

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024
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.

Guests Present (virtual): Mark Smuck (5:32PM – 6:02PM)

Staff Present (in person): Derek Hnatiuk, Treasurer (left at 6:21PM); Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator (left at 6:02PM)

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

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

R2024-075

Moved by: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the February 27, 2024 meeting agenda, as amended.

Item 12.5 corrected to read "Accounts Receivable Policy"

Move items 9.0 and 12.0 to after 5.0 to hear from staff.

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2024-076

4.2 Moved by: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 6, 2024 special meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the February 13, 2024 regular meeting, as circulated.

Carried

4.3 Business Arising from Minutes

None.

5.0 Delegation

None.

Council moved to Item 9.0 pursuant to R2024-075

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 FONOM – Conference Registration

R2024-088

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby register Mayor Bryson for the FONOM Conference May 6-8 in the City of Sudbury.

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6.2 Town of Mono – Declaration of Road Safety Emergency

Received

6.3 Municipality of Wawa – Request for Support re: Fire Apparatus R2024-089

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and resolution #RC24016 dated February 6, 2024 from Municipality of Wawa regarding lifespan of fire apparatus and consideration if implementation of community fire protection and fire prevention insurance systems with distinct criteria for rural and urban municipalities, and

That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this correspondence as circulated; and

That a copy of this support be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, FONOM, and FCM.

Carried

Recorded Vote requested by Councillor Noaik

| | <i>For</i> | <i>Against</i> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Tim Bryson</i> | <i>X</i> | |
| <i>Jeff McLaren</i> | <i>X</i> | |
| <i>Kevin Noaik</i> | | <i>X</i> |
| <i>Jim Ronholm</i> | <i>X</i> | |
| <i>Marianne Stickland</i> | <i>X</i> | |

6.4 DSSAB – February CAO Report

Received

6.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Delegation of Land Use Planning Authority to Municipality of Magnetawan

Received

6.6 Village of Sundridge – Resolution to Approve SSJ Arena Budget

Received

6.7 Erika Luoma – Invitation to Participate in World Autism Day R2024-090

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby declare April 2, 2024 as World Autism Day; and

Direct staff to post this declaration on the website and Facebook page, sharing educational information from Autism Ontario.

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Carried

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Meeting – January 16

**7.1.1 Authorize Mayor to Sign Collaborative Decision Making Agreement
R2024-091**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read the revisions to the Sundridge and District Medical Partnership Collaboration Agreement;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

7.2 Joint Building Committee – February 15

**7.2.1 Approve 2024 Proposed JBC Budget
R2024-092**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Joint Building Committee Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$397,200.00;

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented

Carried

**7.2.2 Approve Recommended Changes re Building By-law
R2024-093**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the proposed changes to the Building By-law for each member municipality; and

That Council approve the changes to the Construction Cost Guidelines contingent upon the adjustment of the cost/\$1000 from \$15 to \$10.50.

Carried

7.2.3 Resolution re: JBC Vehicle

Received

7.3 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – February 22

Received. Councillor Ronholm provided an update from the Community Bus sub-committee.

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8.0 Discussion Items

None

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator

9.1.1 Half Load Restrictions

R2024-077

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby read and receive Staff Report 2024-003PW, for information purposes.

Carried

9.1.2 Accept Bid for 2014 GMC Truck

Four sealed bids were received by the Municipal Office on February 23, 2024. The Municipal Operations Coordinator and Clerk Administrator opened them at 12noon, and recorded the submissions.

R2024-078

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept bid submitted by Mike Basso in the amount of \$2,500.00 for surplus truck 2013 GMC Vin # 1GT02ZCG0EF102121

Carried

9.2 Derek Hnatiuk, Treasurer

9.2.1 Approve Accounts as of December 30

R2024-079

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2024-010 regarding Over-Budget Expense Account Balances as at December 30, 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

9.3 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator

9.3.1 MLEO Vehicle Update

R2024-080

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby read and receive Staff Report 2024-011;and

Hereby approve the purchase of the JBC 2020 Chevrolet Silverado for \$28,000 on behalf of the shared by-law enforcement service, in

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principle providing that the Village of South River, Village of Burk's Falls and Township of Joly approve the capital purchase to be included in the 2024 By-law Enforcement Budget.

Defeated

**9.3.2 Blue Box Transition – Opting Decision
R2024-081**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby read and receive Staff Report 2024-012; and

Hereby direct staff to send a letter of intent to Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) stating that the Township of Strong will opt in to keep the blue box recycling program at 483 Forest Lake Road for the residents of the Township of Strong, Village of Sundridge and Township of Joly; and

That Council for the Township of Strong hereby agrees to negotiate a transition contract (depot operations agreement) with CMO.

Carried

**9.3.3 Emergency Management Updates
R2024-082**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2024-013 regarding the Shared Emergency Management, for information purposes;

And hereby appoint the Clerk Administrator as the Senior Administration Staff and following Elected Official to the Emergency Management Program Committee to represent the Township of Strong: Councillor Noaik

Carried

Council moved to Item 11.0 pursuant to R2024-075

10.0 Council Member Reports

None

11.0 Public Meeting

None

12.0 By-Laws

12.1 2024-011 2024 Township of Strong Budget

R2024-083

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2024-011 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates, tax ratios and budget for 2024;

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And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this by-law and hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

**12.2 2024-012 Designate Reduced Load Periods on Municipal Roads
R2024-084**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2024-012 being a by-law designate Reduced Load Periods on certain Municipal Highways or Portions thereof within the Township of Strong;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this by-law and hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

**12.3 2024-013 Emergency Management
R2024-085**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2024-013 being a by-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan and to meet other Requirements under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and to provide emergency management services jointly with The Village of South River, the Township of Joly, the Township of Strong, and The Village of Sundridge;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this by-law and hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

Carried

**12.4 2024-014 Reserves and Reserve Fund Policy
R2024-086**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2024-014 being a by-law to establish a reserve and reserve fund policy;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this by-law and hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

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**12.5 2024-015 Accounts Receivable Policy
R2024-087**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2024-015 being a by-law to establish an accounts receivable policy;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong support this by-law and hereby authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

And that administrative correction to this by-law from “payable” to “receivable” be completed.

Carried

Council had a brief 5 minute recess from 6:12PM and then moved back to Item 6.0

13.0 Closed Session

None

**14.0 Adjournment
R2024-094**

Moved by: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. until the special Tri/Bi-Council meeting scheduled on February 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator