

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON NOVEMBER 14, 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; Lois O'Neill-Jackson, Acting Clerk

Guest Present: Nancy Wright, Brian Hachkowski.

1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:30 PM by Mayor Tim Bryson
R2023-462

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 November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

Councillor Jim Ronholm declared a pecuniary interest, as follows:

I, Jim Ronholm, declare a pecuniary interest in Item 9.22 on the 14th of November, 2023 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because involves my remuneration as a councillor. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter, I will not take part in discussion on any question in respect to 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
R2023-463

Moved by: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong amend the November 14, 2023 regular meeting agenda, to state that the October 24, 2023 meeting was a regular meeting and that 14.1 should read adjournment until the Special Meeting on November 15, 2023.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2023-464

Moved by: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the October 24, 2023 regular meeting, as circulated.

Carried

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

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None.

5.0 Delegation

- 5.1 Brian Hachkowski, CET Geologist, Principal of Integrated Earth Environmental Inc. - Aggregate License, potential resources and work plan
R2023-465**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the delegation from Brian Hachkowski, CET Geologist, Principal of Integrated Earth Environmental Inc. regarding Aggregate License, potential resources and work plan, with thanks.

Carried

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

- 6.1 Cheryl Harrison, CEO MAHC – Letter re: AHHC Resolution on Laboratory Services**

Received

- 6.2 Kevin Dowling, Director: Transit Strategy & Programs, MTO – EV Charge ON Announcement**

Received

- 6.3 Jill Vienneau, Assistant Deputy Minister: Ministry of Infrastructure - Administrative Penalties Regulation under the Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021**

Received

- 6.4 Labour Market Group – September Jobs Report & October Newsletter**

Received

- 6.5 Comment Form – Nov 7**

Received

7.0 Report of Committees

- 7.1 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board – June 15 and September 21**

Received

- 7.2 Central Almaguin Planning Board - October 4**

Received

- 7.3 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – October 17**

Received

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7.4 Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee – October 26
Received

Council moved to item 11.0 Public Meeting pursuant to notice provided for an Official Plan/Zoning By-law amendment and Zoning By-law amendment.

Council took a brief 5 minute break at 7:23 p.m.

7.5 SSJ Arena Committee – November 1
R2023-468

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby direct staff to bring back to the next regular meeting a report:

- a) Providing an update on the status of the review of the SSJ Shared Services Agreement
- b) Including KPMG review recommendations Re: SSJ Shared Services Agreement
- c) Outlining the current work plan, performance goals and performance evaluation structure for the SSJ department
- d) Status of continuing to collaborate with Sundridge and Joly and the potential to bring back a draft new SSJ Shared Services Agreement to the January 29, 2024 Tri-Council meeting.

Carried

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 2024 Budget Survey Results
R2023-469

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-042 regarding the 2024 Budget Survey Results; and Hereby directs staff to adopt Options 1 and 2.

Carried

8.2 2023 Holiday Council Meeting Cancellation and Office Hours
R2023-470

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-043 regarding the 2023 Holiday; and Hereby cancel the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 26, 2023 and

That notice of the cancellation and holiday facility closures be hereby placed in the Almaguin News, posted on the website, Facebook page and at the Office.

Carried

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9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Derek Hnatiuk, Interim Finance Manager

9.1.1 Financial Summary Report – Jan to Oct 2023

R2023-471

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby directs staff to report:

- a) To the Building Department that the HUB will utilize the bathrooms in the lower level of the Strong Township office and the HUB will remain a recreational space without a skating rink;
- b) To have the architects to draw plans for a fully accessible walkway from the HUB to the lower level of the Strong Township office and its bathrooms.

Carried

R2023-472

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

That Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive staff report No. 2023-044 Financial Summary Report – January to October 2023, for information purposes.

Carried

9.1.2 Approve Accounts – as of November 10

R2023-473

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-045 regarding Over-Budget Expense Account Balances as at November 14, 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

9.1.3 Tax Collection Policy – 2nd and Final reading

R2023-474

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby read the Property Tax Collection Policy a second and final time; and

Further that Property Tax Policy D-4 be adopted and shall form part of the Township of Strong Non-Union and Union Policy Manual.

Carried

9.2 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator

9.2.1 Cemetery Maintenance

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R2023-475

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-047 regarding Cemetery Grounds Keeping – Strong Cemetery; and
Hereby supports Option 1 and ask that staff bring back a draft terms of reference for a cemetery committee or board at a regular meeting in February.

Recorded Vote:	For	Against
Tim Bryson	X	
Jeff McLaren		X
Kevin Noaik		X
Jim Ronholm	X	
Marianne Stickland	X	

Carried.

9.2.2 Council Remuneration Report 2023

Council determined there was no pecuniary interest for Jim Ronholm as previously declared since there was nothing that only benefited the member.

R2023-476

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2023-048 regarding the 2023 Council Remuneration; and
Hereby provide an exemption to section 2.4a) of Council Remuneration By-law 2018-037 to all members for 2023.
Carried

9.3 Brian Dumas, CBO – October Permit Report
Received.

10.0 Council Member Reports
None.

11.0 Public Meeting/Notice

11.1 Zoning By-law Amendment – Con 1 Pt Lot 4 (Rodeo Road)
R2023-466

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

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 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Guests in Attendance (in person): Nancy Wright

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Guests in Attendance (virtually): Gary Boyes, Cindy Wackett, Daniella Boyes

The Mayor opened the meeting pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act. The Clerk provided the method of notice of which the meeting was given and confirmed that one written comment was received and there were zero requests for a verbal submission. The written comment was read by the Clerk.

The application affects lands described legally as Parts 1 and 2, Plan 42R-22322 and Part 5, Plan 42R-6199, located in Part of Lot 4, Concession 1, in the Township of Strong (see attached Key Map). The purpose of the application is to zone the subject lands to fulfil a condition of Consent (Severance) Approval B27/22, which facilitated the creation of one new residential lot as well as a natural severance. The proposed amendment will rezone the severed and retained lots as well as a lot created by natural severance to the Rural Residential (RR) and Rural (RU) Exception Zones to recognize lot areas and lot frontages of the new lots which are modestly non-compliant with the minimum standards of the Township of Strong's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2014-19.

The applicant spoke and explained the reasons for the amendment and provided a summary of the proposed project. There was a question from Nancy Wright respecting the future use of the property. There were no further public comments or questions.

Council raised no questions on the proposed amendment.

R2023- 467

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 7:16 p.m.

Carried

At the conclusion of the Public Meeting, Council resumed at Item 7.5.

12.0 By-Laws

12.1 By-law 2023-035 to enter into Joint Agreement for CEMC

R2023-477

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2023-035 being a by-law to enter into Joint Agreement with the Village of Sundridge for a Community Emergency Management Coordinator;

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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

**12.2 By-law 2023-036 to Appoint CEMC and Alternate CEMC
R2023- 478**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2023-036 being a by-law to appoint a Community Emergency Management Coordinator and an Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator;

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

**12.3 By-law 2023-037 Zoning Amendment – Con 1 Part Lot 4 (Rodeo Road)
R2023-479**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2023-026 being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-19 as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Strong with respect to lands described legally as Parts 1 to 2, Plan 42R-22107 and Part 5, Plan 42R-6199 located in Part Lot 4, Concession 1, in the Township of Strong, District of Parry Sound;

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

None

**14.0 Adjournment
R2023-480**

Moved by: Jim Ronholm Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:44 p.m. until the special meeting scheduled on November 15, 2023 at 8:45 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Clerk, Lois O'Neill-Jackson