

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON MAY 9, 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 (virtually): Lois O'Neill-Jackson, Acting Clerk

Staff Present (in person): Kim Dunnett, Deputy Clerk

Guests Present (in person): Wayne Rodgers, Martina Bizzotto (6:15 p.m.)

Guests Present (virtually): Tom Hanrahan

1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:30 PM by Mayor Tim Bryson
R2023-184

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby appoints Lois O'Neill-Jackson of VS Municipal Solutions, as the Acting Clerk for this May 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

The following declaration was filed with the Clerk:

I, Kevin Noaik, declare a pecuniary interest in Item 8.3 on the May 9/2023 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because: primary employer. 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
R2023-185

Moved by: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the May 9, 2023 regular meeting agenda, as amended to include 10.1.3, Office Hours.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-186

Moved by: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the April 25, 2023 regular meeting, as circulated.

Carried

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4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

Council requested confirmation that a letter has been sent to CN regarding vegetation spraying. A status report is requested on the installation of mobi-mats for the beaches. It was confirmed that a road allowance usage application has been submitted by. Mr. Tuckey.

5.0 Delegation

**5.1 Wayne Rodgers - Roads
R2023-187**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the delegation from Wayne Rodgers regarding Roads, with thanks.

Carried

Wayne Rodgers left the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

**6.1 Almaguin Highlands Prom Committee – Request for Financial
Support
R2023-188**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the letter from the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School Prom Committee dated April 21, 2023, with thanks.

Carried

**6.2 Nicole Lehto, Director of Northern Region Operations: Enbridge Gas
– Letter regarding Third Party Locate Charge
Received**

**6.3 Jill Vinneau, Assistant Deputy Minister for Ministry of Infrastructure –
Interactive High-Speed Internet Map
Received**

**6.4 Labour Market Group – 2023 Local Labour Market Plan
Received**

**6.5 Comment Form – Apr 21 – May 3
Received**

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Committee – April 13

**7.1.1 Proposed 2023 SSFD Budget
R2023-189**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$413,852.00 with the Township's share being \$206,926.00;

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented;
and

Further that the Township's portion of the 2022 surplus in the amount of \$1,396.50 be added to the Fire Reserve.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

For

Against

Tim Bryson

X

X

Jeff McLaren

Kevin Noaik

X

Jim Ronholm

X

Marianne Stickland

X

7.2 Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board – April 16

Received

7.3 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – April 18

7.3.1 Support of Expression of Interest – Primary Care Expansion

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive information prepared by Dr. MacKinnon regarding an Expression of Interest – Primary Care Expansion; and

That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the submission of an Expression of Interest – Primary Care Expansion to the Ministry of Health; and

That Council direct staff to work with Dr. MacKinnon on preparation of a Letter of Support for inclusion with the proposal.

Carried

7.3.2 Draft Agreement re: Employees of the Physicians R2023-

Moved By:

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received the Agreement regarding Employees of the Physicians; and

Accept this agreement as circulated; and

Authorize the Village of Sundridge to sign on behalf of the Community Sponsors.

Deferred

7.4 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – April 27

Received

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7.5 SSJ Restructuring Committee – May 1
Received

7.6 Municipal Road Network Ad Hoc Committee – May 2
Received

8.0 Discussion Items

**8.1 Tri-Council: May 29 at 6PM – Agenda Items
R2023-191**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby request the following agenda items for the Tri-Council Meeting on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 6:00PM:

- Delegation – Wayne Rogers & Jeff Nichols: Lake Bernard Water Levels
- MAHC Local Share Contribution (Township of Strong)
- Bell 5G Tower (Township of Strong)
- Planning Services (Township of Strong)
- Holding Bi-Council with Village of Sundridge at the conclusion of the Tri-Council meeting to discuss boundary road agreements.

Carried

**8.2 Northridge Inn – Request for Noise Exemption
R2023-192**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby provide an exemption to the Noise By-Law per section 4.1, 4.2 to the Northridge Inn from May 19, 2023 to October 28, 2023; and

That the exemption shall be until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturdays only; and

That the By-Law Enforcement Officer be directed to conduct enforcement specifically in that area periodically during the exemption period; and

That this exemption may be reviewed from time to time throughout the season; and

That this exemption may be suspended at anytime by the By-Law Enforcement Officer until such time Council may reconsider.

Carried

**8.3 Severance Application – approval in principle Pt Lot 24 and 25, Con 14
R2023-193**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the proposed severance for lands located at Con. 14 Part Lots 24 and 25 to create one rural lot approximately 14.6 hectares and 50.6m frontage, in principle, providing the following condition apply:

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- Zoning By-law Amendment to recognize a Rural Zone and to recognize frontage less than 90m.

Carried

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Kim Dunnett, Deputy Clerk – Security Camera System

R2023-

Moved By:

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed staff report 2023-008 regarding security camera systems for the Township; and

Hereby approve an upgrade the current wired camera systems with an eight camera DVR for future expansion if needed, upgrade cameras for enhanced capabilities, plus adding additional cameras at the Municipal Office, Community Hub, Public Works and Landfill Site #1 for increased coverage.

The installation of an internet service at Landfill Site #1 would be required to support the new security camera system and live feed option.

Wireless camera(s) purchased to be used in remote locations, such as parks, beaches etc. and located in these areas, as needed by staff.

Deferred

10.0 Council Member Reports

10.1 Mayor Tim Bryson

10.1.1 Planning Services

R2023-194

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to prepare a report on Planning Services, including:

Consultant costing, average hours/month, billing processes, planning fees, status of current applications, and application process.

Carried

10.1.2 Summer Council Meeting Schedule

R2023-

Moved By:

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have discussed regular council meetings for 2023; and

Pursuant to Section 4.3 of Procedural By-law 2011-008, regular Council meetings will occur once monthly during the months of June, July and August as a trial for 2023; and

That the Mayor shall call a special meeting, if a second meeting is required.

Deferred

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11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

**12.1 By-law 2023-012 Safe and Clean Yards By-law – First Reading
R2023-195**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby give a first reading of By-law 2023-012, being a Safe and Clean Yard By-law and refer it back to staff.

Carried

**12.2 By-law 2023-020 Confirm Proceedings of Council
R2023-196**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-020 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of Council;
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

R2023-197

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)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Public Works Staffing Matters; and Administrative Staffing Matters; and Section 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; Legal Matter; at 8:04 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:17 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

14.0 Adjournment

R2023-198

Moved by: Jim Ronholm Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:18 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on May 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

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Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Lois O'Neill-Jackson