

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON JANUARY 10, 2023
AT 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING – 7PM ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

NOTICE: Zoom Link to attend the meeting virtually is available on the website at <https://calendar.strongtownship.com/meetings>.

Council Members Present (in person): Mayor Tim Bryson. Councillors Jeff McLaren, Kevin Noaik, Jim Ronholm and Marianne Stickland.

Staff Present (in person): Nick Thomson – Municipal Operations Coordinator, Jadah McLaren – Financial Coordinator Intern

Staff Present (virtually): Andrew Sprunt – Clerk

Guests Present (in person): Katey Brimacombe, Lanny Dennis

1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:30 PM by Mayor Tim Bryson

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2023-001

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the January 10, 2023 meeting agenda, as amended.

Move Item 9.1 to after Item 6.0 to hear from Staff.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-002

Moved by: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting, as amended to verify the mover & seconder for Item 9.3.1.

Carried

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

None

5.0 Delegation

None

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy Update – Child Care, More Homes Built Faster....

Received

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- 6.2 Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing: Key Ministry Initiatives**
Received
- 6.3 Dave Thompson, Director of Emergency & Protective Services – Confirm Member Appointment PSDEMS Advisory Committee 2022-2026 East Area R2023-003**
Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren
Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive correspondence dated January 6, 2023 from Dave Thompson, Director of Emergency & Protective Services; and
Hereby confirm support the appointment of Pearl Ivens to represent the Township of Strong and the East Area on the Parry Sound and District Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee.
Carried
- 6.4 Brandon Fenton, Chair: Near North Crime Stoppers – January 2023 Crime Stoppers Month R2023-004**
Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm
Be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong hereby proclaim January as Crime Stoppers Month 2023 and direct staff to post messaging on the website and social media sites.
Carried
- 6.5 Matt Scott, Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association Board – LBPOA Newsletter Request R2023-005**
Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Jeff McLaren
Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Council Township email accounts be provided to the Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association for addition to the virtual newsletter distribution list.
Carried
- 6.6 Municipality of Tweed – Request for Support re: Natural Gas Prices R2023-006**
Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland
Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read resolution 723 dated December 14, 2022 from the Municipality of Tweed regarding the price of natural gas; and
That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this resolution as circulated; and
That a copy of this support be forwarded to Municipality of Tweed for distribution.

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6.7 Muskoka Algonquin Health Care – Communities’ Share of Development
Received

6.8 Muskoka Algonquin Health Care – Capital Redevelopment Community Open House
Received

6.9 Township of Armour – Request for Support re: Bill C-21 R2023-007
Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik
Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read motion #15 dated December 13, 2022 from the Township of Armour regarding opposition of Bill C21; and
That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this resolution as circulated; and

That a copy of this support be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, the Federal Minister of Public Safety, the NDP Public Safety Critic, the Bloq Public Safety Critic, and the local MP.

Carried

6.10 Comment Forms – Jan 5-6
Received

Item Moved per R2023-001

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator – 2023 Budget Priorities
R2023-008

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland
Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the report from Nick Thompson, Municipal Operations Coordinator, regarding 2023 Budget Priorities for Public Works.
Carried

R2023-009

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jim Ronholm
Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to prepare quotes for two way snow plows for two of the snowplow units.
Carried

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7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board – October 5, 2022

Received

7.2 Central Almaguin Planning Board – November 2, 2022

Received

7.3 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Meeting – December 20, 2022

Received

7.3.1 Renovation Budget Summary

Received

7.4 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – December 22, 2022

Received

7.5 SSJ Arena Committee – January 4

Received

8.0 Discussion Items

**8.1 Schedule Road Network Advisory Committee Meeting
R2023-010**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct the Clerk to schedule a Road Network Advisory Committee Meeting.

Carried

**8.2 Tri-Council Meeting – January 30th Agenda Items
R2023-011**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby request the following agenda items for the Tri-Council meeting scheduled for January 30, 2023:

- phrag removal support
- 3.1.2 schedule restructuring committee meeting
- hazmat councillor volunteers May 27 Aug 26

Carried

**8.3 2023 Landfill Rates – Township of Joly & Village of Sundridge
R2023-012**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend the Waste Management Fees to the Village of Sundridge by 2.5% and Township of Joly by 2% for the year 2023.

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**8.4 Contaminated Sites – Municipal Property
R2023-013**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong is not aware of any municipally owned contaminated sites, as required under PS 3260 Liability for Contaminated Sites.

Carried

**8.5 Authorization for Treasurer to Pay Accounts
R2023-014**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

The Council for the Township of Strong is aware that the Township receives some invoices that must be paid prior to Council meetings because of penalties for late payments; and that

Council is also aware that the Treasurer (or designate) pays employee's wages bi-weekly and council wages monthly;

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Treasurer (or designate) to issue cheques for the above as and when required throughout 2023. The Council also authorizes the Treasurer (or designate) to purchase necessary stationary supplies, printing supplies and other office materials that are required to efficiently operate the municipal business from day to day throughout 2023, pursuant to the Procurement By-law.

Carried

**8.6 Organizational Structure
R2023-015**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby discussed the Township of Strong Organizational Structure.

Carried

**8.7 Community Hub – NOHFC Intern Approval of Funding
Received**

8.8 Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association

**8.8.1 FOCA Grant re: Phragmites Education
R2023-016**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to send correspondence to lakeshore property owners on behalf of the Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association in

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regards to Phragmites education, cost of which will be provided by a FOCA grant received by LBPOA.

Defeated

8.8.2 Love your Lake Program Request

R2023-017

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to provide a staff report outlining costs associated with providing a property specific mail out to lakeshore property owners under the Love your Lake Program, on behalf of the Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association.

Defeated

8.8.3 Round Table on Lake Health Member Request

R2023-018

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby appoint the following members to the Round Table on Lake Health:
Tim Bryson.

Carried

8.9 Landfill #2 Update re MOE Report

R2023-019

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the report from Brian Hachkowski, Integrated Earth Environmental Ltd., regarding Ministry of Environment.

Carried

9.0 Staff Reports

Item 9.1 moved to after Item 6.0 per R2023-001

10.0 Council Member Reports

10.1 Councillor Kevin Noaik – Notice of Motion re: Landfill Hours

Councillor Noaik will introduce a motion at an upcoming meeting.

10.2 Mayor Tim Bryson – Agenda Committee

R2023-020

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve an agenda committee comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk Administrator.

Carried

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

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**11.1 Zoning By-law Amendment – Con 12 Pt Lot 20 (Albert St)
R2023-021**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong Close the regular meeting of Council and commence the public meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Guests Present (in person): Lanny Dennis

11.1 Zoning By-law Amendment – Con 12 Pt Lot 20 (Albert St)

The Mayor opened the meeting pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act. The Clerk 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 purpose of the application is to zone lands located in Part Lot 20, Concession 12 to fulfil a condition of Consent (Severance) Approval B11.22, which facilitated the creation of two lots.

The proposed amendment will rezone the severed and retained lands to a Rural Residential Exception (RR) Zone to implement the policy requirements of Section B1.5.11 of the Official Plan. The proposed zoning amendment would also zone a portion of the subject lands to Environmental Protection (EP) in the manner recommended by the Environmental Impact Study that accompanied the application. The Lanny Dennis, Planner for the applicant, provided a brief overview of the property and proposed amendment.

Council raised no questions on the proposed amendment.

R2023-022

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

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 7:10 p.m.

Carried

12.0 By-Laws

**12.1 2023-001 Confirm Proceedings of Council
R2023-023**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-001 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meetings held between October 1, 2022 to December 30, 2022;

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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

12.2 2023-002 Interest on Tax Arrears

R2023-024

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-002 being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for nonpayment of tax arrears;

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

12.3 2023-003 Penalty on Current Taxes

R2023-025

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-003 being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for nonpayment of current taxes or any class or installment thereof;

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

Carried

12.4 2023-004 Temporary Borrowing

R2023-026

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-004 being a by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the financial year ending December 31, 2023.

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

Carried

12.5 2023-005 Appoint Integrity Commissioner

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Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-005 being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Strong;

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

Carried

13.0 Closed Session

R2023-028

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

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)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Human Resources Matter; at 8:19 p.m.

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:32 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

14.0 Adjournment

R2023-029

Moved by: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m. until the meeting scheduled on January 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Andrew Sprunt