

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON JUNE 13, 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

Staff Present (virtually): Lois O'Neill-Jackson, Acting Clerk

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

Guests Present (in person): Marilee Koenderink, Abby Flynn, Andrew Sprunt, Keelin Pringnitz

Guests Present (virtually): Stacie Fiddler, Mike Parr

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

R2023-242

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 June 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None.

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2023-243

Moved by: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the June 13, 2023 regular meeting agenda, as amended to move Item 9.3 to after 5.2.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-244

4.2 Moved by: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the May 23, 2023 regular meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the May 29, 2023 Tri/Bi-Council special meeting, as circulated.

Carried

4.3 Business Arising from Minutes

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Council noted the following items will be coming forward to a future meeting: use of road allowance Con 5, Pt lot 12 & 13, Clean Yard Bylaw, appointment of Livestock Evaluator, and performance review public works.

5.0 Delegation

5.1 Stacie Fiddler, Labour Market Group

R2023-245

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the delegation from Stacie Fiddler regarding the Labour Market Group, with thanks.

Carried

5.2 Marilee Koenderink & Abby Flynn, Phragmites Working Group – Education Opportunity and 2023 Update

R2023-246

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the delegation from the Phragmites Working Group, with thanks.

Carried

R2023-247

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby grant permission for the Phragmites Working Group to provide boat education at South Lake Bernard Beach and/or Pool Lake Boat Launch for the clean/drain/dry program and invasive species; and
Approve Dr. Janice Gilbert to spray the phragmites stand at 64 Municipal Lane; and

Request that the Phragmites Working Group submit a list of stands on municipal property which are expected to be managed in 2023.

Carried

Marilee Koenderink and Abby Flynn left the meeting.

Council moved to item 9.3 Andrew Sprunt, Consultant – Service Review Pre-Study.

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 Brandon Schmidt – Almaguin News Reporting

Received.

6.2 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board – June CAO Report

Received.

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**6.3 Strong Agricultural Society – Request for Support re: Fall Fair
R2023- 248**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the letter from the Strong Agricultural Society dated May 24, 2023; and That a contribution of \$100.00 be approved and included in the 2023 Township budget.

Carried

6.4 Comment Form – May 31 - June 7

Received.

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board – April 5

Received.

7.2 Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library – April 20

Received.

7.3 EMS Advisory Committee – May 25

Received.

7.4 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – April 27

7.4.1 Housing Task Force

R2023-249

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive resolution #2023-017 dated May 25, 2023 from the Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee; and Support the creation of a regional task force to address opportunities and barriers regarding housing development.

Carried

7.5 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – May 25

Received.

7.6 Joint Building Committee – May 31

7.6.1 Approve Policy Revisions: C-1.5 Probationary Period; C-5.1 Employee Discipline

R2023- 250

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive resolution #2023-024 dated May 31, 2023 from the Joint Building Committee; and

Approve revisions to JBC Policy C-1.5 Probationary Period; and C-5.1 Employee Discipline, as circulated.

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Carried

7.7 Almaguin Highlands Health Council - June 1

Received.

7.8 High Rock Lookout Park Committee – June 5

**7.8.1 Approve 2023 Proposed High Rock Lookout Budget
R2023- 251**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the High Rock Lookout Park Proposed Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$9,900.00 with the Township's share being \$4,950.00; And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

Carried

7.9 SSJ Arena Committee – June 7

**7.9.1 Storage of Condenser
R2023-252**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby discussed the storage of the used condenser purchased by the SSJ Arena.

Carried

7.10 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – June 8

**7.10.1 Expression of Interest – Primary Care Expansion
R2023-253**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive resolution #2023-043MC dated June 8, 2023 from the Sundridge and District Medical Centre Committee regarding the Primary Care Expansion: Expression of Interest; and Council hereby acknowledges the following items would be a required commitment:

- i. Addition of a funding program under the 'Community Sponsorship'
- ii. In-kind provision of office space for enhanced health services
- iii. Renovate space in lower level of facility to accommodate the Healthcare practitioners' usage for a staff room and storage area
- iv. Extend SDMC Employee Agreement to include new Healthcare Practitioners;

And Further that the expression of interest be approved and authorize the administering municipality to provide a letter of commitment on behalf of the Community Sponsors for inclusion.

Carried

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8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 CN Rail – Transport Canada Grade Crossing Regulation: Approve Update to Peacock Road Crossing R2023-254

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read correspondence from CN Railway regarding the required Transport Canada's Grade Crossing Regulatory upgrade to Peacock Road; and

Further that the Clerk and Mayor be authorized to sign the Warning System Installation/Modification Agreement on behalf of the Township.

Carried

8.2 Special Meeting – June 23

Council will meet at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the budget.

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Brian Dumas, CBO – May Permit Report

Received.

9.2 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator

**9.2.1 South Lake Bernard Beach Status Report
R2023-255**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

That Council receive Staff Report 2023-011 regarding the ICIP Funding Status, for information purposes.

Carried

9.2.2 Office Hours Report

R2023-256

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby maintain flexible scheduling for the office administration staff and direct staff to maintain Township Policy D1.6; and

That the Township of Strong Administration Office Hours be as follows:

Monday 8:30AM – 4PM

Tuesday 8:30AM – 4PM

Wednesday Closed to the Public

Thursday 8:30AM – 4PM

Friday 8:30AM – 4PM

And be brought back to Council for review annually at the first meeting in January.

Carried

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9.2.3 Land Use Planning

R2023-257

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

That Council receive Staff Report 2023-013 regarding the Land Use Planning, for information purposes and that staff reach out to Council to find a date in early July for a Special Meeting to come to a resolution on this matter.

Carried

9.3 Andrew Sprunt, Consultant – Service Review Pre-Study

Received.

After a short 10 minute break at 6:53 p.m. Council proceeded to Item 6.0.

10.0 Council Member Reports

None.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None.

12.0 By-Laws

12.1 By-law 2023-007 Authorize Agreement with Enbridge Gas Agreement – Third and Final Reading

R2023-258

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2023-007 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with Enbridge Gas;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby give a third and final reading, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

12.2 By-law 2022-047 Member Appointments & Deputy Mayor – amend Schedule A committee appointments

R2023-259

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend By-law 2022-047 Member Appointments & Deputy Mayor – amend Schedule A, as follows:

Committee	Council Representative(s)	Alternate Representative
Sundridge & District Medical Centre	Kevin Noaik Jeff McLaren Tim Bryson	Tim Bryson Jeff McLaren

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	Jim Ronholm	
High Rock Lookout Park Committee	Tim Bryson Jeff McLaren	Jeff McLaren Tim Bryson

Carried

R2023-260

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby appoint the following Council Members to the Municipal Road Network Advisory Committee, effective immediately:

Kevin Noaik

Tim Bryson

Alternate: Jim Ronholm

Carried

12.3 By-law 2023-015 Appoint DCBO – amend Item 4

R2023-261

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend By-law 2023-015 being a by-law to appoint a DCBO, as follows:

4. That By-law 2019-023 is repealed.

Carried

13.0 Closed Session

R2023-262

Moved By: Marianne Stickland 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)(a) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Library Board Member Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Joint Building Committee Staffing Matters and Fire Department 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 8:37 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 9:00 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2023-263

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby acknowledge the resignation of Jean Wanless as Strong representative on the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board, effective April 20, 2023; And Appoint the following community member as the Strong public representative to the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board for the remainder of 2022-2026 Term

1. Karen McLaren.

Carried

14.0 Adjournment

R2023-264

Moved by: Jim Ronholm Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 9:01 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on June 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Lois O'Neill-Jackson