

**TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
ON APRIL 9, 2019  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Kelly Elik, Councillors Jody Baillie, Jeff McLaren and Marianne Stickland.

**Absent:** Councillor Jason Cottrell, with notice.

**Staff Present:** SSFD Fire Chief – Andrew Torrance (left at 6:15PM), Treasurer – Dan Truchon (left at 8:00PM), Public Works Superintendent – Daniel Readman (left at 8:45PM)

**Guests in the Audience:** None

**1.0 Meeting Declared Open at 5:25 PM by Mayor Elik**

**2.0 Pecuniary Interest Declared**

None

**3.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**R2019-087**

**Moved by: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the April 9, 2019 meeting agenda as amended.

Add Item 8.3 – Rodeo Road Masonry Culvert

Move item 6.2, 8.1, 8.3 and 13.1 to after item 5.2 to discuss with Public Works Superintendent.

**Carried**

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**4.1 R2019-088**

**4.2 Moved by: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong adopt the Minutes of the March 26, 2019 regular meeting, and March 28, 2019 special meeting (Tri-Council) as circulated.

**Carried**

**4.3 Business Arising from Minutes**

**4.3.1 Tri-Council Item – Amalgamation Task Force**

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing representatives contacted each office to inquire about the Tri-Council meeting discussion. They recommend meeting with the Task Force as a first point of business to determine fact finding. Councillor Stickland has been provided with their contact information. The Township has not received confirmation of members appointed by Sundridge or Joly to date.

**5.0 Delegation**

**5.1 Andrew Torrance, SSFD Fire Chief – 2019 SSFD Proposed Budget**

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Mr. Torrance provided a brief overview of the budget including capital purchases for 2019. Council asked for more detail on salary, employer costs and training for their next regular meeting.

**5.2 Daniel Truchon, Treasurer & Daniel Readman, PW Superintendent – 2019 Budget Draft**

Mr. Truchon provided a draft 2019 Budget to Council for review and discussion. Council would like staff to report on the possibility of contracting a grant writer. Mr. Readman provided a report on Road Capital Projects and other department considerations including grader rental and parking improvements.

**Items Moved per R2019-087**

**6.12 Comment Forms – February 14 - April 5**

All comments responded to by applicable department.

**8.1 Rural & Northern Infrastructure Grant Application  
R2019-089**

**Moved by: Jody Baillie                      Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve submitting an application to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Rural & Northern Stream* for work on Machar Strong Boundary Road; and

That Council authorizes DM Wills Ltd. to assist with the application on our behalf.

**Carried**

**8.3 Rodeo Road Masonry Culvert  
R2019-090**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Whereas DM Wills Ltd. has been retained by the Township of Strong to conduct the Municipal Structure Inspection Program; and  
Whereas Rodeo Road Masonry Culvert, known as “Rodeo Road Bridge” has been identified as a priority under the rehabilitation need list; and  
Whereas the Township of Strong previously applied for and was denied OCIF Funding in 2018 to complete the project; and  
Whereas the Council for the Township of Strong deem it necessary to allocate the One-Time Payment from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing towards infrastructure; and

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize DM Wills Ltd. to proceed with a tender for the Rodeo Road Bridge project to be completed in 2019.

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**13.0 Closed Session:  
R2019-091**

**Moved by: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

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)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Public Works Staffing Matters; at 8:06 p.m.

**Carried**

*The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 8:30 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion. Staff was provided direction.*

**6.0 Comments/Communications/Correspondence**

**6.1 Almaguin Highlands Learning Centre – Thank You**

Received

**6.2 Eastholme Board of Management – Confirmation of Area Representatives**

Council directed staff to invite a member of the Board to an upcoming meeting to provide an update.

**6.3 NECO Community Futures Development Co. – Board of Directors Membership**

Received

**6.4 Minister of Infrastructure & Communities – Gas Tax Fund**

Received

**6.5 Geoff Whitlock, EarlyScale – Letter of Support for Funding re: Entrepreneur Support in Ontario**

**R2019-092**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and reviewed the request for support for funding by EarlyScale; and

That Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support.

**Carried**

**6.6 Almaguin Highlands OPP – New Detachment Commander to be Identified**

Received

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**6.7 Town of Huntsville – Establishment of Hwy 11 & 60 MTO/Municipal Liaison Group Meeting Request**

**R2019-093**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have hereby received and reviewed correspondence dated March 29, 2019 from the Town of Huntsville regarding the establishment of a Highway 11 & 60 Ministry of Transportation/Municipal Liaison Group; and  
That Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve Kelly Elik and Caitlin Haggart to attend the meeting on Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 1PM in the Town of Huntsville.

**Carried**

**6.8 Non-Profit Organization for Almaguin Housing (NOAH) – Request for Support**

Deferred to April 23, 2019

**R2019-**

**Moved by:                      Seconded by:**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong acknowledge the presentation made by Lyle Hall, General Manager of NOAH, at the March 28, 2019 Tri-Council meeting whereas a letter of support was requested from the Township of Strong, Township of Joly and Village of Sundridge for their efforts to develop and manage affordable housing facilities in the Central Almaguin Region; and

That Council for the Township of Strong authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support.

**6.9 Tulloch Engineering – Investing in Canada Grant Request**

Council wishes to pursue this application with DM Wills Ltd. as per Item 8.1.

**6.10 Explorers' Edge – News Release re: Porter Airlines in Muskoka**

Received

**6.11 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Board of Directors – Member Request**

**R2019-094**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and reviewed correspondence dated January 30, 2019 from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority in regards to the Source Protection Authority Board of Directors; and

That Council for the Township of Strong hereby appoint Marianne Stickland as a member representing the Township of Strong for the remainder of the Council Term; and

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That this appointment be forwarded to the Secretary Treasurer for the Source Protection Authority Board of Directors.

**Carried**

**6.13 FONOM – DPSMA Rep Appointment Request  
R2019-095**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have received and reviewed correspondence dated October 21, 2018 from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) in regards to representation on the FONOM Board of Directors; and

That Council for the Township of Strong hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ as a member representing the District of Parry Sound for a two year term; and

That this nomination be provided to the Secretary Treasurer for the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association for consideration at the Spring meeting on April 29, 2019.

**Defeated**

**7.0 Report of Committees**

**7.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board – March 20**

Mayor Elik provided an update on what is planned for the next regular meeting.

**7.2 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Committee – March 21**

Councillor McLaren advised the budget may come forward after the next regular meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**7.3 Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee – March 28**

Received

**7.4 Sundridge Strong Fire Department Committee – April 2**

**7.4.1 Emergency Purchase – Bunker Gear**

**R2019-096**

**Moved by: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the resolution dated April 2, 2019 from the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Committee and the Fire Chief's Memo dated April 2, 2019; and

That the Township of Strong authorizes the Extraordinary Circumstance (Emergency) Purchase of 23 sets of Bunker Gear immediately; and

That the amount of \$48,000.00 + HST for the purchase be included in the 2019 Fire Department Budget.

**Carried**

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**7.4.2 Emergency Purchase – Utility Truck  
R2019-097**

**Moved by: Marianne Stickland    Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the resolution dated April 2, 2019 from the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Committee and the Fire Chief's Memo dated April 2, 2019; and

That the Township of Strong authorizes the Extraordinary Circumstance (Emergency) Purchase of a new  $\frac{3}{4}$  Ton Crew Cab Utility Truck to be utilized as Rescue 1; and

That the total cost shall not exceed \$90,000.00 not including taxes; and

That the purchase be included in the 2019 Fire Department Budget.

**Carried**

**7.4.3 SSFD 2019 Proposed Budget**

Deferred to the April 23, 2019 Meeting.

**R2019-**

**Moved by:    Seconded by:**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Budget for 2019 in the amount of \$484,665.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$242,332.50; and

That the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

**7.4.4 SSFD Surplus Equipment**

**R2019-098**

**Moved by: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the resolution dated April 2, 2019 from the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Committee; and

That the Council for the Township of Strong hereby declares the following vehicle as surplus: Apparatus #619 2007 GMC C55 Rescue Van.

**Carried**

**Resolution to extend Beyond Curfew**

**R2019-099**

**Moved by: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby proceed beyond curfew time of 9:30PM, as per Procedural By-Law 2011-08 Section 16.13.

**Carried**

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**7.5 Sundridge Strong Joly Arena Committee – April 3**

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Mayor Elik was contacted regarding the Gun Show Event held at SSJ Arena. Staff were instructed to provide Mr. Preston contact information for the Agricultural Society.

**7.6 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee – April 5**

Councillor Stickland provided a report on the events of the meeting including Dr. Ogston's focus on doctor recruitment, and a general update on the Ontario Health Team.

**8.0 Discussion Items**

**8.2 Landfill #2 Contract Renewal  
R2019-100**

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

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Contract with 719406 Ontario Incorporated for the May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 term for services at Landfill Site # 2, in the amount of \$28,099.41 plus HST; and

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

**Carried**

**9.0 Staff Reports**

**9.1 Brian Dumas, CBO – March 2019 Permit Report**

Received

**10.0 Council Member Reports**

**10.1 Councillor Stickland - Ministry of Long Term Health & Long-Term Care – Telephone Townhall with Deputy Premier/Minister Christine Elliot**

Councillor Stickland provided a report on the teleconference which kicks off the Ontario Health Team program for the District of Parry Sound.

**11.0 Public Meeting/Notice**

None

**12.0 By-Laws**

None

**14.0 Adjournment**

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**R2019-101**

**Moved by: Jody Baillie**

**Seconded by: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting at 10:05 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on April 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Mayor, Kelly Elik**

**Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart**