept the recommendation to pursue hiring a full time DCBO/Building Inspector.

**Carried**

**7.3 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – May 30  
Minutes Received**

**7.4 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – June 20**  
Minutes not received to date. The Mayor provided an update on the projected funding requirements.

**7.5 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – June 21**

Received

**7.5.1 SDMC Renovation Budget Summary**

Received

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**8.0 Discussion Items**

**8.1 Operations Update – COVID-19**

No update at this time.

**8.2 Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grant  
R2022-255**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize staff to submit an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant to a maximum of \$150,000.00 for the Community Hub Project, to be used toward security system, netting, basketball nets, sound system, and/or adult fitness equipment/playground equipment; and That ineligible costs will be paid by the Township which includes taxes, contingency costs, costs incurred before approval of the grant and fundraising costs associated with the capital project.

**Carried**

**8.3 Canada Career College – Unpaid Student Placement Request  
R2022-256**

**Moved By: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve to host an unpaid student placement for the Canadian Career College's Accounting and Payroll Administrator Business Management program from August 1 to September 2, 2022; and that Canadian Career College provide WSIB and Liability Insurance coverage for the student while in the office.

**Carried**

**8.4 Administration Office – Township of Joly Meeting Request  
R2022-257**

**Moved By: Jason Cottrell**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read resolution #2022-130 from the Township of Joly; and

Hereby schedule a Bi-Council meeting to discuss the Administration Office Lease on July 28, 2022 at 4:00PM.

**Carried**

**8.5 Community Hub – Schedule Special Meeting**

Special Meeting has been scheduled and posted per notice requirements for June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00PM.

**9.0 Staff Reports**

Item 9.1 moved to after 5.1 pursuant to R2022-242

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**10.0 Council Member Reports**

**10.1 Councillor McLaren – Forest Lake Road Speed Limit  
R2022-259**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby discussed the speed limit on Forest Lake Road from Union Street to Lakeshore Drive; and

Hereby amend By-law 2015-026 Schedule “A” – Forest Lake Road from Union St to Lakeshore Dr to 40 km/hr.

**Carried**

**11.0 Public Meeting/Notice**

**R2022- 251**

**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 to declare an Open Public Meeting to discuss two Zoning By-Law Amendments; at 7:00 p.m.

**Carried**

**Guests Present (in person):** James Toth, Julia and John Breckinridge

**11.1 Zoning By-law Amendment – Con 3 Pt Lot 4 (1290 Rodeo Rd)**

The Mayor opened the meeting pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act. The Clerk Administrator provided the method of notice of which the meeting was given and confirmed that zero written comments were received and there were zero requests for a verbal submission.

The applicant/owner has recently obtained a consent (severance) approval to create a new rural lot. In doing so, the applicant is required to obtain a zoning by-law amendment to recognize the non-compliant location of the existing dwelling and detached garage on the retained lot. No new buildings or land uses are authorized by the proposed zoning by-law amendment.

The applicant did not attend so the Clerk Administrator provided a brief overview of the property and proposed amendment.

Council raised no questions on the proposed amendment.

**11.2 Zoning By-law Amendment – Con 14 Pt Lot 32 (11077 Highway 124)**

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The Mayor opened the meeting pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act. Clerk Administrator provided the method of notice of which the meeting was given and confirmed that 1 written comments were received and there were zero requests for a verbal submission. The Clerk Administrator read the comment from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and advised the Consultant Planner is recommending Council defer passing the temporary zoning by-law amendment until the applicant has applied for a pre-consultation with MTO.

The proposed amendment has been requested by the owner of lands located in Part Lot 32, Concession 14, known as 11077 Highway 124, in the Township of Strong. The purpose of the proposed zoning amendment is to zone the subject lands to recognize the existing land use (Crystal Cave) in a General Industrial (M1) Zone on a temporary basis. The applicant/owner has established a commercial establishment consisting of mineral, gem and fossil exhibits, a retail shop and gallery as well as facilities for artisan education. The current land use is not a permitted use in the Township's General Industrial (M1) Zoning and therefore the owner has applied for a temporary use which would legalize the use for up to three years while they prepare the requisite technical work and studies to support an application for permanent zoning.

James Toth, Julia and John Breckinridge provided a brief overview of the property and proposed amendment.

Council raised no questions on the proposed amendment. They recommended the applicants get in touch with the Almaguin Community Economic Development Director to inquire about funding or financial assistance.

**R2022-252**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland 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 7:29 p.m.

**Carried**

**With the closure of Item 11.0 Public Meeting, Council resumed their regular agenda Item 7.2.**

**12.0 By-Laws**

**12.1 2022-028 Agreement for Joint Municipal Law Enforcement**

**R2022- 259**

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

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

**Deferred**

**13.0 Closed Session**

**R2022-262**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland**

**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)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Public Works Staffing Matters; and Section 239(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board; Administration Office Lease Agreement; at 8:24 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:28 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion. The Clerk Administrator was given direction in Closed Session.***

**14.0 Adjournment**

**R2022-263**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. until the special meeting scheduled on June 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Kelly Elik**

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**Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart**