

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON OCTOBER 24, 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 (in person): Derek Hnatiuk, Treasurer; Kim Dunnett, Deputy Clerk

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

Guest Present: Megan Sloka

1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:30 PM by Mayor Tim Bryson
R2023-448

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 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

None.

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2023-449

Moved by: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the October 24, 2023 regular meeting agenda, as amended to add Item 8.4 to discuss availability to have a training session with the IC.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-450

4.2 Moved by: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Special meeting; and the Minutes of the October 10, 2023 regular meeting; as circulated.

Carried

4.3 Business Arising from Minutes

4.3.1 Updated Budget Timeline

Received.

4.3.2 Staff Report 2023-010 re: Landfill Grinding Wood/Shingles

Received.

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5.0 Delegation

None.

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 Municipality of Bluewater – Request for Support re: Childcare Availability

R2023-451

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read correspondence dated October 2, 2023 from the Municipality of Bluewater regarding the availability of childcare in Ontario; and

That Council support this letter, as circulated; and further

This resolution be circulated to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, , MP Scott Aitchison, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

Carried

6.2 Village of South River – Resolution re: Joint Building Committee R2023-452

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received resolution R280-2023 from the Village of South River regarding Joint Building Committee Surplus; and
Hereby support this resolution as circulated.

Defeated

6.2.1 Township of Ryerson – Resolution re: Village of South River JBC

Received.

6.3 Muskoka-Algonquin Health Care – News Release re: Local Share Financing

Received.

6.4 Municipality of Powassan – Re-Alignment of CACC Borders R2023-453

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 dated October 3, 2023 from the Municipality of Powassan regarding re-alignment of the CACC borders; and

That Council support this letter, as circulated; and further

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This resolution be circulated to the Honourable Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, MPP Graydon Smith, MPP Vic Fedeli, Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal, Municipality of Powassan and Township of Nipissing.

Carried

6.4.1 Township of Nipissing – Re-Alignment of CACC
Received.

6.5 DSSAB – October CAO Report
Received.

6.6 Comment Form – Oct 16
Received.

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 DPSMA Fall Meeting – September 29
Received.

7.2 SSJ Arena Committee – October 4
Received.

7.3 SSJ Recreation Committee – October 5
Received.

7.4 Almaguin Highlands Health Council – October 5

**7.4.1 Request for Support re: MAHC Lab Services
R2023- 454**

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 2023-024 dated October 5, 2023 regarding consistency of laboratory services provided by Muskoka Algonquin Health Care to the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre; and

That Council support this resolution, as circulated.

Carried

8.0 Discussion Items

**8.1 Application for Consent – Con 3 Lot 8/Con 3 Pt Lot 7
R2023-455**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-041 regarding Newcastle Consent Pre-Consultation Application for Con 3 Pt Lot 7 and Con 3 Lot 8; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the pre-consultation in principle for consent to return the

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lots to the original configuration prior to merging, specifically Con 3 Lot 8 at approximately 40.5 hectares and 400m frontage, subject to the following conditions: payment of the cash in-lieu per lot created; taxes paid in full.

Carried

**8.2 Strategic Plan – Township of Strong
R2023-456**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-016 on the Township of Strong Strategic Plan; and
Hereby direct staff to schedule a meeting for November 15, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. with management to complete second draft of strategic plan to ensure completion before the end of November.

Carried

**8.3 Authorize Clerk & Mayor to Sign Data Sharing & Services Agreement
– MPAC
R2023-457**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read the Data Sharing and Services Agreement with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; and
Hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk Administrator to sign this agreement and affix the seal thereto.

Carried

8.4 Training Session with Integrity Commissioner

A training session with the Integrity Commissioner will be held at 1:00 p.m. on November 15, 2023.

Council took a short break at 6:44 p.m.

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Derek Hnatiuk, Interim Finance Manager

**9.1.1 Tax Collection Policy – 1st reading
R2023- 458**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby received the Township of Strong Tax Collection Policy, and complete a first reading of the draft; and
Hereby direct staff to make the changes and take the actions as discussed and directed.

Carried

9.2 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator

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9.2.1 Landfill Fees – Analysis

R2023-459

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-039 regarding the Landfill Rates – Analysis; and

Hereby amend Waste Management Fees to the Township of Joly and Village of Sundridge by 5% for 2024; and

Further to direct staff to conduct data collection in 2024 on waste collection.

Carried

9.2.2 Emergency Management Annual Compliance

R2023-460

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-040 regarding the Emergency Management; and

Hereby review the Township of Strong Emergency Response Plan, and attend the December 5, 2023 annual training hosted by the Village of Sundridge.

Carried

10.0 Council Member Reports

None.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

None

12.0 By-Laws

None

13.0 Closed Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

R2023-461

Moved by: Kevin Noaik Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on November 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Lois O’Neill-Jackson