

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ON DECEMBER 10, 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:** Mayor Tim Bryson. Councillors; Jeff McLaren, Kevin Noaik, Jim Ronholm and Marianne Stickland.

**Staff Present:** Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator (left at 5:35PM)

**Guests Present (virtual):** “Wendy” (left at 7:05PM); “Jaimie B” (left at 5:35PM); “Rob” (left at 7:05PM); “Christine McCutcheon” (left at 6:00PM); “Jeff” (6:00PM to 6:21PM); “James Gross” (6:24PM to 6:38PM); “Samsung” (6:39PM to 6:50PM)

**Guests Present (in person):** Michael Beauchamp (left at 5:35PM)

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

**2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared**

None

**3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**R2024-385**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland                      Seconded by: Jim Ronholm**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the December 10, 2024 meeting agenda, as amended.

Move Item 9.1 to after 5.0 to hear from staff.

**Carried**

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**4.1 R2024-386**

**Moved by: Kevin Noaik                      Seconded by: Jim Ronholm**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the November 26, 2024 regular meeting, as circulated

**Carried**

**4.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

Councillor Stickland advised of the following outstanding items: Community Sharps agreement with the Health Unit, Fuel Analysis and Tariff of Fee by-law correction.

**5.0 Delegation**

None

**Item 9.1 moved to after Item 5.0 per R2024-385**

**9.1 Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator**

**9.1.1 Engineer Letter – Tower Road Entrance**

**R2024-387**

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**Moved By: Jeff McLaren    Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the letter of opinion from Chris Stilwell, P. Eng. Project Manager / Principal, Tulloch Engineering, regarding the entrance at 383 Tower Road.

**Carried**

**6.0    Comments/Communications/Correspondence**

**6.1    AMO Policy Update – 2024 Housing Targets; OPP Billing Bills; Pre-Budget 2025**

Received

**6.2    FONOM - Provincial Update re: OPP Cost Increases**

Received

**6.3    Marilee Koenderink – 2024 Phragmites Working Group Season Report**

**R2024-388**

**Moved By: Kevin Noaik                      Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the 2024 Phragmites Working Group Year End Report, with thanks.

**Carried**

**6.4    FONOM – 2025 Conference Registration City of North Bay**

**R2024-389**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that Council for the Township of Strong hereby register the following Council Members for the 2025 FONOM Conference in the City of North Bay on May 5-7, 2025: Mayor Bryson

**Carried**

**6.5    Labour Market Group – November Labour Focus; October Jobs Report**

Received

**6.6    District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board – November CAO**

Received

**7.0    Report of Committees**

**7.1    Sundridge-Strong Fire Committee – October 1**

**7.1.1    SSFD Fleet Replacement Policy**

**R2024-390**

**Moved By: Kevin Noaik    Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong has received and read resolution FC2024-023 from the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Committee; and  
Hereby approves the SSFD Fleet Replacement Policy, as circulated.

**Carried**

**7.2 Board of Health – September 25, October 16, November 27**

Received

**7.3 Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board – October 24**

Received

**7.4 Joint Building Committee – November 21**

Received

**7.4.1 Permit Maintenance Fee Resolution  
R2024-391**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong has received and read resolution 2024-042 from the Joint Building Committee; and

Hereby approves the recommendation regarding outstanding building permit maintenance fees.

**Carried**

**7.5 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee –  
November 28**

Received

**7.6 Almaguin Highlands Health Council – December 5**

**7.6.1 AHHC Contribution Plan 2023**

Council deferred the resolution pending the Almaguin Highlands Health Council review of the Village of Burk's Falls recommendation.

**R2024-392**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby read and received the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Contribution Plan prepared by the Village of Burk's Falls; and  
Hereby approve the following option:

The Village continues to manage with the formal assistance of member municipalities

a. All AHHC Council member municipalities enter into a contribution agreement to cover approved budgeted costs at a fixed percentage with 5-year review intervals.

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b. The Village continues to oversee operations of the building, as is Option #1

c. The Village continues to hire staff 3 days a week to manage facility (current Admin Assist)

**Deferred**

**7.6.2 Proposed Wellness Centre – November 2024**

**R2024-393**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm**

**Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the Potential Future Health and Wellness Centre Building for the Almaguin Highlands report dated November 2024, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**7.7 SSJ Arena Committee – December 5**

Received

**8.0 Discussion Items**

**8.1 Tri-Council Agenda Items – January 30, 2025**

**R2024-394**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jim Ronholm**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby request the following agenda items for the Tri-Council Meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 6:00PM:

1. Lake Bernard Water Levels (Dam Operating Plan) – Mayor Bryson
2. Shared Facilities Manager – Mayor Bryson
3. Restructuring (J Consulting)
4. Health Centre (Councillor Ronholm)

**Carried**

**9.0 Staff Reports**

**Item 9.1 moved to after Item 5.0**

**9.2 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator**

**9.2.1 Public Code of Conduct Policy**

**R2024-395**

**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 2024-069; and

That Council proceed with Option 2\*.

**Carried**

\* Council recommend changes to the Draft Public Code of Conduct.

**9.3 Brian Dumas, Chief Building Official – November Permit Report**

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Received

**10.0 Council Member Reports**

None

Council took a brief recess from 6:54PM to 7:00PM

**11.0 Public Meeting**

**R2024-396**

**Moved By: Kevin Noaik**

**Seconded by: Jim Ronholm**

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**

**11.1 Shore Road Allowance Sale - Con 3 Pt Lot 20 Part 1 Plan 42R22606, South Lake Bernard Road**

**Guests:** "Wendy" (virtual); "Rob" (virtual)

The sale is with respect the following property:

1. Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Con 3 Pt Lot 20, Plan M258 Lot 6 Township of Strong, District of Parry Sound, and more particularly described as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey deposited in the office of Land Titles at Parry Sound as Plan 42R22606.

No comments were made by the public or Council. The Clerk Administrator advised that the applicant was unable to attend but did not have any questions or comments to submit.

**R2024-397**

**Moved By: Kevin Noaik**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

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 7:04 p.m.  
**Carried**

**12.0 By-Laws**

**12.1 2024-032 Sale of Land By-law – Shore Road Allowance Sale – Con 3 Pt Lot 20 Part 1 Plan 42R22606, South Lake Bernard Road**

**R2024-398**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland** **Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2024-032 being a by-law to stop up and close part of the shore road allowance described as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey deposited in the office of Land Titles at Parry Sound as Plan 42R22606 (South Lake Bernard Rd);

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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 2024-033 By-law to adopt Boundary Road Agreement with the Village of Sundridge**

**R2024-399**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed By-Law 2024-033 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the Maintenance of Roads Between 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**

**13.0 Closed Session**

**R2024-400**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Jim Ronholm**

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 and local board employees; Joint Building Committee employee matters; at 7:05 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:14 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

**R2024-401**

**Moved By: Kevin Noaik Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received resolution 2024-043 from the Joint Building Committee; and Hereby approve the recommendation to promote Yves Savage to Deputy Chief Building Official, effective January 1, 2025 per the wage approved by the JBC.

**Carried**

**14.0 Adjournment**

**R2024-402**

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**Moved by: Kevin Noaik**

**Seconded by:**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting 7:18 p.m. until the special meeting scheduled on December 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Tim Bryson**

**Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator**