

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON AUGUST 23, 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 (virtually), Jason Cottrell (virtually), and Jeff McLaren (in person).

Council Member Absent: Councillor Marianne Stickland, with notice

Guests Present (virtually): "Dorothy" (5:30PM-5:50PM)

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2022-313

Moved by: Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the August 23, 2022 meeting agenda, as circulated.

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 - absent</i>		

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2022-314

4.2 Moved by: Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the July 26, 2022 regular meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the July 28, 2022 Bi/Tri-Council special meeting, as circulated.

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 - absent</i>		

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4.3 Business Arising from Minutes

The Clerk Administrator provided an update on the Restructuring Committee.

5.0 Delegation

None

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy Updates

Received

6.2 Discovery Routes – TransCanada Trail Sign Renewal for Old Nipissing Road

Received

6.3 Township of Mulmur – Request for Support re: Climate Emergency Declaration

Received

6.4 City of Brantford – Request for Support re: Threat to Residential Home Ownership

Received

6.5 Town of Aylmer – Request for Support re: Warming & Cooling Centre Policy

R2022-315

Moved By: Jason Cottrell Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read resolution dated July 13, 2022 from the Town of Aylmer regarding a request for Federal and Provincial funding for Health Units to develop uniform and comprehensive location responses to extreme heat and cold events; and

Hereby support this resolution as circulated; and

That a copy of this support be forwarded to the Minister of Environment & Climate Change, Minister of Health Canada, Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry Ontario, Ontario Minister of Health, and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.

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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**6.6 John Pegg, Chair, Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council –
Firefighter Certification**

Received

**6.7 Labour Market Group – June 2022 Jobs Report & July 2022
Newsletter**

Received

**6.8 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – 2021 Financial
Statement**

Received

**6.9 Ministry of Infrastructure, Broadband Strategy Division – Accelerated
High Speed Internet Program Update**

Received

**6.10 Comment Forms – July 27 – August 16
R2022-316**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed speeding vehicles within the Township; and
Hereby direct staff to bring the speed of road by-law to the next regular meeting for discussion.

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 - absent</i>		

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Council – July 19

Received

7.2 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – August 15
Received

**7.2.1 Almaguin Brand Adoption Support Request
R2022-317**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Strong recognizes the value of working together to promote the Almaguin Highlands

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Region to visitors, businesses and investors, and residents through implementing the Almaguin Brand Strategy; AND
WHEREAS the support of The Federal and Provincial Governments has provided the opportunity to create a foundation for regional scale marketing and promotional efforts, including the development of marketing material, assets, and initiatives; AND
WHEREAS the Township of Strong acknowledges that from time to time, minimal staff efforts may be required to support action items associated with the Almaguin Brand Strategy, including brand incorporation on municipal assets;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Strong hereby adopts the Almaguin Brand, and its associated brand elements, as the collective brand for destination marketing. Furthermore, the Township of Strong supports-in-principal the continued implementation of the Almaguin Brand Strategy through the Spotlight Almaguin Project.

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 - absent</i>		

7.3 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – July 19
Received

7.3.1 Medical Centre Renovation Update
Received

**7.3.2 Request re: Landfill Fees
R2022-318**

Moved By: Jason Cottrell Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby waive Landfill #1 tipping fees for the Sundridge & District Medical Centre Renovation, and refund any tipping fees incurred to date associated with this project, pursuant to Fees By-law 2021-011 Section 5, as it is a general benefit to the community and taxpayers.

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	

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Marianne Stickland - absent

7.4 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – August 16

Received

7.4.1 Parking Lot – Request for Information

Received

7.5 Almaguin Recycling Initiative – Call for Volunteers re: Hazmat Event

Received

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Operations Update – COVID-19

Nothing to report at this time.

8.2 Municipal Waste Update – Circular Materials Ontario

The Clerk Administrator provided a verbal update on discussions with Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) and Circular Materials Ontario (CMO).

8.3 Integrity Commissioner – Notice of Retirement

R2022-319

Moved By: Jody Baillie

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read correspondence dated August 18, 2022 from Harold Elston, Integrity Commissioner regarding a Notice of Retirement; and Hereby direct staff to release a RFP for an Integrity Commissioner.

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 - absent</i>		

8.4 Cemetery Tree Removal

R2022-320

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong receive the assessment of trees at Strong Cemetery and Berriedale Cemetery as prepared by Ted Barry; and

That staff be directed to request quotes for the removal per tree to bring back to Council for discussion and approval.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Kelly Elik</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	<i>X</i>	

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Jason Cottrell X
Jeff McLaren X
Marianne Stickland - absent

**8.5 Phragmites Working Group – Turtle Crossing Signage
R2022-321**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed the Phragmite's Working Groups' request to install Turtle Crossing Signage; and

That Council approve signs by provided and maintained by the Phragmites Working Group on High Rock Drive at 2 locations:

1. Just past the railway tracks after Sunny Beach Road;
2. At the Ministry Dam

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 - absent</i>		

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Brian Dumas, CBO – July Permit Report
Received

10.0 Council Member Reports

Councillor McLaren asked for a staff report on cost of planning services for the Township.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

**12.1 2022-036 By-law Debenture – SSJ Arena
R2022-322**

Moved By: Jason Cottrell **Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-036 being a By-law to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$400,000.00 towards the cost of the 2022 SSJ Arena concrete slab and dasher board replacement project;

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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<i>Kelly Elik</i>	X	
<i>Jody Baillie</i>	X	
<i>Jason Cottrell</i>	X	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>	X	
<i>Marianne Stickland - absent</i>		

**12.2 2022-037 By-law to enter into Lease Agreement – Township of Joly
R2022-323**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby give a first reading of By-law 2022-037, being a by-law to enter into a Lease Agreement – Township of Joly.

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 - absent</i>		

**12.3 2022-038 By-law to adopt Asset Retirement Obligation Policy
R2022-324**

Moved By: Jody Baillie Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-038 being a By-law to adopt an Asset Retirement Obligation 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

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 - absent</i>		

**12.4 Amend 2022-025 Tax Ratio By-law
R2022-325**

Moved By: Jody Baillie Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend By-law 2022-025 Section 3 as follows:

Industrial Occupied Education rate from 0.00980000 to 0.00880000
Industrial Vacant/Excess Land Education Rate from 0.00980000 to 0.00880000.

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 - absent</i>		

13.0 Closed Session

R2022-326

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jody Baillie

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 Emergency Management Staffing Matters; at 7:25 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 - absent</i>		

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:38 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2022-327

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jason Cottrell

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received correspondence from Kevin Noaik, Community Emergency Management Coordinator, dated August 4, 2022; and

That Council approve an unpaid leave of absence effective August 4, 2022 to October 24, 2022, due to his candidacy for the 2022 Municipal Election for the Township of Strong.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
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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 - absent</i>	

14.0 Adjournment
R2022-328

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 7:41 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on September 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Kelly Elik

Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart