

**SUNDRIDGE –STRONG FIRE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY JULY 30, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

SUNDRIDGE: Luke Preston(electronic)
STRONG: Jim Ronholm, Tim Bryson
ABSENT: Shawn Jackson (without notice)

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Torrance, Fire Chief
Robyn Ferrante, Recording Secretary

C1 Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

C2 Approval of Agenda

**Resolution#FC2026-018
Moved By: Tim Bryson
Seconded By: Luke Preston**

THAT the Agenda for the July 30, 2026 special meeting of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Committee be approved.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Tim Bryson	x		
Shawn Jackson(absent)			
Luke Preston	x		
Jim Ronholm	x		
CARRIED			

C3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

C4 Delegations – None

C5 Approval of Previous Committee Minutes - None

C6 Follow Up/New Business

a) Township of Joly – Potential Member – Response from Joly Township

Resolution#FC2026-019

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Tim Bryson

THAT Resolution# 2026-218 from the Township of Joly be received.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Tim Bryson	x		
Shawn Jackson(absent)			
Luke Preston	x		
Jim Ronholm	x		
CARRIED			

b) Township of Joly – Potential Member - SRMFD

Resolution#FC2026-020

Moved By: Tim Bryson

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee receives the verbal update from the Fire Chief regarding the Mutual Assistance Agreement with the South River Machar Fire Department;

AND THAT the Fire Chief be authorized to enter into discussions with the South River Machar Fire Chief for further review of the existing Automatic Aid Agreement

AND FURTHER THAT the Fire Chiefs discuss the annual fee, if any, for further consideration by the Committee.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Tim Bryson	x		
Shawn Jackson(absent)			
Luke Preston	x		
Jim Ronholm	x		
CARRIED			

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS AMENDED

c) Township of Joly – Potential Member

Moved By:

Seconded By:

Recommendation: THAT The Sundridge Strong Fire Committee hereby authorizes staff to obtain legal services for the purposes of preparing a draft agreement for the Joint Management and Operation of a Fire Committee with the following parameters;

- (a) Each party's share of all capital and operating costs be set at Township of Joly 10%, Village of Sundridge 45%, Township of Strong 45%;
- (b) Committee Structure be composed of two (2) elected officials from the Village of Sundridge, two (2) elected officials from the Township of Strong, and one (1) elected official from the Township of Joly.
- (c) One-time buy-in contribution: \$300,000;
- (d) Effective date of January 1, 2027

AND THAT any other applicable agreements and documents required be prepared in draft;

AND FURTHER THAT all draft documents be provided to the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee, Village of Sundridge, Township of Strong, and the Township of Joly for review;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk of each municipality be authorized to execute any agreements, documents, or instruments necessary to give effect to this resolution, pending satisfactory receipt of draft documents

MOTION TO AMEND

Resolution#FC2026-021

Moved By: Tim Bryson

Seconded By: Luke Preston

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Tim Bryson	x		
Shawn Jackson(absent)			
Luke Preston	x		
Jim Ronholm		x	
CARRIED			

c) Township of Joly – Potential Member

Resolution#FC2026-022

Moved By: Tim Bryson

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT The Sundridge Strong Fire Committee hereby authorizes staff to obtain legal services for the purposes of preparing a draft agreement for the Joint Management and Operation of a Fire Committee with the following parameters;

- (c) Each party's share of all capital and operating costs be set at Township of Joly 10%, Village of Sundridge 45%, Township of Strong 45%;
- (d) Committee Structure be composed of two (2) elected officials from the Village of Sundridge, two (2) elected officials from the Township of Strong, and one (1) elected official from the Township of Joly.
- (c) One-time buy-in contribution: \$300,000;
- (d) Effective date of January 1, 2027

AND THAT any other applicable agreements and documents required be prepared in draft;

AND FURTHER THAT all draft documents be provided to the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee, Village of Sundridge, Township of Strong, and the Township of Joly for review;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk of each municipality be authorized to execute any agreements, documents, or instruments necessary to give effect to this resolution, pending satisfactory receipt of draft documents, contingent upon the Township of Joly covering any costs related to the South River Machar Fire Department Agreement.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Tim Bryson	x		
Shawn Jackson(absent)			
Luke Preston	x		
Jim Ronholm	x		
CARRIED			

C7 Closed Session – None

C8 Adjournment

Resolution#FC2026-023
Moved By: Tim Bryson
Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:46pm until September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Tim Bryson	x		
Shawn Jackson(absent)			
Luke Preston	x		

Jim Ronholm
CARRIED

x

Jim Ronholm, Chair

Robyn Ferrante, Recording Secretary

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