

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON JANUARY 24, 2023
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 (in person): Mayor Tim Bryson. Councillors Kevin Noaik, Jim Ronholm and Marianne Stickland.

Council Members Absent: Councillor Jeff McLaren, with notice.

Staff Present (in person): Nick Thomson – Municipal Operations Coordinator, Braden Bradford, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Jadah McLaren – Financial Coordinator Intern

Staff Present (virtually): Andrew Sprunt – Clerk

Guests Present (in person): Katey Brimacombe, Greg Wilson

Guests Present (virtually): Justine Leveque

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2023-030

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the January 24, 2023 meeting agenda, as circulated.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-031

Moved by: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting, as circulated.

Carried

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

None

5.0 Delegation

5.1 Scott Gardiner, Hospice Coordinator - Near North Palliative Care Network

R2023-032

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Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the delegation by Scott Gardiner, Hospice Coordinator - Near North Palliative Care Network, with thanks.

Carried

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy Update – Provincial Action on Property Assessments

Received

6.2 AMO 2023 Conference – August 20-23

Received

6.3 Area Committee Appointment Update

Received

6.4 Jerry Poliszczuk, ICT Community Outreach Coordinator: Blue Sky Net - Blue Sky GIS Municipal Partnership Road Counter Program R2023-032

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Whereas the Township of Strong was a partner in the 2009 GIS Municipal Partner Program; and

Whereas the GIS Municipal Partnership Program has assisted and empowered communities using combined resources to access GIS technologies and initiatives to assist these communities, including a road traffic counter system; and

Whereas the road traffic counter program is in need of upgrading and maintenance of existing units in order to provide relevant, high quality and excellence for the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve a contribution of \$200.00 towards the necessary upgrades of the road counter technologies.

Carried

6.5 Lawrie Vincer, Happy Gang President – 2023 Happy Gang Funding R2023-034

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the 2023 contribution to the Happy Gang in the amount of \$1,553.11.

Carried

6.6 Labour Market Group – December 2022 Report

Received

6.7 Comment Forms

Received

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7.0 Report of Committees

**7.1 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – Approve
2023 Budget**

R2023-035

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby reviewed the 2023 budget for Almaguin Community Economic Development in the amount of \$399,628.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$21,145.46; and

That the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

Carried

7.2 SSJ Recreation Committee – January 5

Received

7.3 Almaguin Highlands Health Council – January 5

Received

7.4 Almaguin Community Hub Committee – January 11

Received

7.5 Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Committee – January 12

Received

7.5.1 Tanker Accreditation Notice

Received. Staff have posted this Notice on the website and Facebook page.

7.6 DSSAB CAO Report

Received

7.7 Sundridge & District Medical Centre – January 17

Received

7.7.1 Renovation Update

Received

7.8 Joint Building Committee – January 19

Received

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 All-Net Service Tracker Demo

R2023-036

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the All-Net Municipal Service Tracker informational video; and

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Hereby direct staff to schedule a formal product demo and bring final pricing to Council.

Carried

8.2 All-Net Meeting Manager

R2023-037

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the All-Net Meetings Proposal prepared for the Township; and
Hereby direct staff to schedule a formal product demo and bring final pricing to Council.

Carried

8.3 Pre-Consultation Application – Tower Road

Staff were requested for additional information on Item 3 requirements.

R2023-038

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the pre-consultation memo from Municipal Planning Services Ltd. dated January 10, 2023 for proposed severance for the property known as Part Lot 24 and 25, Con 14 (Tower Road); and

That Council acknowledge the following:

1. The wetland features identified by the natural heritage study present a constraint against the ability of the lands to be fully and efficiently utilized for industrial uses;
2. The severance of a lot for residential purposes (and construction of a dwelling in the location proposed) would appear to negate any future potential to accommodate industrial use of the lands in a practical, sustainable or compatible manner;
3. In order for the proposed severance to be authorized, an official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment would be required; and
Further that Council would request a complete application for the requisite official plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment would require a planning justification report to address the noted PPS policy requirements for the conversion as well as a noise impact study to ensure the future bus facility and dwelling on a separate lot would be compliant with the MECP Guidelines (NPC-300 and D-6).

Deferred

8.4 Council Training – February 7

Received

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator

9.1.1 2023 Budget Priorities

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R2023-039

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-01PW for information purposes.

Carried

9.1.2 Two Way Plough

R2023-040

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-02PW for information purposes; and Directs the PW Coordinator to purchase the two-way plow not exceeding \$24,000.

Carried

9.2 Braden Bradford, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

9.2.1 2022 Annual Report

R2023-041

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the Township of Strong 2022 By-law Enforcement Summary Report prepared by Braden Bradford, MLEO, for information purposes.

Carried

9.2.2 Clean Yards By-law Report

R2023-042

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong receive this report and draft copy of a Clean Yards bylaw for review and direct staff on appropriate changes to the draft bylaw prior to its introduction and first reading.

Carried

9.3 Brian Dumas, Chief Building Official

9.3.1 December 2022 Permit Report

Received

9.3.2 2022 Annual Report

Received

10.0 Council Member Reports

None

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

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12.0 By-Laws

12.1 2023-006 Interim Tax By-law

R2023-043

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-006 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Levy and the payment of Interim Taxes for 2023;

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 2023-007 Authorize Agreement with Enbridge Gas Agreement – First and Second Reading

R2023-044

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby give a first and second reading of By-law 2023-007, being a by-law to authorize a franchise agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Strong and Enbridge Gas Inc.

Carried

12.2.1 Renewal of Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.

R2023-045

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves the form of draft by-law 2023-007 and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act; and

This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Township of Strong is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

Carried

13.0 Closed Session

R2023-046

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

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 7:58 p.m.

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Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:51 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2023-047

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to prepare a RFP for a Service Review specifically regarding Pay Equity and Pay Grid.

Carried

14.0 Adjournment

R2023-048

Moved by: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:53 p.m. until the Tri-Council meeting scheduled on January 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Andrew Sprunt