

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON APRIL 11, 2023
AT 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING AT 7:00PM – 2 FILES: OFFICIAL PLAN
AMENDMENT/ZONING BY-LAW
AMENDMENT AND ZONING BYLAW 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 (virtually): Lois O'Neill-Jackson

Guests Present (in person): Andrew Sprunt, Lanny Dennis

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:

I, James (Jim) Ronholm, declare a pecuniary interest in Item 7.1.1 on the 11-April-2023 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because my spouse is the CEO of the library. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter, I will not take any part in discussion on any questions 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

R2023-136

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the April 11, 2023 meeting agenda, as amended.

Add Item 7.8 Almaguin Health Centre Council – MAHC Local Share Resolution

Add Item 6.14 – Margaret Linklater: Pevensey Road Petition

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-137

4.2 Moved by: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

4.3 Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 27, 2023 special meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the March 28, 2023 regular meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the March 30, 2023 special Tri-Council meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the April 6, 2023 special Tri-Council meeting, as circulated.

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4.5 Business Arising from Minutes

4.5.1 Council requested that in the future staff provide a report to Council regarding any special circumstances relating to the Procurement By-law.

4.5.2 It was confirmed that the Recreation Committee budget was approved and clarification was provided that the amounts allocated for the Christmas Parade will be reallocated to other line items.

5.0 Delegation

None

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 Almaguin Adult Learning Centre – Request for Financial Support (deferred March 28)

R2023-138

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

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

Further that a contribution of up to \$693 be approved and included in the 2023 Township budget.

Carried

6.2 Lake of Bays – Request for Support from Municipality of Trent Lakes re: Oath of Office

R2023-139

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read resolution TC-68-2023 dated March 14, 2023 from the Township of Lake of Bays regarding resolutions regarding the oath of office, originally circulated by the Municipality of Trent Lakes; 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 Municipality of Trent Lakes, the Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table, MPP Graydon Smith, MP Scott Aitchison and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried

6.3 Municipality of Magnetawan – Request for Support re: Almaguin Community Hatchery Program

R2023-140

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

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WHEREAS the Magnetawan River Watershed is an environmental and economic resource of considerable magnitude, and has a dynamic impact on the economic welfare and recreational opportunities of our collective communities;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes the environmental and economic value to the tourism industry of a viable walleye population in our waters and appreciates that walleye is the number one sought after species;

AND WHEREAS over the past years the lakes and rivers of the area have suffered a reduction in the walleye fish stocks;

AND WHEREAS the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program (ACHP) has for decades been incubating and releasing walleye fry back into the Magnetawan River Watershed to attempt to rehabilitate the resident walleye populations;

AND WHEREAS this program has also benefited the students in the surrounding areas in educating them on the importance of being involved with sustainable management of our fish and walleye resources teaching them responsible stewardship;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR) current FMZ15 Draft Management Plan for Fish Stocks, do not include any plans within the zone for walleye and although the plan is under review and will not be completed until 2025 or 2026, the decision is totally under the purview of the MNDMNR personnel within Zone 15;

AND WHEREAS, the ACHP has the technology, the equipment, the experience and the desire to rehabilitate the walleye fishing opportunities within the Almaguin Highlands;

AND WHEREAS, the new ACHP hatchery trailer has the ability to produce up to 6 million high-quality fry properly prepared for successful stocking, and it would be advantageous to this strategy for local municipalities, resorts and associations to support this initiative as well as to enhance future walleye stocks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Strong respectfully requests that the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program be permitted to continue its invaluable work in restocking walleye and educating students about stewardship in the Almaguin Area, and that Staff is directed to forward this resolution to the Magnetawan River Watershed Communities as well as the Hon. Graydon Smith seeking support

Carried

6.3.1 Township of Armour – Support for ACHP

**6.4 Town of Petrolia – Request for Support re: Homelessness Crisis
R2023-141**

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Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read resolution dated February 27, 2023 from the Town of Petrolia regarding resolutions regarding a Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario; 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 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board.
Carried

**6.5 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board –
Support for CAEH re: Housing Benefit
R2023-142**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read resolution number 23 03 05 dated March 9, 2023 from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board regarding resolutions regarding Homelessness Prevention Housing Benefit; 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 AMO; OMSSA; Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, Scott Aitchison; the Prime Minister of Canada; and leaders of the opposition parties.
Carried

**6.6 Association of Ontario Road Supervisor – Request for Support re:
Objection to Enbridge Gas fee
R2023-143**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;
AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;
AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;
AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

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AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Council for the Township of Strong strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Graydon Smith MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

6.7 Town of Essex – Request for Support re: Tax Sale Surplus Proceeds R2023-144

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 number R23-03-081 dated March 6, 2023 from the Town of Essex regarding reinstatement of legislation permitting a Municipality to retain surplus proceeds from Tax Sales; 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 Minister of Finance; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; and AMO.

Carried

6.8 Municipality of North Perth – Request for Support re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras R2023-145

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read resolution dated March 6, 2023 from the Municipality of North Perth regarding school bus stop arm cameras; 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 Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Graydon Smith MPP, AMO.

Carried

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**6.9 Ministry of Seniors & Accessibility – Call for Nominations: 2023
Senior of the Year
R2023-146**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby
nominate Harold O'Brien for the 2023 Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

Carried

**6.10 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board –
March CAO Report
Received**

**6.11 AMO Policy Update – Code of Conduct Update & Changes to Fees;
Housing & Homelessness
Received**

**6.12 Labour Market Group: February Jobs Report & March Newsletter
Received**

**6.13 Comment Form – Apr 3
Received**

**6.14 Margaret Linklater: Pevensey Road Petition
Received**

7.0 Report of Committees

**7.1 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board – February 16 & March
16**

**7.1.1 Approve 2023 Library Proposed Budget
R2023-147**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have
reviewed the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Budget for 2023
in the amount of \$103,769.23 with the Township's share being
\$42,733.03;

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

Carried

Conflict of Interest Declared and Seat Vacated: Jim Ronholm

Council briefly recessed at 6:18PM for approximately 3 minutes.

**7.2 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – March 21
Received**

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7.3 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – March 23
Received

7.4 Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee – March 30
Received

7.5 SSJ Arena Committee – April 5
Received

7.5.1 Joint Use Agreement – Near North School Board
By-law for consideration as Item 12.4

**7.5.2 Approve 2023 Proposed SSJ Arena Budget
R2023-148**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

That the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the SSJ Arena Budget and defer voting until such time Council receives a staff report showing year over year budgets starting from 2019 forward, and will bring the item back to the next regular meeting.

Carried

7.6 Joint Building Committee – April 6
Received

7.7 Municipal Law Enforcement Services

**7.7.1 Approve 2023 MLEO Proposed Budget
R2023-149**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Municipal Law Enforcement Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$85,960.00 with the Township's share being \$21,490.00; And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

Carried

**7.7.2 Approve MLEO Surplus reserve
R2023-150**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Strong recognizes the importance of preparing for future training and equipment purchases to maintain and improve the quality of services provided to our community; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges the need to manage public funds responsibly and efficiently; and

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WHEREAS, Council recognizes the potential benefits of building financial reserves to support the long term financial sustainability of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong:

1. That any joint Municipal Law Enforcement Officer budget surplus for the current fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year shall be transferred to reserves held by the Village of South River for future training and equipment purchases.
2. That the reserve represents the combined contributions of the members of the joint Municipal Law Enforcement Officer service and upon dissolution or withdrawal the balance of any reserve funds will be returned in the appropriate portion to the Township of Strong.
3. That the Council directs that administration report to Council on the status of these reserves annually.
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Carried

7.8 Almaguin Health Centre Council – MAHC Local Share Resolution

Council deferred pending additional information from staff relating to the North Bay Regional Health Care Centre contribution.

R2023-

Moved By: Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong tables the following motion pending a staff report on the donation to the North Bay Regional Health Centre to be provided at the next regular meeting on April 25, 2023:

Whereas the Almaguin Highlands Health Council has set a long-term fund-raising target for healthcare in the Almaguin Highlands of \$12-million over 12 years starting in 2023, and

Whereas 80%, or \$9.5-million, would be apportioned to the build costs for the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC) hospital build, and

Whereas 20%, or \$2.5-million, would be apportioned toward a healthcare fund to be kept in the Almaguin Highlands to fund healthcare related activities in our area;

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong will set aside \$ _____ per year toward the MAHC build and

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\$_____ per year for healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands beginning_____. Total contribution is estimated to be \$_____ for the MAHC build
And \$_____ for healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands over 12 years.
Deferred

Council moved to item 11.0 Public Meeting pursuant to notice provided for an Official Plan/Zoning By-law amendment and Zoning By-law amendment.

8.0 Discussion Items

**8.1 2022 Council and Committee Member Remuneration
R2023-153**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

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

COUNCIL:	Honorarium Paid	Taxable Benefit (Cell Phone)	Meeting Per Diems	Sundry Expenses	Mileage
Mayor - Kelly Elik	14,069.00				
Councillor - Jason Cottrell	12,331.00	275.00			
Councillor - Jeff McLaren	12,331.00				
Councillor - Marianne Stickland	12,331.00	275.00			
Councillor - Jody Baillie	12,331.00	275.00			

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November 15 – December 31, 2022

COUNCIL:	Honorarium Paid	Taxable Benefit (Cell Phone)	Meeting Per Diems	Sundry Expenses	Mileage
Mayor – Tim Bryson	1,279.00				
Councillor – Kevin Noaik	1,121.00	25.00			
Councillor - Jeff McLaren	1,121.00				
Councillor - Marianne Stickland	1,121.00	25.00			
Councillor – Jim Ronholm	1,121.00	25.00			

Schedule "A" - 2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Committee
Members

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

Carried

8.2 Landfill #2 Contractor Agreement: 2023-2024

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R2023-154

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Contract with 719406 Ontario Incorporated for the May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 term for services at Landfill Site # 2, in the amount of \$32,033.10 plus HST; and

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

Carried

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

R2023-155

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to schedule a statutory public meeting and arrange preparation of a zoning by-law amendment at a Council Meeting as soon as possible in May 2023 to rezone all the lands identified being Part of Lots 18 and 19, Concession 9, Strong Township, known as 10258 Highway 124.

Carried

Lanny Dennis, Planner, left the meeting at 7:15PM.

9.0 Staff Reports

None

10.0 Council Member Reports

10.1 Mayor Bryson – Security Camera Updates

R2023-156

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby discuss security camera updates; and

Direct staff to investigate options and bring recommendations back to the next regular meeting of Council.

Carried

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

R2023-151

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

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.

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Carried

Guests in attendance: Martina & Dennis Bizotto, Norm & Shirley Nobes

11.1 Official Plan Amendment/Zoning By-law Amendment – Con 8 Part Lot 16 (21 Maple Sugar Ln)

The Mayor opened the meeting pursuant to Section 22 and 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 proposed amendments have been requested by the owner of lands located at 21 Maple Sugar Lane on lands located in Part Lot 16, Concession 8 in the Township of Strong.

The purpose of the amendments is summarized below:

1. The proposed official plan amendment would provide a policy exemption from Section B3.4 of the Official Plan to authorize up to three residential units within an existing building located in the Commercial Employment designation.
2. The subject lands are split-zoned Tourist Commercial (CT) and Rural (RU). The proposed zoning by-law amendment would create a Commercial Tourist Exception (CT-2) Zone to authorize and regulate up to three residential dwelling units within an existing building.

The owner of the property, Dennis Bizotto, briefly explained the need for the rental units this would create. There were no further questions or comments from the public. Council raised no questions on the proposed amendment.

11.2 Zoning By-law Amendment – Con 8 Pt Lot 24 (Machar/Strong Boundary Rd)

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 the subject lands to fulfill a condition of Consent (Severance) Approval B17/22, which facilitated the creation of two new residential lots.

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The proposed amendment will rezone the two new severed lots to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone and will zone the retained lot to a Rural Exception (RU-15) Zone. The purpose of the zone exception is to authorize a lot frontage of 81 metres rather than the minimum required lot frontage for the RU Zone, which is 90 metres.

There were no questions or comments from the public. Council raised no questions on the proposed amendment.

R2023-152

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

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

Members of the public left the meeting at 7:10p.m.

At conclusion of the public meeting, Council proceeded to Item 8.0 Discussion Items.

12.0 By-Laws

12.1 By-law 2023-014 Execute Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 4616-05

A recorded vote was requested.

R2023-157

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-014 being a by-law to execute a Collective Agreement with C.U.P.E./Local 4616-05 for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.;

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

Recorded Vote:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Tim Bryson</i>	X	
<i>Jeff McLaren</i>		X
<i>Kevin Noaik</i>	X	
<i>Jim Ronholm</i>	X	

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Marianne Stickland

X

**12.2 By-law 2023-015 Appoint Deputy Chief Building Official
R2023-158**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-016 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official;

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 By-law 2023-016 Amending Zoning By-law Con 8 Pt Lot 24
(Machar/Strong Boundary Rd)
R2023-159**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-017 being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-19 as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Strong with respect to lands located in Lot 8, Concession 14 including lands described legally as Parts 1 to 2, Plan 42R-22107, 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

**12.4 By-law 2023-017 Enter into Agreement with Near North School Board
re: SSJ Arena**

R2023-160

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-017 being a by-law to execute a joint use agreement between the Near North District School Board and the Sundridge Strong Joly Arena.;

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

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R2023-161

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

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)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; Legal Matter; and Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; JBC Staffing Matter; at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:53 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2023-162

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have receive and read resolution R2023-021 dated April 6, 2023 from the Joint Building Committee;

That Council approve the recommendation for the CBO wages, as outlined in the resolution.

Carried

14.0 Adjournment

R2023-163

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 7:54 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on April 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Lois O'Neill-Jackson