

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON JULY 26, 2022
AT 5:30 P.M.**

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).

Guests Present (in person): Al Bottomley (5:30PM-5:51PM), Les Blackwell (5:30PM-8:40PM)

Guests Present (virtually): Rocco Frangione (5:30PM – 6:15PM, 7:20PM - 9:03PM), Fraser Williamson (5:30PM – 9:03PM), Tom Hanrahan (5:30PM – 8:00PM), Katherine Zucker (5:44PM – 6:09PM).

Staff Present (in person): Braden Bradford, MLEO (5:30PM – 6:20PM), Dan Truchon, Treasurer (6:30PM – 7:44PM), Antoine Boucher, Consultant Engineer (6:30PM – 7:15PM).

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2022-280

Moved by: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the July 12, 2022 meeting agenda, as amended.

Remove Jocelyn Palm - 5.2 Katherine Zucker, Near North Enviro Education Centre

Move Item 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 to hear from staff, after Item 5.2

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2022-281

Moved by: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the July 12, 2022 regular meeting, as amended.

10.0 Councillor Stickland requested follow up on Customer Service Policy.

Carried

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

None

5.0 Delegation

5.1 Al Bottomley, Almaguin Climate Change – Climate Emergency

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R2022-282

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong receive the delegation from Al Bottomley, Almaguin Climate Change, with thanks.

Carried

5.2 Katherine Zucker, Near North Enviro-Education Centre – Almaguin Rural Keystone Survey

R2022-283

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong receive the delegation from Katherine Zucker, Near North Enviro-Education Centre, with thanks; and

That staff be directed to share the Almaguin Rural Keystone Survey on the Township Facebook page and website.

Carried

Item moved per R2022-280

9.1 Braden Bradford, MLEO – No Parking Signage

R2022-284

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Strong have received and read Staff Report 2022-007; and

Directs staff to erect “no parking” signs from the East edge of South Lake Bernard Beach to 847 South Lake Bernard Road in both directions. Signs are to be posted in a manner consistent with the provisions of Township of Strong By-law.

Carried

Council recessed for 5 minutes.

9.2 Dan Truchon, Treasurer; Antoine Boucher, Consultant Engineer – Community Hub Update

Staff advised that FedNor announced the funding received by the Township for the Community Hub on Friday July 22, 2022.

R2022-285

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong receive the revised proposed foundation design for the Community Hub structure from the Consultant Engineer; and

Direct staff to proceed with the grade beam foundation and Option 4 for the internal rink solid surface, double lift (80mm).

Carried

9.3 Dan Truchon, Treasurer

9.3.1 Fall Co-op Student Term

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R2022-286

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the Financial Coordinator Co-op Position for the September to December 2022 Term; and
The position wage be increased to \$17.50/hour

Carried

Conflict of Interest Declared and Seat Vacated: Jeff McLaren

9.3.2 Budget to Date Summary

R2022-287

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read the Budget to Date Summary to July 21, 2022.

Carried

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 FONOM – Media Release re: Catch and Release Justice in Northern Communities

Received

6.2 Almaguin Highlands Secondary School – Thank You 2022 Award Recipient

Received

**6.3 Sundridge Sunflower Festival – Request for Donation
R2022-288**

Moved By: Jason Cottrell Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a donation of \$500 toward the 2022 Sundridge Sunflower Festival.

Carried

6.4 Comment Forms – July 11-20

The Clerk Administrator advised the public works items have been completed, and by-law enforcement matters are in progress.

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library – June 23

Received

7.2 Sundridge Strong Fire Department Committee – July 13

7.2.1 Resolution 2022-023F Department Resource

R2022-289

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby invite Fraser Williamson to speak to Council pursuant to section 708 of Procedural By-law 2011-08.

Carried

R2022-

Moved By: Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong has received and read Resolution #2022-023F from the Sundridge Strong Fire Department; and

That the Fire Chief is authorized to recruit for a full-time permanent department resource based on the details noted in the draft job description, with the position to be filled by October 1, 2022 with this position being included in the 2022 budget; and

Further that the administering municipality be authorized to apply to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund – Workforce Development Program for funding for this position to offset the costs for the first year.

Carried

Motion to Postpone

R2022-290

Moved By: Jason Cottrell Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the motion regarding the Fire Department Staff Resource be postponed until further information can be obtained about:

- Statistics on how many gaps per year (vacation, training and overtime);
- Legislation supporting coverage of gaps;
- Opinion on the current agreement to allow Sundridge to proceed independently.

Carried

7.3 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – July 18
Received

7.4 Eastholme Home of the Aged Board – 2021 Year in Review Report
Received

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Operations Update – COVID-19

The Clerk Administrator provided an update on staffing.

**8.2 Shore Road Allowance Application – Plan M111 Con 7 Pt Lot 13
(Elizabeth St)
R2022-291**

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Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the application as presented by Deborah Booth to purchase shore road allowance abutting the property located at 82 Elizabeth St (Plan M111 Lot 13); and

That Council support this application in principle and authorize the Clerk Administrator to proceed with the sale of the shore road allowance.

Carried

**8.3 Shore Road Allowance Application – Plan M111 Con 7 Pt Lot 11 (Elizabeth St)
R2022-292**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the application as presented by Norbert Kostelnik and Mary Salmoni to purchase shore road allowance abutting the property located at 70 Elizabeth St (Plan M111 Lot 13); 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 Magnetawan Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club – Memorandum of Understanding
R2022-293**

Moved By: Jody Baillie Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding for the prescribed Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission with the Magnetawan Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club; and

That Council request the following changes to the MOU:

- Item 1 – MOU Valid June 2022 – June 2026;
- Item 12 – Additional Conditions: change Item 7 to include verbal and written consent, and that prescribed OFSC signs and MTO signs be installed per OFSC and Township guidelines, and that a Certificate of Liability naming the Township as an additional insured be submitted each year.
- Landowner Contact Information Changed: 28 Municipal Lane, PO Box 1120, Sundridge. Email: clerk@strongtownship.com ; and

That when the requested changes are submitted, the Clerk Administrator be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Magnetawan Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club to legally enter, groom, maintain, sign and use municipally owned roads as per the Schedule “A” of the MOU and sketch per Item 6.

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8.5 Grader Contracted Services

R2022-294

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby discussed the contracted grader and operator, approved to August 15, 2022; and

Carried

9.0 Staff Reports

Item 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 moved to after Item 5.2 per R2022-280

9.4 Kim Dunnett, Deputy Clerk – Tree Removal

R2022-295

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Strong have received and read Staff Report 2022-005; and

Directs staff to request quotes from licensed professional tree removal services for two trees to be cut and removed, near 1152 Rodeo Road; and That the cost be split 50% with the property owner requesting removal.

Carried

9.5 Brian Dumas, CBO – June Permit Report

Received

10.0 Council Member Reports

None

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

12.1 2022-032 Noise By-law – Second, Third and Final Reading

R2022-296

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Whereas the By-law 2022-032 being a by-law to control noise, was read and formally approved a first time at the Council meeting held on July 12, 2022; and

Whereas the suggested amendments from the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario were read with respect to Section 5.2 and Schedule B of By-law 2022-032;

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong hereby read By-law 2022-032 a second time at this Council meeting.

Carried

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R2022-297

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-032 being a By-law to control noise;

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.

Carried

12.2 2022-033 Investment Procedure By-law

R2022-298

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-033 being a By-law to adopt a Municipal Investment Policy;

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.

Carried

12.3 2022-034 By-law to enter into Agreement for Shared Building Department Services with Municipality of Magnetawan

R2022-299

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-034 being a By-law to enter into Agreement for Shared Building Department Services with Municipality of Magnetawan;

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.

Carried

12.4 2022-035 By-law to Appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official

R2022-300

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-035 being a By-law to Appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official;

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.

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13.0 Closed Session

R2022-301

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; 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 9:04 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:26 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

14.0 Adjournment

R2022-302

Moved by: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:28 p.m. until the Bi/Tri-Council special meeting scheduled on July 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Kelly Elik

Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart