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**TRI COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 30 2026**  
**6:01 P.M.**  
**VILLAGE OF SUNDRIDGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**HOSTED BY VILLAGE OF SUNDRIDGE**  
**110 MAIN STREET, SUNDRIDGE**

The Village of Sundridge is the host municipality and The Township of Joly and The Township of Strong participated via in person and electronic platform in the Village of Sundridge Council Chamber, as part of a Tri Council meeting.

For procedural reasons, this Tri Council meeting will be conducted as three separate Council meetings for the Township of Strong, the Village of Sundridge, and The Township of Joly. The Mayors or Designates for the Township of Strong, the Village of Sundridge, and The Township of Joly will Chair and convene their respective Council meetings. This format will enable agenda items to be considered and ratified prior to adjournment.

The following were in attendance:

Sundridge Council Members Present:

Deputy Mayor Sharon Smith, Councillor Luke Preston, Councillor Vicki Whitmell, Councillor Fraser Williamson  
Absent: Mayor Shawn Jackson

Joly Council Members Present:

Mayor Brian McCabe, Deputy Mayor Budd Brown, Councillor Tom Bryson (arrived 6:26pm),  
Councillor Chris Nicholson  
Absent: Councillor Bill Black

Strong Council Members Present:

Mayor Tim Bryson, Deputy Mayor Jim Ronholm (arrived 6:37 via electronic participation), Councillor Jeff McLaren, Councillor Kevin Noaik, Councillor Marianne Stickland

Guest: Dale Klodnicki, LBPOA (Item 5.4)

Staff Present:

Katey Brimacombe; The Township of Joly  
Caitlin Haggart; The Township of Strong  
Robyn Ferrante; The Village of Sundridge

1. Approval of Agenda

**Resolution #TRI-2026-011**

**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**

**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge hereby approves of the agenda as amended, to allow Dale Klodnicki from the LBPOA to speak to Item 5.4, and to add Item 5.12 Medical Centre Administration and Item 5.13 Next Tri Council Meeting.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

3. Delegation – None

4. Fire Smart Presentation – Postponed  
FPO/Assistant Training Officer is unavailable to attend due to prior training/course commitment.

5. New Business/Follow Up Items

5.1 Volunteer Recruitment (Standing Item)

**Resolution #TRI-2026-012**

**Moved By: Luke Preston**

**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses volunteer recruitment.

**AND THAT** Mayor Bryson and Councillor Preston will meet during the summer to discuss further.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.2 Parades (Strong)

*Verbal information from staff detailed the insurance requirements regarding road closures, safety concerns, and strict requirements that other municipalities have in place*

**Resolution #TRI-2026-013**  
**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**  
**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the update from Staff on the January 29, 2026 Tri Council Agenda Item: Parades.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

~~5.3 Staff Appreciation / Holiday Event (Strong) No update, removed from Agenda~~

~~**Moved By:**  
**Seconded By:**~~

~~THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discuss the staff appreciation / holiday event.~~

<del><b>Recorded Vote</b></del>	<del><b>For</b></del>	<del><b>Against</b></del>	<del><b>Abstain</b></del>
<del><b>Preston, Luke</b></del>			
<del><b>Smith, Sharon</b></del>			
<del><b>Whitmell, Vicki</b></del>			
<del><b>Williamson, Fraser</b></del>			
<del><b>Jackson, Shawn</b></del>			

5.4 Shared Weather Station (NNEEC, LBPOA, SSJ) (Strong)

**Resolution #TRI-2026-014**  
**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**  
**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses the opportunity to be part of a shared weather station,

**AND THAT** Council receives the Staff Report,

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the purchase of a weather station to be shared between the LBPOA, NNEEC, and the three municipalities with a cost to the Village of

Sundridge in the amount of \$840.00

**AND FINALLY** that the weather station be installed at the Near North Enviro Education Centre at 140 Main Street, Sundridge and the Lake Bernard Property Owners' Association be responsible for ongoing maintenance and costs of the unit.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.5 Almaguin Highlands Health Council – Annual Deficit Billing Delays/ Cost Sharing Model (Strong)

**Resolution #TRI-2026-015**  
**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**  
**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses the Almaguin Highlands Health Council annual deficit billing and cost sharing model.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.6 Tree Planting Program (Strong)

**Resolution #TRI-2026-016**  
**Moved By: Vicki Whitmell**  
**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the tree planting program update.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		

**CARRIED**

5.7 Shared Recreation Coordinator (Strong)

**Resolution #TRI-2026-017**

**Moved By: Luke Preston**

**Seconded By: Fraser Williamson**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses the SSJ Recreation Committee's request for a shared recreation coordinator,

**AND THAT** an Ad Hoc Committee be formed consisting of Mayor Bryson, Councillor Williamson, and Councillor Nicholson.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.8 Salt Pollution from Road Salt (resolution follow up) (Strong)

**Resolution #TRI-2026-018**

**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**

**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the update from the Township of Strong regarding salt pollution from road salt,

**AND THAT** a staff report from each municipality detailing salt use, mitigation efforts, and storage be brought to the next Tri Council meeting to gather information to present to the MTO.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.9 SSJ Recreation – Village of Sundridge Vendor Fee for Canada Day (Strong)

**Resolution #TRI-2026-019**

**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**

**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses the SSJ Recreation Committee’s Canada Day event,

**AND THAT** the Village of Sundridge waive the Hawker/Peddler licensing requirement for any invited attendees of the Recreation Committee.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.10 Transportation: Northlander

**Resolution #TRI-2026-020**

**Moved By: Vicki Whitmell**

**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses transportation regarding the Northlander Train.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.11 Civic Addressing

**Resolution #TRI-2026-021**

**Moved By: Luke Preston**

**Seconded By: Fraser Williamson**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses potential issues within municipal and emergency services databases.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.12 Medical Centre Administration (Strong)

**Resolution #TRI-2026-022**  
**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**  
**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses the SDMC administration and the potential for a third party administrator.

**AND THAT** the three Clerk's discuss further, with information to be brought to the next Village of Sundridge Council meeting.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

5.13 Next Tri Council Meeting

**Resolution #TRI-2026-023**  
**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**  
**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** the next Tri Council Meeting be held Tuesday September 29, 2026 at 6:00pm to be hosted by the Township of Strong.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

6. Adjournment

**Resolution #TRI-2026-024**  
**Moved By: Luke Preston**  
**Seconded by: Vicki Whitmell**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for The Village of Sundridge hereby adjourn the Special Tri-Council meeting at 8:36 p.m. until the regular meeting scheduled on May 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>	x		
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>	x		
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>	x		
<b>Jackson, Shawn (absent)</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>	x		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

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Sharon Smith, Deputy Mayor

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Robyn Ferrante, Deputy Clerk