

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON OCTOBER 10, 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 Present (virtually): Councillor Jim Ronholm.

Staff Present (in person): Derek Hnatiuk, Interim Financial Manager; Lois O'Neill-Jackson, Acting Clerk

1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:30 PM by Mayor Tim Bryson
R2023-428

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

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 October 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared
None.

3.0 Adoption of Agenda
R2023-429

Moved by: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the October 10, 2023 regular meeting agenda, as amended.

Move Item 9.1 and 9.2 to after Item 5.0

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-430

4.2 Moved by: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

4.3 Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Special Tri-Council meeting; the Minutes of the September 26, 2023 regular meeting; and the Minutes of the October 3, 2023 Special Meeting; as circulated.

Carried

4.4 Business Arising from Minutes

Tax Collection Policy will come forward at the next meeting.

5.0 Delegation
None.

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Council moved to item 9.1 and 9.2

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 Phil Whitton, OPP Superintendent – 2024 Annual Billing Report
Received.

6.2 AMO Policy Update – Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act & Housing Task Force
Received.

6.3 City of Hamilton – Request for Support re: Basic Income R2023-437
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 September 13, 2023 from the City of Hamilton in support of Basic Income; and
That Council support this resolution as circulated; and further
This resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Canadian Federation of Municipalities, MPP Graydon Smith, and MP Scott Aitchison.
Carried

6.4 NBPSHU – News Release re: Relocate Parry Sound Office
Received.

6.5 Ontario Ombudsman Annual Report
Received.

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 NBPSDHU Board of Health – June 28
Received.

7.2 NBPSDHU Board of Health – August 16
Received.

7.3 Central Almaguin Planning Board – August 2
Received.

7.4 Central Almaguin Planning Board – September 6
Received.

7.5 Sundridge & District Medical Centre – Sept 19
Received.

7.6 Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Committee – Sept 20
Received.

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7.7 Joint Building Committee – Sept 21

**7.7.1 Approve Recommendation re: Inspector Wage
R2023- 438**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby have received resolution 2023-031 dated September 21, 2023 from the Joint Building Committee; and

Hereby approve the recommended wage increase for the Building Inspector, effective immediately.

Carried

7.8 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – Sept 23
Received.

7.9 Almaguin Housing Task Force – Sept 27

**7.9.1 Recommendation re: Ontario Housing Task Force Request
R2023-439**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby receive resolution 2023-02 dated September 27, 2023 from the Almaguin Regional Housing Task Force; And

Identify 5 priority item numbers from the Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF)'s 74 Recommendations by October 16, 2023;

And Further, that this recommendation be circulated to the Almaguin Regional Housing Task Force when submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried

8.0 Discussion Items

**8.1 Application for Consent – Con 2 Pt Lot 11
R2023-440**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-031 regarding Gosbee Consent Pre-Consultation Application for Con 2 Part Lot 11 on South Lake Bernard Road; and Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the pre-consultation in principle to create one 14ha lot with +/-353m frontage, subject to the following conditions: that the Central Almaguin Planning Board circulate notice to the Trans-Canada Pipeline; draft copy of the survey be submitted to the Township for review; any road deviation discovered during the survey process be transferred to Township at no cost to the Township; payment of the cash-in-lieu per lot created; taxes paid in full.

Carried

8.2 Application for Consent – Con 4 Lot 32

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R2023-441

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-032 regarding Gibbons Consent Pre-Consultation Application for Con 4 Lot 32 on Gibbons Road; and
Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the pre-consultation in principle to create one 4ha lot with minimum 90m frontage, subject to the following conditions: draft copy of the survey be submitted to the Township for review; any road deviation discovered during the survey process be transferred to Township at no cost to the Township; payment of the cash-in-lieu per lot created; taxes paid in full.

Carried

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator

9.1.1 Micro-Seal for High Rock Drive

R2023-431

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

That Council accept staff report 2023-08PW for information purposes.

Carried

9.2 Derek Hnatiuk, Interim Finance Manager

9.2.1 Approve Accounts – as of October 6

R2023- 432

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-033 regarding Over-Budget Expense Account Balances as at October 6, 2023 including Appendix A and B; and

Approve for the immediate payment of the list of unpaid invoices (due to over-budget expense account balances) as set forth in Appendix B.

Carried

9.2.2 Township of Strong Property

R2023-433

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

That Report No. 2023-034 Township Owned Properties be received for information purposes; and

Ask that a supplementary staff report categorizing properties into

1. Those that are for certain limited to development for community parks; and
2. Those that have the potential for residential development or sale;

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Be brought to the next regular Council Meeting for further consideration.

Carried

**9.2.3 Levy Instalment Frequency & Payment Dates
R2023-434**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-035 regarding Levy Instalment Frequency and Payment Dates; and

Hereby direct proceeding with Option B amended with collection dates of the 3rd Friday of March, May, August and October.

Carried

R2023-435

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby moves item 12.1 forward for discussion.

Carried

Council moved to item 12.1.

9.3 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator

9.3.1 JBC Administration and Rent

R2023- 442

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-036 regarding the Joint Building Committee Department Administration and Rent; and

Hereby approve the increase in rent to \$20 per sq ft, including internet and administration fee to \$10,000 per year for the Joint Building Committee, effective January 1, 2024; and direct staff to prepare a Lease Agreement for approval by Council prior to being presented to the Joint Building Committee.

Carried

9.3.2 Landfill Fees – Municipality Under Contract

R2023-443

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-037 regarding the Landfill Rates – Municipalities Under Contract; and

Hereby direct staff to complete an analysis of costs associated with the operation and management of the Township of Strong Landfill #1 for presentation to Council as soon as possible.

Carried

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**9.3.3 Cyber Security Insurance Renewal
R2023-444**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-038 regarding the 2024 Insurance Renewal – Cyber Security Policy; and
Hereby approve the purchase of 9 MFA USB and remote assistance from SMRT Computer Solutions Inc. at a cost of \$1,709.82 + HST.

Carried

9.4 Brian Dumas, Chief Building Official

9.4.1 September Permit Report

Received.

10.0 Council Member Reports

None.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

**12.1 2023-033 Approve OILC Loan re: Road Gravel Applications
R2023-436**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2023-033 being a by-law to approve an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) to secure a loan for the Road Gravel Applications;

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

Derek Hnatiuk left the meeting.

**12.2 2023-034 Confirm Proceedings of Council
R2023-445**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2023-034 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of Council from May to September, 2023;

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.

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13.0 Closed Session

R2023-446

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; Landfill Staffing Matters; Administration Staffing Matters; Arena Staffing Matters; and Section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; Statement of Claim re: Rodeo Road; at 7:59 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:40 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

14.0 Adjournment

R2023-447

Moved by: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on October 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Lois O'Neill-Jackson