

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ON JANUARY 14, 2025  
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 (left at 5:58PM); Nick Thomson, Municipal Operations Coordinator (left at 5:58PM).

**Guest Present (in person):** Mike Beauchamp (left at 5:37PM)

**Guest Present (virtual):** Jaimie Beauchamp (5:32PM – 5:37PM); “LAR” (5:34PM – 7:24PM); “Wendy” (5:44PM – 8:11PM); “Icroz” (6:31PM – 8:11PM); “Sundridge Strong” (7:32PM – 8:11PM)

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

**2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared**

None

**3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**R2025-001**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the January 14, 2025 regular meeting agenda, as amended.

Move Item 9.1 to after 5.1 to hear from staff.

Move Item 10.1 to after 9.1

**Carried**

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**4.1 R2025-002**

**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 December 10, 2024 regular meeting, as circulated; and the Minutes of the December 19, 2024 special meeting, as circulated.

**Carried**

**4.3 Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

**5.0 Delegation**

**5.1 Mike & Jaimie Beauchamp – Safety Concern and Engineer Letter re: 383 Tower Road**

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**R2025-003**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the delegation from Mike & Jaimie Beauchamp regarding Safety Concern and Engineer Letter re: 383 Tower Road, with thanks; and  
That Council directs staff to bring a staff report with options to a future regular meeting.

**Carried**

**Council moved to Item 9.1 and 10.1 per resolution 2025-001**

**9.0 Staff Reports**

**9.1 Derek Hnatiuk, Treasurer**

**9.1.1 Public Works Fuel Analysis**

**R2025-004**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2025-003 regarding Public Works Fuel Analysis for information purposes; and  
Support Option 1 and 2 to be considered in budget discussions.

**Carried**

**9.1.2 Public Works & Landfill Repairs and Maintenance Expenditure Update**

**R2025-005**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive Staff Report 2025-004 regarding Public Works & Landfill Repairs and Maintenance Expenditures Update for information purposes.

**Carried**

**9.1.3 Reminder – 2025 Budget Discussion January 28**

**R2025-006**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have discussed the upcoming 2025 Budget meeting on January 28.

**Carried**

**10.0 Council Member Reports**

**10.1 Mayor Bryson**

**10.1.1 Office Space**

Mayor Tim Bryson vacated his seat at 6:10PM, Deputy Mayor Jim Ronholm assumed Chair for the vote.

A motion to reconsider motion R2024-403b regarding Mayor Office rental was read, however it was not moved or seconded.

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**Original Motion  
R2024-403b**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby discussed a Mayor Office Rental for 2025; and Consider option #3 utilize existing spaces.

**Carried**

**Motion to Reconsider  
R2025-**

**~~Moved By:    Seconded by:~~**

~~Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby reconsider motion R2024-403b.~~

Mayor Tim Bryson resumed as Chair at 6:20PM

**10.1.2 Resignation Discussion**

Mayor Tim Bryson discussed the potential of his resignation as Mayor.

**6.0    Comments/Communications/Correspondence**

**6.1    Marilee Koenderink - Phragmites Working Group – Request for In-Kind Support for 2025**

**R2025-007**

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

Whereas the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the work that the Phragmites Working Group is doing to improve quality of our fresh lake water in Lake Bernard; and

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby agree to provide an “In Kind” contribution of providing Public Works Staff and vehicle as required, no more than once weekly, from June 1 to September 30, to pick up the cut and covered Phragmites on cutting days and to transport to Landfill #1 for disposal by burning; and further

That the Council for the Township of Strong direct the Clerk Administrator to send a letter of permission to the Phragmites Working Group to remove phragmites on municipal property during optimal periods for 2025.

**Carried**

**6.2    Diana M. Cosby, President, Sundridge Happy Gang – 2025 Municipal Funding**

**R2025-008**

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

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the contribution to the Happy Gang in the amount of \$1,513.26; and Direct staff to include this contribution in the 2024 Township budget.

**Carried**

**6.3 AMO Policy Update – Homelessness Encampment Legislation; Municipal Code of Conduct Legislation; Pre-Budget Key Messages**  
Received

**6.4 Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024**  
Received

**6.5 Town of Kearney – Cost Recovery Model AHHC**  
Received

**6.6 Town of Kearney – Request for Support re: Changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024**  
**R2025-009**

**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 #2024-398 dated December 19, 2024 from Town of Kearney regarding request for support for changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024; and Hereby support this resolution as circulated; and

Further that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Hon. Graydon Smith, Parry Sound – Muskoka MPP; Hon. Scott Aitchenson, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP; Premier Doug Ford; AMO; FONOM; ROMA and Town of Kearney.

**Carried**

**6.7 Labour Market Group – December Labour Focus & November Jobs Report**  
Received

**6.8 OPP MPB Financial Services Unit – 2025 Annual Billing Letter**  
Received

**6.9 Kathy Horgan, Manager, Local Government and Housing, MMAH – Township of Strong application Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program**  
Received

**6.10 Comment Forms – Dec 30, 2024**

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Received

**7.0 Report of Committees**

**7.1 Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee – Update re: Almaguin Brand Alignment & Regional Signage initiative**

Received

**7.2 Emergency Management Program Committee – October 3; November 21, 2024**

Received

**7.3 Almaguin Highlands Health Council – December 5, 2024 & January 9**

**7.3.1 AHHC Cost Recovery – December R2025-010**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the Discussion Paper – Potential Cost-Recovery to Village of Burk’s Falls dated December 5, 2024.

**Carried**

**7.3.2 2021 AHHC Engineering Report R2025-011**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Condition Assessment completed in 2021 by Tacoma Engineering Inc.

**Carried**

**7.3.3 2023 Stats Usage of Services at AHHC R2025-012**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the 2023 Usage Statistics for services at Almaguin Highlands Health Centre; and

Recommend that municipality and/or address information be collected to better reflect municipal usage of these services.

**Carried**

**7.4 SSJ Restructuring Committee – December 16, 2024**

**7.4.1 Proposed 2025 SSJ Restructuring Budget Request**

Recorded Vote requested by Mayor Bryson

**R2025-013**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received resolution R2024-075R from the SSJ Restructuring Committee regarding a 2025 budget; and

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That the budget of \$41,500 + HST be approved, to be split Township of Strong (50%), Village of Sundridge (40%) and Township of Joly (10%).

**Carried**

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

**7.5 SSJ Arena Committee – January 6**  
Received

**7.6 SSJ Recreation Committee – December 5, 2024 and January 9**

**7.6.1 Proposed 2025 SSJ Recreation Budget**  
**R2025-014**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the SSJ Recreation Committee Budget for 2025 in the amount of \$34,320.00 with the Township's share being \$15,835.00; And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

**Carried**

**8.0 Discussion Items**

**8.1 Contaminated Sites – Municipal Property**  
**R2025-015**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong is not aware of any municipally owned contaminated sites, as required under PS 3260 Liability for Contaminated Sites.

**Carried**

**8.2 Authorization for Treasurer to Pay Accounts**  
**R2025-016**

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

The Council for the Township of Strong is aware that the Township receives some invoices that must be paid prior to Council meetings because of penalties for late payments; and that

Council is also aware that the Treasurer (or designate) pays employee's wages bi-weekly and council wages monthly;

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Treasurer (or designate) to issue payments for the above as and when required throughout 2025. The Council also authorizes the

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Treasurer (or designate) to purchase necessary stationary supplies, printing supplies and other office materials that are required to efficiently operate the municipal business from day to day throughout 2025, pursuant to the Procurement By-law.

**Carried**

**8.3 Draft 2025 Interim Newsletter  
R2025-017**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the 2025 Draft Interim Newsletter; and  
Direct staff to make the requested changes.

**Carried**

**8.4 Amend Resolution R2024-343 Application for Consent – Right of  
Way: 1126A South Lake Bernard Road  
Original Motion  
R2024-343**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the preconsultation application for consent to create a legal right-of-way for lands known as 1126A South Lake Bernard Road, legally described as Lot 4 Plan M-258; and the MHBC Planning Memo dated October 18, 2024; and

That Council for the Township of Strong approve the application in principal for an easement across Lots 4, 5 and 6, of Plan M-258. The proposed easement located on Lot 4 is approximately 20 metres wide and will provide access to Lots 5 and 6 along South Lake Bernard Drive; with the following conditions:

1. The usual conditions of the Central Almaguin Planning Board
2. The owner of Lot 6 to purchase the Shore Road Allowance (SRA) prior to registration of the right-of-way;
3. The Township of Strong be provided with a copy of the survey showing the easement; and
4. The applicant convey to the Township of Strong \$500 cash-in-lieu of parkland.

**Carried**

**Motion to Amend  
R2025-018**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby amend resolution R2024-343 by removing “meters” from “20 meters wide” and replacing it with “feet”.

**Carried**

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**Amended Motion**

**R2024-343**

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

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That Council for the Township of Strong approve the application in principal for an easement across Lots 4, 5 and 6, of Plan M-258. The proposed easement located on Lot 4 is approximately 20 feet wide and will provide access to Lots 5 and 6 along South Lake Bernard Drive; with the following conditions:

1. The usual conditions of the Central Almaguin Planning Board
2. The owner of Lot 6 to purchase the Shore Road Allowance (SRA) prior to registration of the right-of-way;
3. The Township of Strong be provided with a copy of the survey showing the easement; and
4. The applicant convey to the Township of Strong \$500 cash-in-lieu of parkland.

**Carried**

**8.5 Pre-Consultation re: Zoning By-law Amendment – 228 Pevensey Road**

**R2025-019**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the preconsultation application for Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit on lands known as 228 Pevensey Road, legally described as Con 1 Pt Lot 10 Part 1 on Plan 42R10555; and

the MHBC Planning Memo dated December 20, 2024; and

That a Zoning By-law Amendment be required legalize the accessory dwelling unit that was constructed on the second storey of the accessory building; and

Further that the applicant provide floor plan drawings of all the building on the subject property with the zoning amendment application, to evaluate the size of the primary and accessory dwelling units on the subject property.

**Carried**

**9.0 Staff Reports**

**9.1 Item 9.1 moved to after 5.1 per resolution 2025-001**

**9.2 Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator**

**9.2.1 Sale of Land By-law 2011-010**

**R2025-020**



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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby review Sale of Land By-law 2011-010; and

That staff be directed to prepare an amendment to this by-law

**Carried**

**9.3 Brian Dumas, CBO**

**9.3.1 December 2024 Permit Report**

Received

**9.3.2 2024 Year End Building Report**

**R2025-021**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received the 2024 Joint Building Committee Year End Report submitted by Brian Dumas, Chief Building Official.

Report submitted by Brian Dumas, Chief Building Official.

**Carried**

**10.0 Council Member Reports**

**10.1 Item 10.1 was moved to after 9.1 per resolution 2025-001.**

**11.0 Public Meeting/Notice**

None

**12.0 By-Laws**

**12.1 2025-001 Confirm Proceedings of Council**

**R2025-022**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2025-001 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meetings held between October 1, 2024 to December 30, 2024;

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 2025-002 Interest on Tax Arrears**

**R2025-023**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2025-002 being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for nonpayment of tax arrears;

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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**

**12.3 2025-003 Penalty on Current Taxes**

**R2025-024**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2025-003 being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for nonpayment of current taxes or any class or installment thereof;

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**12.4 2025-004 Temporary Borrowing**

**R2025-025**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2025-004 being a by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the financial year ending December 31, 2025.

And That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

**Carried**

**12.5 2025-005 Interim Taxes 2025**

**R2025-026**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2025-005 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Levy and the payment of Interim Taxes for 2025;

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**

**12.6 2025-006 Appoint Deputy Chief Building Official – Yves Savage**

**R2025-027**

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

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2025-006 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official; 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**

**12.7 2025-007 Appoint Livestock Valuer  
R2025-028**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2025-007 being a by-law to appoint Livestock Valuer under the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program;

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**

**R2025-029**

**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 or local board employees; Public Works Staffing Matter; Landfill Staffing Matter; at 8:11 p.m.

**Carried**

***The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:24 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters they were permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.***

**R2025-030**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the resignation from Mark Earl, effective December 28, 2024.

**Carried**

**14.0 Adjournment**

**R2025-031**

**Moved by: Kevin Noaik                      Seconded by:**

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on January 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Tim Bryson**

**Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart**