

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ON MARCH 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 Jeff McLaren, Kevin Noaik, Jim Ronholm and Marianne Stickland.

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

**Staff Present (virtually):** Andrew Sprunt – Clerk

**Guests Present (in person):** Lanny Dennis, Jack Marshall

**Guests Present (virtually):** Rocco Frangione

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

**2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared**

**3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**R2023-103**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 14, 2023 meeting agenda, as amended.

Move Item 9.3 to after 5.1 to hear from staff.

**Carried**

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**4.1 R2023-104**

**4.2 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 28, 2023 regular meeting, as amended to include attendance of Road Superintendent Nick Thomson; and the Minutes of the March 1, 2023 special meeting, as circulated.

**Carried**

**4.3 Business Arising from Minutes**

Council asked for an update on the Service/Pay Equity Review RFP and Treasurer Position.

**5.0 Delegation**

**5.1 Don Preston, Chad Preston, Brent Rudachyk, GF Preston Ltd – Procurement Procedures**

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Delegation was absent without notice.

**6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence**

**6.1 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board – February CAO Report**  
Received

**6.2 Beth Morton, Secretary/Treasurer: District of Parry Sound Municipal Association – Registration for Spring 2023 Meeting R2023-105**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve registration of the following Council Members for the 2023 Spring DPSMA Meeting on May 5, 2023 in Sprucedale:

Councillor Ronholm

Councillor Stickland

Mayor Bryson

**Carried**

**6.3 Almaguin Adult Learning Centre – Request for Financial Support**

Council requested statistical information.

**R2023-106**

**Moved By: Seconded by:**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby the letter from the Almaguin Adult Learning Centre; and

That Council support the request of \$0.55 per capita to the contribution of the Almaguin Adult Learning Centre's programs and services; and

Further that a contribution of \$693.00 be approved and included in the 2023 Township budget.

**Deferred**

**6.4 AMO Policy Update – Ontario 2023 Budget Highlights**

Received

**6.5 Ontario Ombudsman – Open Meetings: Guide for Municipalities**

Received

**6.6 Comment Form – Feb 28**

Received

**7.0 Report of Committees**

**7.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board – January 11 & February 1**

Received

**7.2 Almaguin Highlands Health Council – March 2**

Received

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**7.3 SSJ Recreation Committee – March 2**

Received

**7.3.1 Approve 2023 Recreation Budget  
R2023-107**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the SSJ Recreation Committee Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$34,655.00 with the Township's share being \$16,000.00;

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

**Carried**

**7.4 SSJ Arena Committee – March 1**

Received

**7.5 Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Committee – March 9**

Received

**7.5.1 Possibility of Township of Joly Becoming Member of Fire  
Department**

**R2023-108**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee Resolution FC2023-011; and

That the Township of Strong Council approve the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee looking into the possibility of the Township of Joly becoming a member of the fire department;

And that the Township of Strong Council approves the Recording Secretary for the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee contacting the Village of Sundridge Solicitor to provide a proposal that includes costs associated with preliminary discussions on the Township of Joly becoming a member of the Fire Department and a summary of the suggested process.

**Carried**

**7.5.2 Gaps in Level of Service and Programs**

A recorded vote was requested.

**R2023-109**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm**

**Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee Resolution FC2023-012 and Fire Chief Staff Report FC2023-002; and

That in order to begin working through the gaps that need to be addressed, the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department must be resourced adequately to facilitate mandated training, assist in providing adequate operational supervision to meet the set levels of

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service, and assist in ensuring legislated requirements for fire prevention, protection and public education are met; and  
That a full-time department resource be approved at a shared range of \$63,000-\$68,000 annually and added to the budget; and  
Further that a detailed job description and review of funding opportunities to assist in offsetting costs for the first year for committee approval.

**Carried**

<b>Recorded Vote:</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Tim Bryson</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Jeff McLaren</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Kevin Noaik</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Jim Ronholm</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Marianne Stickland</b>		<b>X</b>

**7.6 SSJ Restructuring Committee – March 13**  
Received

**7.7 Joint Building Committee – March 16**  
Received

**7.7.1 Approve 2023 JBC Budget**  
**R2023-110**

**Moved By: Kevin Noaik      Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Joint Building Committee Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$338,844.00;

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

**Carried**

Council briefly recessed at 6:27PM for approximately 3 minutes.

**8.0 Discussion Items**

**8.1 Declare Public Works Equipment Surplus**  
**R2023-111**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland      Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby declare the one way snow ploughs as surplus equipment.

**Carried**

**8.2 Approval of Meeting Management and Service Tracker Program**  
**R2023-112**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm      Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the purchase of All-Net Meeting Management Program at a cost of

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\$5495.00; and the purchase of All-Net Service Tracker Program at a cost of \$4750.00.

**Carried**

**8.3 2022 Council and Committee Member Remuneration**

Council deferred pending correction to the honorarium reflecting gross pay.

**R2023-113**

**Moved By: Seconded by:**

Whereas the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 C.25 as amended, Section 284(1) requires that the Treasurer of a municipality shall in each year on or before March 31 provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to each member of Council in respect of his/her services as a member of the Council or any other body, including a local board, to which the member holds office by virtue of being a member of council; each member of Council in respect of his/her services as an officer or employee of the municipality or other body described in clause (a); and each person other than a member of Council appointed by the municipality to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his/her services as a member of the body; and

That By-Law 2018-037 identified the remuneration to be paid to members during this period as per S.O. 2001, c.25 Section 284 (2).

January 1 – November 14, 2022

<b>COUNCIL:</b>	Honorarium Paid	Taxable Benefit (Cell Phone)	Meeting Per Diems	Sundry Expenses	Mileage
<b>Mayor</b> - Kelly Elik	10,930.15				
<b>Councillor</b> - Jason Cottrell	6,850.31	275.00			
<b>Councillor</b> - Jeff McLaren	9,322.83				
<b>Councillor</b> - Marianne Stickland	9,285.25	275.00			
<b>Councillor</b> - Jody Baillie	8,177.18	275.00			

November 15 – December 31, 2022

<b>COUNCIL:</b>	Honorarium Paid	Taxable Benefit (Cell Phone)	Meeting Per Diems	Sundry Expenses	Mileage
<b>Mayor</b> – Tim Bryson	1,160.97				
<b>Councillor</b> – Kevin Noiak	941.89	25.00			
<b>Councillor</b> - Jeff McLaren	839.53				
<b>Councillor</b> - Marianne Stickland	593.38	25.00			

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Councillor – Jim Ronholm	1019.51	25.00			
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Schedule "A" - 2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Committee  
Members

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Recreation Committee - Shirley McGirr</b>	500.00
<b>Recreation Committee - Stephen Kissoon</b>	550.00
<b>Recreation Committee – Diana Cosby</b>	550.00
<b>Recreation Committee - Nicole Therrien</b>	550.00
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<b>Library Board Committee - Betty McLaren</b>	280.00
<b>Library Board Committee - Cindy Van Til</b>	320.00
<b>Livestock - John MacLachlan</b>	50.00

**Deferred**

**8.4 Pre-Consultation Report – Part Lots 18 & 19, Con 9 (Hwy 124)**

Council permitted Lanny Dennis and Jack Marshall to address Council.

**R2023-114**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive and read Pre-Consultation Memo for Part of Lots 18 and 19, Concession 9 Hwy 124 lands, dated March 17, 2023; and

Directs the Clerk to bring forward to the first Council Meeting in April a motion to rezone the subject land to accommodate the applicant's development.

**Carried**

**9.0 Staff Reports**

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**9.1 Brian Dumas, CBO – February Permit Report**  
Received.

**9.2 John Theriault – Almaguin Community Hub Project Manager**

**9.2.1 Award Electrical Tender  
R2023-115**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have received and read the Tender Recommendation Report dated March 9, 2023 from Suppa Engineering; and

Hereby award the electrical tender for the Mega Dome project to Bernard Rocheford Limited in the amount of \$165,000.00 + HST.

**Carried**

**9.2.2 Almaguin Hub Budget  
R2023-116**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby discussed the Almaguin Community Hub project budget; and

Defer to the Ad Hoc Hub Committee to make recommendation at the next possible meeting.

**Carried**

**10.0 Council Member Reports**

None

**11.0 Public Meeting/Notice**

None

**12.0 By-Laws**

**12.1 By-law 2023-011 Enter into Agreement with Spectrum Telecom Group LTD**

**R2023-117**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-011 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with Spectrum Telecom Group LTD. for the provision of a Telecommunications Tower and Shelter Agreement;

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**

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**12.2 By-law 2023-012 Establish Standards for the Maintenance of Lands in a Safe and Environmentally Friendly Condition – First Reading**

Council requested to defer for additional review and for the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to attend.

**R2023-118**

**Moved By: Seconded by:**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby give a first reading of By-law 2023-012, being a by-law to establish Standards for the Maintenance of Lands in a Safe and Environmentally Friendly Condition.

**Deferred**

**13.0 Closed Session**

**R2023-119**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm**

**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 7:50 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:23 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

**R2023-120**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the resignation of Jeremy Bean - Building Inspector, effective March 15, 2023, as administrator for the Joint Building Committee.

**Carried**

**R2023-121**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Strong does hereby approve the negotiated recommendations to the Collective Agreement under CUPE Local 4616-05 outlined in the Memorandum of Settlement dated February 22, 2023 for the renewal for the term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

**Carried**

**Recorded Vote**

**For**

**Against**

**Tim Bryson**

**X**

**Jeff McLaren**

**X**

**Kevin Noaik**

**X**

**Jim Ronholm**

**X**



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***Marianne Stickland***

***X***

**14.0 Adjournment**

**R2023-122**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland   Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on April 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Tim Bryson**

**Clerk, Andrew Sprunt**