

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON FEBRUARY 14, 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 Jeff McLaren, Kevin Noaik, and Jim Ronholm.

Council Members Absent: Councillor Marianne Stickland, with notice.

Staff Present (in person): Jadah McLaren – Finance 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

The following declaration was filed with the Clerk Administrator:

I, Kevin Noaik, declare a pecuniary interest in Item 8.1 on the February 14, 2023 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because (general nature of pecuniary interest): Employer. I confirm I will not vote on the matter, I will not take part in discussion on any question in respect of the matter, and I will not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question.

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2023-057

Moved by: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the February 14, 2023 meeting agenda, as amended to include the minutes of the February 6, 2023 special meeting, and add 10.1.3 Upland Road, and 10.1.4 Letter from Council and Mayor.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-058

4.2 Moved by: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the January 24, 2023 regular meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the January 30, 2023 Tri-Council special meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the February 6, 2023 special meeting, as circulated.

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Carried

4.3 Business Arising from Minutes

4.3.1 Happy Gang Funding Revision

R2023-059

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received correspondence on behalf of the Happy Gang dated February 2, 2023; and

Acknowledge the reduction in Strong's annual contribution being \$1,476.35.

Carried

5.0 Delegation

None

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy Update

Received

6.2 Patti Carr, Executive Director: NECO Community Futures Development Corporation – Update to Municipalities

Received

6.3 Labour Market Group – December Jobs Report

Received

6.4 Beth Morton, Secretary/Treasurer: District of Parry Sound Municipal Association – Ward Appointments

Received

6.5 Bobbie-Jo Kingston, Payroll Coordinator: DSSAB Area 5 Honorarium for 2022

Received

6.7 Harald Kreps – Correspondence re: MNRF Fishing Regulations

Received

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board – December 7, 2022

Received

7.2 Central Almaguin Planning Board – January 11

Received

7.3 Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board – January 19

Received

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7.4 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – January 26
Received

7.5 SSJ Arena Committee – February 1
Received

7.6 SSJ Recreation Committee – February 2
Received

7.7 Almaguin Highlands Health Council – February 2
Received

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Pre-Consultation Application – Tower Road 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).

Defeated

Conflict of Interest Declared and Seat Vacated: Kevin Noaik

R2023-060

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

That Council sees no value in directing the applicant of the proposed severance for the property known as Part 24/25 Con 14 (Tower Road) in delaying the approval of the severance for a noise study or site plan or other documentation; and

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Hereby directs the Clerk to bring forward to the next meeting of Council without the requirement for a noise study or a site plan or other documentation.

Carried

Conflict of Interest Declared and Seat Vacated: Kevin Noaik

**8.2 Muskoka Algonquin Health Care – Hospital Local Share
R2023-061**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care – Hospital Local Share, as presented by Rod Ward, Mayor for the Township of Armour.

Carried

**8.3 Approve Two Way Plough
R2023-062**

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 a second two-way plow not exceeding \$24,000.

Carried

8.4 Service Review/Pay Equity RFP

Staff will prepare a final RFP for the next regular meeting.

**8.5 Approve 2023 Interim Tax Newsletter
R2023-063**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received the proposed 2023 Interim Tax Newsletter; and
That Council approve this newsletter, as amended to include the palliative care item.

Carried

**8.6 Approve 2023 Cemetery Price List
R2023-064**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby reviewed the proposed 2023 Cemetery Price List; and
That Council hereby accept the 2023 Cemetery Price List and By-law 2021-007 Schedule C be amended to include the approved fees.

Carried

**8.7 LBPOA Correspondence Request – Updated Information
Motion to Reconsider Resolution R2023-016**

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R2023-065

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong Reconsider Resolution R2023-016 that being;

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

Defeated

Carried

R2023-066

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

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

Carried

R2023-067

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong Reconsider Resolution R2023-017 that being;

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

Carried

R2023-068

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

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.

Carried

9.0 Staff Reports

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**9.1 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator – Radio Communications
R2023-069**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the purchase of a repeater radio system and additional base/radio units from Spectrum Group for no more than \$24,015.00.

Carried

**9.2 Chris Jones, Consultant Planner – Bill 109 and Bill 23
R2023-070**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read the report from Municipal Planning Services regarding Bill 109 and Bill 23.

Carried

**9.3 Brian Dumas, Chief Building Official – January Permit Report
Received**

10.0 Council Member Reports

10.1 Mayor Tim Bryson

10.1.1 Council/Staff Training

Council discussed training dates. The Clerk will schedule the session.

10.1.2 Clerk for Regular Meetings

Council discussed internal support.

10.1.3 Upland Road

Mayor Bryson had a resident request. Staff will provide information at the next regular meeting on seasonal roads.

10.1.4 Letter from Council & Mayor

Mayor Bryson will draft a letter from Mayor & Council to send to residents.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

**12.1 2023-009 Zoning By-law Amendment Part Lot 20, Concession 12
(Albert St)**

R2023-071

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-009 being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-19 as amended, the

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Zoning By-law for the Township of Strong with respect to lands described legally as Parts 1 to 6, Plan 42R-22077, located in Part Lot 20, Concession 12, in the Township of Strong, District of Parry Sound;

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 2023-010 Road Transfer & Closing By-law Part Lot 20, Concession 12 (Albert St)
R2023-072**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-010 being a by-law to stop up and close any portions of the public highway known as Albert Street located in part of Lot 20, Concession 12, Township of Strong and located upon Part 6, 42R-22077 and to acquire title to portions of the existing Albert Street located upon Part 7, 42R-22077.;

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

13.0 Closed Session

R2023-073

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

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; and Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; CUPE Negotiations; at 8:06 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:54 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2023-074

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct the Clerk to proceed with the two human resource items as discussed in Closed Session.

Carried

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14.0 Adjournment

R2023-075

Moved by: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:59 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on February 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Andrew Sprunt