

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ON AUGUST 22, 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, and Marianne Stickland.

**Council Members Absent:** Councillor Jim Ronholm (with notice)

**Staff Present (in person):** Kim Dunnett, Deputy Clerk; Derek Hnatiuk, Interim Financial Manager; Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator; Braden Bradford, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

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

**Members of the Public Present (in person):** Lynda Mee, Roger Mee, E. Vasiliou, Jim G., Jack Feiner, Lois Brisbois, Paul Thompson & Denver Thompson and Wayne Rogers.

**Members of the Public Present (virtually):** Dale Klodnicki, Local Resident of Strong, Brian, Sarah Bissonette – Almaguin News, CM, Darren Howard, Maria Russell, Motorola One, Marilyn, Observer, Jamie Beauchamp, Dorothy, Bill, Nancy Vandeburgt, Lias Family, Adam Parkes, Darren and Owen Hanna.

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

**R2023-343**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**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 August 22, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

**Carried**

**2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared**

None.

**3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**R2023-344**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the August 22, 2023 regular meeting agenda, as amended.

Add Item 11.1 Landfill Operations, and move this item to 5.0.

**Carried**

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**4.1 R2023-345**

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

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the August 8, 2023 regular meeting, as circulated.

**Carried**

**4.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

The following items were noted: Report on Cemetery Trees, included on this agenda; Planning Presentation by MMAH, which is being scheduled tentatively September 26; Strategic Planning, feedback to be submitted by September 6, 2023.

**5.0 Delegation**

**Council moved to item 11.0 Public Meeting/Notice to discuss 11.1 Landfill Operations**

**5.1 Brian Hachkowski, Integrated Earth & Environmental Inc. – Consultant Landfill Engineer re: Landfill Operations  
R2023-348**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the delegation from Brian Hachkowski, Integrated Earth & Environmental Inc. – Consultant Landfill Engineer regarding Landfill Operations, with thanks.

**Carried**

**6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence**

**6.1 AMO Policy Update – Ontario Audit**

Received.

**6.2 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – 2024 Property Tax Assessment**

Received.

**6.3 AMO Policy – Property Tax Assessment**

Received.

**6.4 Carolyn Miller – Community Hub**

**R2023-349**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive correspondence submitted by Caroline Miller, dated August 14, 2023, regarding the Community Hub; and

Ensure that an update be put on the website and that the reply from staff be brought to the next Council meeting for review.

**Carried**

**6.5 Labour Market Group – July Newsletter**

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Received.

**6.6 Ministry of Infrastructure – Red Tape Reduction re: Designated Broadband Projects**

Received.

**6.7 Comment Forms – July 24 – August 10**

Received.

**7.0 Report of Committees**

**7.1 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – July 23**

**7.1.1 Regional Housing Task Force Terms of Reference  
R2023-350**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and read the Almaguin Housing Task Force Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference under the Almaguin Community Economic Development; and

That Council adopt the terms of reference, as circulated.

**Carried**

**7.1.2 Approve ACED CIINO Funding Renewal**

**R2023-351**

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

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Strong recognizes the benefit of participating in Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) with regional partners to jointly deliver economic development services to the Almaguin Highlands Region; AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Strong has invested in the delivery of economic development services through making annual contributions to ACED in partnership with conditional contributions from FedNor's Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby declares their support for the Township of Armour's application to renew the ACED funding for another three-year term.

**Carried**

**7.1.3 Appoint Representative re: Regional Bus Partnership**

**R2023-352**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby select Councillor Ronholm to participate in a meeting to discuss the potential for a regional community bus partnership.

**Carried**

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**8.0 Discussion Items**

**8.1 Working Alone Policy Update re: Landfill  
R2023-353**

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

That the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed Working Alone Policy C4.3 and the updated Working Alone Procedure for Landfill #1, to include operation of equipment; and

Hereby approve the changes as circulated.

**Carried**

**8.2 Landfill Hours – Update  
R2023-354**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have received and read Staff Report 2023-018; and

Direct Staff to proceed with Option 1, status quo.

**Carried**

**8.3 Cemetery Tree Removal  
R2023-355**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received Mayor Tim Bryson's tree assessment for Strong Cemetery and Berriedale Cemetery; and

Direct staff to action the items in the report; and

Up to \$300 for the production of a satellite imagery tree map.

**Carried**

**9.0 Staff Reports**

**9.1 Derek Hnatiuk, Interim Finance Manager – Financial Indicator Report  
R2023-356**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have received and read Staff Report 2023-020 for information purposes.

**Carried**

**9.2 Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator – Capital Project  
Update  
R2023- 357**

**Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have received and read Staff Report 2023-05PW for information purposes.

**Carried**

**10.0 Council Member Reports**

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None.

**11.0 Public Meeting/Notice**

**11.1 Landfill Operations**

**R2023-346**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

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 5:33 p.m.

**Carried**

**R2023-347**

**Moved By: Kevin Noaik**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

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 6:27 p.m.

**Carried**

**After a short 10 minute break at 6:28 p.m. Council proceeded to Item 5.1.**

**12.0 By-Laws**

**12.1 By-law 2023-031 Waste Management By-law**

**R2023-358**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2023-031 being a by-law to regulate waste disposal at authorized sites and to prohibit unauthorized disposal of waste within the Municipality;

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; and

That By-law 2023-031 be brought back to the September 12 focused meeting for further revision consideration.

**Carried**

**12.2 Amend Fee By-law 2021-011 Schedule H Landfill Fees**

**R2023-359**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend By-law 2021-011 Schedule H Landfill Fees and

That By-law 2021-011 Schedule H be brought back to the September 12 focus meeting for revision consideration.

**Carried**

**12.3 By-law 2023-012 Safe and Clean Yards By-law – Second, Third & Final Reading**

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**R2023-**

**Moved By: Seconded by:**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2023-012 being a by-law to Establish Standards for the Maintenance of Lands in a Clean and Safe Condition for a second, third and final reading;

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.

**Deferred**

Council took a short break at 9:15 p.m. All members of the public left the meeting.

**R2023-360**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby extend curfew beyond 9:30PM, pursuant to Procedural By-law 2011-08 section 16.13.

**Carried**

**13.0 Closed Session**

**R2023-361**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren   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)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Public Works Staffing Matters and Landfill Staffing Matters; at 9:27 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 10:06 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

**14.0 Adjournment**

**R2023-362**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren   Seconded by:**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 10:09 p.m. until the focused meeting scheduled on September 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Clerk, Lois O'Neill-Jackson**