

**SUNDRIDGE –STRONG FIRE COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
THURSDAY MAY 21, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**

Fire Committee Meetings will be recorded and recordings will be posted on the municipal website. The minutes will remain the official record of meetings.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 844 9173 4139

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- C1 Call to order
- C2 Approval of Agenda

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

**THAT** the Agenda for the May 21, 2026 special meeting of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Committee be approved.

**Yea                      Nay                      Abstain**

**Tim Bryson  
Shawn Jackson  
Luke Preston  
Jim Ronholm**

- C3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
- C4 Delegations – None
- C5 Approval of Previous Committee Minutes - None
- C6 Follow Up/New Business

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

- a) Staff Report – Township of Joly – Potential Member

**Recommendation: THAT** Staff Report FC2026-002 dated May 21, 2026 regarding Township of Joly – Potential Member be received;

**AND THAT** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yea**

**Nay**

**Abstain**

**Tim Bryson  
Shawn Jackson  
Luke Preston  
Jim Ronholm**

C7 Closed Session – None

C8 Adjournment

**Recommendation: THAT** we do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:00 p.m.  
or at the call of the Chair.



## Sundridge-Strong Fire Committee

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**Report Number:** FC2026-002  
**Date:** May 21, 2026  
**To:** Chairperson and Members of the Fire Committee  
**From:** Andrew Torrance, Fire Chief  
Christine Hickey, Recording Secretary  
**Report Title:** Township of Joly – Potential Member of Fire Department

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Staff Report FC2026-002 dated May 21, 2026 regarding Township of Joly – Potential Member be received;

**AND THAT** \_\_\_\_\_

### BACKGROUND

At the May 5, 2026 Fire Committee Meeting the following resolution was passed:

*THAT the Committee hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of further discussing the proposal for the Township of Joly to become a member of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department.*

*AND THAT the Committee schedules a special meeting for Thursday May 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.*

### ANALYSIS

Below are discussion points/background information for the Committee to consider:

- 1. What would Township of Joly service needs be, is this different from the existing services we provide?***

The fire protection services currently offered would meet the Township of Joly needs and circumstances with regards to emergency responses. In 2025 the SSFD assumed responsibility of fire prevention and education in the Township of Joly. Long-term Management of a proactive fire prevention and education program continue to increase workload for the foreseeable future.

**2. *What changes would we need to consider if Joly were to join and the impacts this would have to existing department?***

Historically and presently fire protection services have been offered to the Township of Joly through a Fire Protection Agreement. This agreement includes the requirement for the Township of Joly to maintain a Fire Protection Agreement with the South River Machar Fire Department congruently with the SSFD agreement. The foundation of these agreements, which include response from both fire departments, allow for emergency responses in the Township of Joly while not reducing services to ratepayers in the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge (as well as the Township of Machar and the Village of South River). The SSFD capacity to respond to emergencies in the Township of Joly at the same time as covering the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge depend on maintaining the current model of both fire departments responding to the Township of Joly. Note – This topic was discussed at October 9, 2025 meeting with a Staff Report outlining the Fire Protection Agreement. The continuation of a Fire Protection Agreement is needed in order to consider Joly joining the Fire Department.

**3. *Would there be a decrease in service levels that Sundridge-Strong currently have?***

There would be no decrease in existing services provided and agreement can be made with South River Machar Fire Department similar to the existing Fire Protection Agreements in place (note – this agreement may require an increase to the annual retainer). There is an increased workload managing fire prevention and education in the Township of Joly – little to no work had been done in these areas in the past.

**4. *Existing agreements (i.e. Mutual Aid...) that would need to be changed and what is the impact of this?***

The SSFD maintains several agreements including participation in the Provincial Mutual Aid Plan, Automatic Aid Agreements, and the Fire Protection Agreement with the Township of Joly. All of these agreements are important to day-to-day operations and support to emergency responses both given to our neighbouring communities and when needed in our community. Provided the SSFD has a Fire Protection Agreement with South River Machar Fire Department supporting emergency responses in the Township of Joly there should be no reason for changes to existing agreements. Without a Fire Protection Agreement servicing the Township of Joly, there is a risk our existing Automatic Aid Agreements could be negatively impacted.

**5. *Is our current staff able to manage the additional of Township of Joly, if not what does the Committee need to consider?***

Our current staffing model has challenges in providing services presently, especially during the day when many firefighters are working away from the area. Adding fire prevention and education services increases the resourcing challenges to the SSFD. Maintaining a Fire Protection Agreement with SRMFD is a key step in ensuring the SSFD can provide services to the Township of Joly and our existing rate payers moving forward. All options should be considered for resourcing SSFD staffing moving forward with the number of emergency responses increasing with time.

**Key Questions:**

- A. Management of proactive Fire Prevention and Education Program with the current level of staffing long-term
- B. Plan to ensure that services will not be impacted or reduced with the addition of Joly. Discussion with South River Machar Fire Department to review a revised Fire Protection Agreement and to confirm their willingness to enter such an agreement and applicable fees
- C. Consideration to level of staffing to manage the changes otherwise long-term workload may not be sustainable and other priority items and tasks get delayed
- D. Does the Committee want an ownership that is Operating and Capital or would they look at just Operating (Capital stays only with Sundridge-Strong)
- E. How will the model look, considerations include joining as of a certain date with existing assets to remain with the Township of Strong and Village of Sundridge and any new assets to be “shared”.
- F. How will the buy-in amount be calculated (i.e. Fair Market Value, Net Book Value, Cost at Time of Purchase) If Fair Market Value is selected, staff will need to obtain this information as it is not currently available.
- G. Resolution #2025-00347 received from Joly requested to buy-in at 10%?

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1 - Assets

<b>FUNCTIONAL CATEGORY:</b>		<b>FIRE</b>						
<b>AS AT:</b>	<b>December 31, 2025</b>							
			COST					
file: U - Fire Capital Assets			+	+	-			
					(MANUAL CALC)		NET BOOK VALUE	
ASSET IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION	YEAR OF PURCHASE	OPENING BALANCE	ACQUISITIONS	DISPOSALS & WRITEOFFS	CLOSING BALANCE	OPENING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
	<b>LAND:</b>							
FL1	Fire Hall Land	1999	39,673.86	0.00	0.00	39,673.86	39,673.86	39,673.86
	<b>TOTAL LAND</b>		<b>39,673.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>39,673.86</b>	<b>39,673.86</b>	<b>39,673.86</b>
	<b>LAND IMPROVEMENTS:</b>							
	Paving in front of doors	2009	8,600.00	0.00	0.00	8,600.00	1,935.00	1,505.00
	Roof training prop	2021	4,746.66	0.00	0.00	4,746.66	3,916.00	3,678.67
	Water tank (in-ground cement tanks)	2021	105,670.30	0.00	0.00	105,670.30	99,506.20	97,745.03
	Upgrade rear access to water and fuel tanks	2022	15,776.87	0.00	0.00	15,776.87	13,804.77	13,015.93
	Reclaimed asphalt parking lot	2023	7,980.57	0.00	0.00	7,980.57	7,382.03	6,983.00
	<b>TOTAL LAND IMPROVEMENTS</b>		<b>142,774.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>142,774.40</b>	<b>126,544.00</b>	<b>122,927.63</b>
	<b>BUILDINGS:</b>							
FH1	Fire Hall	2000	335,458.24	0.00	-6,536.00	328,922.24	171,754.68	161,829.81
2010 U-2/1	FIBREGLASS ATTIC INSULATION	2010	4,740.12	0.00	0.00	4,740.12	3,365.52	3,270.72
	Fire Hall roof	2016	22,269.20	0.00	0.00	22,269.20	14,697.66	13,806.89
	2-ton Goodman air conditioning unit	2020	3,358.08	0.00	0.00	3,358.08	2,753.64	2,619.32
	Goodman 60000 BTU gas furnace	2024	4,731.84	0.00	0.00	4,731.84	4,637.20	4,447.93
	LED wrap light fixtures-fire hall interior	2025	0.00	11,254.66	0.00	11,254.66	0.00	11,029.57
	8 Orbit pot lights with dusk to dawn sensor on roadside soffit of firehall	2025	0.00	2,900.16	0.00	2,900.16	0.00	2,842.16
	<b>TOTAL BUILDINGS</b>		<b>370,557.48</b>	<b>14,154.82</b>	<b>-6,536.00</b>	<b>378,176.30</b>	<b>197,208.70</b>	<b>199,846.40</b>
	<b>EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE:</b>							
FE4	Portable Pump	2004	4,575.00	0.00	0.00	4,575.00	0.00	0.00
FE5	mmr ultralite - msa	2007	3,780.00	0.00	0.00	3,780.00	0.00	0.00
FE7	water filter system	2007	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	0.00
2011 U-2/4	REPEATER Tower	2011	3,604.32	0.00	0.00	3,604.32	0.00	0.00
	Communication System upgrade	2014	11,505.89	0.00	0.00	11,505.89	0.00	0.00
	Communication system: digital radios	2015	18,362.53	0.00	0.00	18,362.53	918.15	0.00
	Portable radios	2015	6,690.53	0.00	0.00	6,690.53	334.55	0.00
	Mobile radio system	2016	3,666.83	0.00	0.00	3,666.83	550.05	183.37
	REPEATER Tower	2017	8,140.80	0.00	0.00	8,140.80	2,035.20	1,221.12
	Samsung TV	2017	944.30	0.00	0.00	944.30	236.07	141.64
	16 SCBA with 42 cylinders	2018	103,378.85	0.00	0.00	103,378.85	36,182.57	25,844.68
	16" PPV	2019	5,659.82	0.00	0.00	5,659.82	2,546.93	1,980.95

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	22 sets of bunker gear - not capitalized	2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Mark-3 forestry pump	2020	6,430.49	0.00	0.00	6,430.49	3,536.77	2,893.72	
	3 SCBA cylinders/masks - not capitalized (7,538.38)	2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	20 KW Briggs Generator	2021	11,917.70	0.00	0.00	11,917.70	9,832.09	9,236.20	
	Portable Ground monitor (carried in vehicles)	2021	4,543.85	0.00	0.00	4,543.85	3,748.68	3,521.49	
	23 HP portable pump for Unit 614 (tanker)	2022	8,140.79	0.00	0.00	8,140.79	6,105.59	5,291.51	
	1.75" hose x 500' - retained in 2025 per Andrew	2023	3,307.20	0.00	0.00	3,307.20	3,059.16	2,893.80	
	V320 thermal imaging camera	2023	5,174.50	0.00	0.00	5,174.50	4,398.32	3,880.87	
	4 AJS Elite bunker gear	2024	12,667.08	0.00	0.00	12,667.08	12,033.73	10,767.02	
	4 AJS Elite bunker gear	2025	0.00	14,274.89	0.00	14,274.89	0.00	13,561.15	
	Huebsch extractor washing machine	2025	0.00	7,153.59	0.00	7,153.59	0.00	6,795.91	
	4" suction separator for tanker 611	2025	0.00	4,579.20	0.00	4,579.20	0.00	4,464.72	
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE</b>			<b>228,990.48</b>	<b>26,007.68</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>254,998.16</b>	<b>85,517.86</b>	<b>92,678.15</b>	
<b>VEHICLES:</b>									
FV4	Pumper # 1	2004	235,562.00	0.00	-235,562.00	0.00	60,853.46	0.00	
FV5	#614 - Tanker # 1 (M2 tanker)	2006	148,648.00	0.00	0.00	148,648.00	14,864.80	7,432.40	
FV6	Honda 4 wheeler 4x4	2007	8,135.00	0.00	0.00	8,135.00	0.00	0.00	
FV6	Additional Tracks for Honda 4 wheeler 4x4	2013	3,713.23	0.00	0.00	3,713.23	0.00	0.00	
	Cargo Trailer	2015	7,453.72	0.00	0.00	7,453.72	372.70	0.00	
	#611 - Freightliner - Pumper #2	2017	424,732.11	0.00	0.00	424,732.11	265,457.54	244,220.93	
	Unit #612 - Dodge 5500	2018	125,226.72	0.00	0.00	125,226.72	84,528.01	78,266.67	
	# 617 - 3/4 ton	2019	75,319.78	0.00	0.00	75,319.78	33,893.89	26,361.91	
	#615 Freightliner Pumper	2025	0.00	735,335.06	0.00	735,335.06	0.00	716,951.68	
<b>TOTAL VEHICLES</b>			<b>1,028,790.56</b>	<b>735,335.06</b>	<b>-235,562.00</b>	<b>1,528,563.62</b>	<b>459,970.40</b>	<b>1,073,233.59</b>	
<b>COMPUTER HARDWARE &amp; SOFTWARE:</b>									
	Fire Pro Software	2022	4,268.82	0.00	0.00	4,268.82	2,134.42	1,280.66	
<b>TOTAL COMPUTER HARDWARE &amp; SOFTWARE</b>			<b>4,268.82</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,268.82</b>	<b>2,134.42</b>	<b>1,280.66</b>	
<b>TOTAL FIRE CAPITAL</b>			<b>1,815,055.60</b>	<b>775,497.56</b>	<b>-242,098.00</b>	<b>2,348,455.16</b>	<b>911,049.24</b>	<b>1,529,640.29</b>	
								618,591.05	
		50%	907,528.00	387,749.00	-121,049.00	1,174,228.00	455,525.00	764,820.00	
* Cost Closing Balance is the based on the cost at time of purchase									
* Net Book Value is the balance based on the remaining useful life of the asset									
Fair Market Value is another option to consider, these values would have to be obtained									
Will consideration be given to the amount that Township of Joly has contributed to date									