

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ON SEPTEMBER 13, 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 5:30PM – 9:15PM), Jeff McLaren (in person) and Marianne Stickland (in person).

**Guests Present (virtually):** Justine Leveque (5:25PM-5:33PM, 6:05PM-6:10PM)

**Guests Present (in person):** Peggy Young-Lovelace (5:30PM-5:53PM), Tim Bryson (7:54PM-8:36PM)

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

**2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared**

None

**3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**R2022-332**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the September 13, 2022 meeting agenda, as circulated.

**Carried**

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**4.1 R2022-333**

**4.2 Moved by: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the August 23, 2022 regular meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the September 2, 2022 emergency meeting, as circulated.

**Carried**

**4.3 Business Arising from Minutes**

None

**5.0 Delegation**

**5.1 Peggy Young-Lovelace**

**5.1.1 Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Township of Joly Matter**

**R2022-334**

**Moved By: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

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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)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Township of Joly Matter; at 5:33 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 5:53 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

**6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence**

**6.1 AMO Policy Updates  
Received**

**6.2 Bill Hubbert – Letter of Appreciation  
Received**

**6.3 Town of Kingsville – Request for Support re: Opposition to Bill 3:  
Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act  
R2022-335**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read resolution #336-08292022 dated August 29, 2022 from the Town of Kingsville regarding opposition to Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022; and

Hereby support this resolution as circulated; and

That a copy of this support be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Carried**

**6.4 Village of Burk's Falls – Request for Support re: Almaguin Highlands  
Health Centre  
R2022-336**

**Moved By: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read resolution #2022-266 dated August 23, 2022 from the Village of Burk's Falls which requests a commitment from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare to indefinitely continue services at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre; and

Hereby support this resolution as circulated; and

That a copy of this support be forwarded to MAHC and all Almaguin municipalities.

**Carried**

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**6.4.1 Township of Perry – Resolution of support for Village of Burk’s Falls**

Received

**6.5 Paul Dubé, Ombudsman of Ontario – 2021-2022 Annual Report**

Received

**6.6 Lanny Dennis, Planner – Request for Support: Mixed Use Development  
R2022-337**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jason Cottrell**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received correspondence from Lanny Dennis, Lanny D Planning, on behalf of Jack Marshall; and

Hereby direct the Mayor and staff to draft a letter generally supporting housing and development in the Township of Strong which aligns with the Zoning By-law and Official Plan; and

Request a planning justification report and servicing report (water and wastewater) from the property owner.

**Carried**

**6.7 Comment Forms – Aug 23 – 30**

Received

**7.0 Report of Committees**

**7.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board – July 6 & August 3**

Received. Council requested information on member pay.

**7.2 Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation Committee – September 1**

Received

**7.3 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Council – September 2**

Received

**7.4 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena Committee – September 7**

Received

**7.5 Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Committee – September 8**

Received. Council discussed staffing levels.

**8.0 Discussion Items**

**8.1 Operations Update – COVID-19**

The Clerk Administrator provided a verbal update on Provincial requirements for isolation periods.

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**8.2 Passing of Queen Elizabeth II – Oath of Office  
R2022-338**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong send condolences to the Royal Family for the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; and Hereby recognize the Oath of Office pledges allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II or the reigning sovereign for the time being; and That staff be directed to prepare an updated Oath of Office for the inaugural meeting on November 22.

**Carried**

**8.3 Municipal Modernization Intake 3  
R2022-339**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the proposal from StoneShare in the amount of \$49,000 + HST for the Digital Modernization and Electronic Records Management as approved by the Municipal Modernization Intake III.

**Carried**

**8.4 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The Clerk Administrator reminded Council of the approved Statutory Holiday on September 30, 2022.

**8.5 Use of Unopened Road Allowance – Plan M96 Lot 2 (South Lake Bernard Rd)  
R2022-340**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren                                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong receive the application as presented by Nathan and Tamara Tschoop-McLaren for consent to conduct works on an unopened road allowance, tree removal and gravel for entrance pathway, abutting Lot 2 Plan M96 42R15944 Pt 3 (South Lake Bernard Road).

And that Council support this application in principle provided all conditions as outlined are met.

**Carried**

**8.6 Application for Consent – Con 1 Pt Lot 7 (Stirling Falls Rd)  
R2022-341**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren                                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received the report from Municipal Planning Services dated September 9, 2022 regarding an application for consent at Con 1 Pt Lot 7 (Stirling Falls Rd); and

That Council approve an application for consent to create a 1 hectare parcel with frontage of 60m on the basis that no new lot line crosses the creek,

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subject to the standard conditions of approval as well as the following additional conditions:

1. A zoning By-law amendment to zone the lands to a Rural Residential (RR) Zone and create site-specific regulations if required;
2. Confirmation by an Ontario Land Surveyor or qualified professional in illustrating the top of-bank and 100 year flood hazard elevation; and,
3. A supplemental assessment or addendum to the original July 21, 2022 natural heritage assessment to confirm the lands proposed to be severed are not characterized by significant wildlife habitat or endangered or threatened species or the habitat of endangered or threatened species and further such report may be subject to peer review at the applicant's expense and may also require implementation by a consent agreement, if deemed necessary by the Council for the Township of Strong.

**Carried**

**8.7 Public Works – Summer Hours**

No change required.

**9.0 Staff Reports**

**9.1 Brian Dumas, CBO – August Permit Report**

Received

**9.2 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator – Planning Costs Report**

Received

**10.0 Council Member Reports**

Councillor McLaren inquired about the sensitivity of the security system.

Councillor Baillie inquired about signage on Municipal Lane to identify the Municipal Office.

Councillor Stickland inquired about the status of draft Customer Service Policy, Social Media Policy and Expected Conduct Policy.

Councillor Cottrell introduced the following motion:

**R2022-342**

**Moved By: Jason Cottrell**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby postpone the surface treatment to Albert St. N. and Albert St. S. until culverts and ditching are completed.

**Carried**

**11.0 Public Meeting/Notice**

None

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**12.0 By-Laws**

**12.1 2022-037 By-law to Enter into Lease Agreement – Township of Joly  
R2022-343**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Whereas the By-law 2022-037 being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement with the Township of Joly, was read and formally approved a first time at the Council meeting held on August 23, 2022; and

Whereas the suggested amendments were read with respect to Schedule B of By-law 2022-037;

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong hereby read By-law 2022-037 a second time at this Council meeting.

**Carried**

**R2022-344**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-037 being a By-law to enter into a lease agreement with the Township of Joly;

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 2022-039 By-law Beaver Management Policy  
R2022-345**

**Moved By: Jody Baillie                      Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-039 being a By-law to establish a Beaver Management 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 2022-040 By-law to Appoint Beaver Control  
R2022-346**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-law 2022-040 being a By-law to appoint a Beaver Control;

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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**Carried**

**13.0 Closed Session**

**R2022-347**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

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)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Public Works Staffing Matters; Administration Staffing Matters; and Medical Centre Staffing Matters; and Section 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; Moose Matter; at 8:40 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:22 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

**R2022-348**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby proceed beyond curfew time of 9:30PM, as per the Procedural By-law 2011-08 Section 16.13.

**Carried**

**R2022-349**

**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)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Public Works Staffing Matters; Administration Staffing Matters; and Medical Centre Staffing Matters; and Section 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; Moose Matter; at 9:24 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:56 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.***

**14.0 Adjournment**

**R2022-350**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:57 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on September 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Kelly Elik**

**Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart**