

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
COUNCIL MEETING
ON MARCH 26, 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.

Staff Present (in person): Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator (left at 8:31PM)

1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:31 PM by Mayor Tim Bryson

2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared

The following Council Member's Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was read by Mayor Bryson and filed with the Clerk Administrator:

I, Jeff McLaren, declare a pecuniary interest in Item 8.3 on the March 26/24 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because my company has given this property a quote for renovation. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter, I will not take part in discussion on any question in respect of 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

R2024-107

Moved by: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the March 26, 2024 meeting agenda, as amended.

Add Item 7.11 Joint Building Committee – Resolution re: JBC Truck [R]

Add Item 7.12 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – 2024 Budget [R]

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 R2024-108

4.2 Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the February 27, 2024 regular meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the February 29, 2024 special Tri/Bi-Council meeting, as circulated.

Carried

4.3 Business Arising from Minutes

4.3.1 Volunteer Appreciation Subcommittee Appointment

R2024-109

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong discuss Volunteer Appreciation; and

Hereby appoint Councillor Stickland as a member of the Volunteer Appreciation Subcommittee.

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Carried

5.0 Delegation

None.

6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence

6.1 Township of Perry – Resolution of Support re: Blue Box Regulation for Non-Eligible Sources

R2024-110

Moved By: Jeff McLaren

Seconded By: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received the resolution #2024-52 dated February 21, 2024 from Township of Perry requesting the Province to amend Blue Box Regulation for Non-Eligible Sources, 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 Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and the Township of Perry.

Carried

6.1.1 Township of Algonquin Highlands, Municipality of Dysart et al, Municipality of Highlands East, Township of Minden Hills – Letter to Ministry of Environment re: Non-Eligible Sources

Received

6.2 Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry - Crown Land Disposition in Northern Municipalities

R2024-111

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded By: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive correspondence from Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding Crown Land Disposition in Northern Municipalities; and Direct staff to prepare a staff report, after corresponding with the MNRF, outlining lands available for sale.

Carried

6.3 Township of Puslinch – Resolution of Support re: ARO Supervisors Training

R2024-112

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded By: Kevin Noaik

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read resolution 2024-066 from the Township of Puslinch dated February 28, 2024, and resolution dated February 6, 2024 from the Municipality of Powassan, regarding support for a Municipal Equipment Operator Course; 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 Honourable Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and the Municipality of Powassan.

Carried

6.4 NBPSDHU – Media Release re: Merger with Renfrew County

Received

6.5 PSDSSAB – Resolution of Support re: Reaching Home Funding Resolution

R2024-113

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded By: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read resolution 24 03 02 from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board dated March 14, 2024, and resolution 24-007 dated January 10, 2024 from the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association, regarding support for Reaching Home Funding; and

That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support this correspondence as circulated and request additional information pertinent to the DPSSAB area re: what this means to us; and

That a copy of this support be forwarded to the Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, DSSAB and NOSDA.

Carried

6.6 Comment Forms – Mar 1 – 19

R2024-114

Moved By: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

That the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Strong have received comment forms from Mar 1-19th and direct the MOC to bring back a staff report relating to the options to upgrade South Horn Lake Road (problem section) at the next regular meeting.

Carried

7.0 Report of Committees

7.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board – January 10

Received

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7.2 EMS Advisory Committee – February 22
Received

7.3 SSJ Arena Committee – March 6
Received

7.4 SSJ Recreation Committee – March 7
Received

7.5 Almaguin Highlands Health Council – March 7
Received

7.6 Sundridge Strong Fire Department Committee – March 21

**7.6.1 Approve 2024 Proposed SSFD Budget
R2024-115**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$474,205.00 with the Township's share being \$210,647.00;

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

Carried

7.7 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board – January 18

7.7.1 Approve 2024 Proposed SSUPL Budget (March 21)

Councillor Noaik advised the proposed budget requires an amendment by the Board.

**7.7.2 2023 SSUPL Annual Report (March 21)
R2024-116**

Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and read the 2023 Year End Librarian's Report.

Carried

**7.8 OPP Detachment Board (Almaguin Highlands) – Nomination for
Municipal Reps
R2024-117**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby nominate of Township of Strong member Kevin Noaik to represent the Township of Strong, the Village of Sundridge and Municipality of Magnetawan on the OPP Detachment Board for the remainder of the Council term.

Carried

**7.8.1 OPP Detachment Board – Nomination from Municipality of
Magnetawan**

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Received

7.9 South River-Sundridge-Strong-Joly Municipal Emergency Program Committee – March 7

**7.9.1 Appoint Municipal Emergency Control Group Members
R2024-118**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2024-014 regarding the Shared Emergency Management, for information purposes;

And hereby appoint the Clerk Administrator as the Emergency Information Officer to represent the Township of Strong in the Municipal Emergency Control Group.

Carried

7.10 Eastholme Home for the Aged – 2023 Annual Report & 2024 Levy
Received

**7.11 Joint Building Committee – Resolution re: JBC
R2024-119**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby read and receive Staff Report 2024-017, for information purposes;

And hereby forward this report to the Joint Building Committee for inclusion on their next meeting agenda for a legal opinion.

Carried

**7.12 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee – 2024 Budget
R2024-120**

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Jim Ronholm

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge & District Medical Centre Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$615,561.00 with the Township's share being \$87,677.00;

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

Carried

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Approved Proposed Shared Municipal Law Enforcement 2024 Budget
Tabled to after item 13.0.

R2024-126

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Shared Municipal Law Enforcement Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$130,155.00 with the Township's share being \$32,538.75;

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And that the Township of Strong defer his budget as presented pending staff report on by-law enforcement.

Carried

**8.2 2023 Council and Committee Honorarium
R2024-121**

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Whereas the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 C.25 as amended, Section 284(1) requires that the Treasurer of a municipality shall in each year on or before March 31 provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to each member of council in respect of his/her services as a member of the council or any other body, including a local board, to which the member holds office by virtue of being a member of council; each member of council in respect of his/her services as an officer or employee of the municipality or other body described in clause (a); and each person other than a member of council appointed by the municipality to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his/her services as a member of the body; and That By-Law 2018-037 identified the remuneration to be paid to members during this period as per S.O. 2001, c.25 Section 284 (2).

COUNCIL	Honorarium Paid	Taxable Benefits (Cell Phone)	Meeting Per Diems	Sundry Expenses	Mileage
Mayor - Tim Bryson	\$ 15,348.00		\$ 550.00	\$ 971.14	
Councillor - Jeff McLaren	\$ 13,452.00		\$ 200.00		
Councillor - Marianne Stickland	\$ 13,452.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00		
Councillor - Kevin Noaik	\$ 13,721.04	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00		\$ 69.34
Councillor - Jim Ronholm	\$ 13,721.04		\$ 250.00		

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Total
Recreation Committee - Katey Brimacombe	\$ 500.00
Recreation Committee - Harmony McLaren	\$ 350.00
Recreation Committee - Stephen Kissoon	\$ 700.00
Recreation Committee - Diana Cosby	\$ 650.00
Recreation Committee - Nicole Therrien	\$ 500.00
Library Board Committee - Jean Wanless	\$ 80.00
Library Board Committee - Karen McLaren	\$ 120.00
Library Board Committee - Vicki Whitmell	\$ 280.00

Carried

**8.3 Proposed Severance – 204 Forest Lake Road
R2024-122**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby discuss the proposed severance for lands located at Con. 10 Part Lot 18 to create two general industrial lots, and

That the pre-consultation application is hereby deemed complete, as submitted, without an acoustical study and site evaluation to confirm the lands are free from contaminants, and;

Further that the proposed severance to create two general industrial lots: retained 1 ha. 81m frontage; severed lot A .8 ha. 105m frontage; severed lot B .3 ha. 33m frontage be approved in principle with the following conditions:

- Official Plan Amendment to address non-conformity with Rural Residential land use designation and any other area of non-conformity
- Zoning Amendment to address frontage, lot size, and any other area of nonconformity
- Usual conditions of the Central Almaguin Planning Board
- Payment of Cash in Lieu of \$500 per lot to the Township of Strong
- Taxes Paid in full
- Repair the current sound barrier to a condition as good or better than its original condition.

Carried

Conflict of Interest Declared and Seat Vacated: Jeff McLaren

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator

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9.1.1 Winter Sand Tender

R2024-123

Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed the Winter Sand Tender; and

Hereby direct staff to post a two year tender for Winter Sand.

Carried

9.2 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator

9.2.1 Sale of Municipal Land

R2024-124

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 2024-016; and

Hereby direct staff to prepare a development profile for the following parcels:

4946 002 005 01002

4946 002 006 01024

4946 002 007 06000

4946 004 022 05200

4946 003 020 09300

4946 004 015 01000

4946 002 007 04000

4946 005 014 04000

4946 006 011 02000

4946 007 018 01005

4946 008 014 01000

For consideration of declaring lands surplus for sale, pursuant to Sale of Land By-law 2011-010, at the next regular meeting.

Carried

9.3 Brian Dumas, CBO – February Permit Report

Received

10.0 Council Member Reports

None

11.0 Public Meeting

None

12.0 By-Laws

None

13.0 Closed Session

R2024-125

Moved By: Jim Ronholm

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

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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)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees: Public Works Staffing; Landfill Staffing; Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Staffing; and Section 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board: 10945 Hwy 124; at 8:17 p.m.

Carried

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:48 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2024-127

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

Seconded By: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the letter submitted by Carl Miners dated March 13, 2024, providing notice of the end of his contract for service at Landfill #2 950 Muskoka Road, effective April 27, 2024, and

Thank him for his service with a token of our appreciation.

Carried

R2024-128

Moved By: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the resignation from Braden Bradford, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, effective March 29, 2024; with thanks for his service.

Carried

14.0 Adjournment

R2024-129

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting 8:50 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on April 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor, Tim Bryson

Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator