

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON FEBRUARY 28, 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): Jadah McLaren – Finance Coordinator Intern, Nick Thompson - Municipal Operations Coordinator

Staff Present (virtually): Andrew Sprunt – Clerk

Guests Present (in person): Katey Brimacombe

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2023-076

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the February 28, 2023 meeting agenda, as circulated.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-077

Moved by: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 14, 2023 regular meeting, as circulated.

Carried

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

Council inquired about past resolution regarding the two way plough and Tower Road zoning matter.

5.0 Delegation

None

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 AMO Policy Update – Pre-Budget Submission & Homelessness

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6.2 FONOM Media Release – Catch and Release Justice
Received

6.3 Marliese Gause, CEO of “The Friends” – Canada Homeshare
Received

6.4 Village of Sundridge – Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection Session
R2023-078

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby register Council Members for Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection session on April 4, 2023 from 9am-noon.

Carried

6.5 Comment Forms – Feb 17
Applicable departmental staff have responded.

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Almaguin Community Hub Working Group Committee – February 21

7.1.1 FedNor Agreement Amendment
Received

7.1.2 Parking Lot Requirements
Received

7.1.3 Water Tank
R2023-079

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby discuss the fire plan with respect to the Almaguin Community Hub; and

Direct staff to investigate cost and logistics of installation of a larger water storage tank on Township owned lands known as 28 Municipal Lane.

Carried

7.2 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – February 23
Received

7.3 Magnetawan River Watershed Communications Committee – Update re: Lake Bernard
Received

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**7.4 NBPS Board of Health – 2023 Levy
R2023-080**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health 2023 Municipal Levy;

And that the Township of Strong's apportionment being \$44,822.76.

Carried

**7.5 Eastholme Board of Management – 2023 Levy
R2023-081**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read the Eastholme Home for the Aged 2023 Municipal Levy in the amount of \$1,532,700.00;

And that the Township of Strong's apportionment being \$106,648.00.

Carried

8.0 Discussion Items

**8.1 Muskoka Algonquin Health Care – Hospital Local Share Update
Received**

**8.1.1 Township of Armour Resolution
Received**

**8.1.2 Township of McMurrich/Monteith Resolution
Received**

**8.2 Service Review/Pay Equity RFP
R2023-082**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby reviewed the draft service review/pay equity request for proposal; and Direct staff to proceed with posting of the RFP.

Carried

**8.3 Uplands Road Request
R2023-083**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed seasonal road Uplands Road; and

That the resident apply for use of a seasonal road.

Carried

9.0 Staff Reports

**9.1 Treasurer Report – Accept Quote re: Asset Retirement Obligation
R2023-084**

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Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the quote from Englobe Corp in the amount \$20,950.00 + HST for implementation of PS3280 Asset Retirement Obligation.

Carried

10.0 Council Member Reports

Councillor Stickland advised an update on the SSJ Environmental Stewardship Committee would be provided at the next Tri-Council Meeting.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

None

13.0 Closed Session

R2023-085

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

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; and Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; CUPE Negotiations; at 6:26 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:04 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2023-086

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve medical leave for Councillor McLaren pursuant to Council Remuneration By-law 2018-037 Section 5.3.

Carried

R2023-087

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby provide letter to the Ontario Provincial Police to complement Acting Staff Sergeant D. Vincer for his service in our community.

Carried

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14.0 Adjournment

R2023-088

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 7:08 p.m. until the special meeting scheduled on March 1, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Andrew Sprunt