

Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

Wednesday, August, 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Village of Sundridge Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Shawn Jackson (Electronic Participation), Deputy Mayor Sharon Smith, Councillor Luke Preston, Councillor Vicki Whitmell, Councillor Fraser Williamson

Staff: Christine Hickey, Treasurer; Robyn Ferrante, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

COUNCIL MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mayor Shawn Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Village of Sundridge would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Williams Treaty Lands and they are the traditional home of the Anishinabek First Nations. We wish to honour the original inhabitants, thanking them for their land stewardship and recognizing our responsibilities to promote the healing of our communities through earnest and sincere application of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations. Miigwech."

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #2026-187

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the agenda for the August 19, 2026 regular meeting be approved as circulated, to provide for an exception to Procedural By-Law 2020-037 to allow an item for reconsideration more than once within a 12 month period, being Item 9.1.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

3) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - none**

4) **PLANNING MATTERS - none**

5) **DELEGATIONS - none**

6) **PRESENTATIONS - none**

7) **CONSENT ITEMS**

7 (E.1) Follow Up List – As of August 19, 2026

7 (E.2) Town of Whitby – Resolution 166-26 re Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

7 (E.3) *Moved into Committee of the Whole by Councillor Williamson*

7 (E.4) Municipality of Central Manitoulin – Resolution re Support for the Ontario Health Care System

7 (E.5) Township of Armour – Resolution to Support Village of Sundridge re increased safety on Highways 11 and 17

7 (E.6) Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response re Alert Ready

7 (E.7) DoED Report – July 22, 2026

7 (E.8) DSSAB CAO Report – July 2026

7 (E.9) Phragmites Working Group Minutes – June 18 2026

7 (E.10) Hornepayne Press Release

8) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Resolution #2026-188

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

THAT Items listed as Consent Items for August 19, 2026 and the recommendations contained therein be received;

AND THAT any Items for which pecuniary interest has been declared are deemed not to have been voted on or discussed by the individual making the declaration.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

9) NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- 9.1. Sundridge & District Medical Centre - Township of Strong Staff Report 2026-014; SDMC Proposed Voting Structure – Further Consideration

Resolution #2026-189

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the Staff Report from the Township of Strong regarding the proposed voting structure for the Sundridge & District Medical Centre, in addition to Staff Report S2025-004, S2025-018 and S2025-028;

AND THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives Resolution 2026-253 from the Township of Joly;

AND THAT Council is in favour of maintaining the terms of the current SDMC Agreement at this time;

AND THAT the Governance Structure of the SDMC be reevaluated in 2027.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

- 9.2. Inaugural Council Meeting – New Term

Resolution #2026-190

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT the first day of the new term of Council, following the 2026 Municipal Election, is Sunday November 15, 2026,

AND THAT Council hereby authorizes the Inaugural Meeting to take place Monday November 16, 2026 at 10:00am

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		

Smith, Sharon	x
Whitmell, Vicki	x
Williamson, Fraser	x
Jackson, Shawn	x
CARRIED	

9.3. Performance Evaluation (Discussed in Closed Session July 15 2026)

Resolution #2026-191

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT Council approve the Fire Prevention & Assistant Training Officer's advancement to Step 5 of Pay Grid 5.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

9.4. Tri-Council Items

Resolution #2026-192

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge would like the following items to be included on the upcoming Tri Council Agenda for further discussion:

- Administration Services & Fees
- Use of Road Salt Report
- Culverts/pavement replacement on Albert Street
- Fire Smart Presentation (FPO/Asst. Training Officer)
- Staff Report: Administration and Recording Secretary Role and Responsibilities (f/u to Tri Council May 29/26)
- Volunteer Committee Update

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		

Smith, Sharon	x
Whitmell, Vicki	x
Williamson, Fraser	x
Jackson, Shawn	x
CARRIED	

- 9.5. IntoDash Inc - Exploring Rideshare Support for South River and Sundridge

Resolution #2026-193
Moved By: Luke Preston
Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT Council receives the information from IntoDash Inc regarding a potential rideshare program in the Village of Sundridge;

AND THAT Council request a staff report detailing implications for the Village.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

- 9.6. Budget Summary

Resolution #2026-194
Moved By: Sharon Smith
Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

THAT The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receive the Budget Summary as of July 31, 2026

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		

CARRIED

9.7. Communication from Strong Township – Damage to Landfill Gate

Resolution #2026-195

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receive the communication from the Township of Strong

AND THAT Council direct staff to obtain proof of how the damage is occurring prior to issuing payment.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

9.8. Clearview Township – Resolution re Public Sector Salary Disclosure
Inflation Adjustments (originally appeared as Item 7 (E.3))

Resolution #2026-196

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receive the Resolution from the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Clearview regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure Inflation Adjustments;

AND THAT The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge supports the Corporation of the Township of Clearview in their request that the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be amended to reflect the impact of inflation on the \$100,000 salary threshold for reporting, by either adding wording to reflect annual adjustments related to the consumer price index (CPI) or providing an adjusted salary of \$150,000;

AND THAT the threshold continue to be amended annually based on the consumer price index;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; all MPP's; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

10) COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES

Resolution #2026-197

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

THAT Items 10 (A.1) to 10 (B.2) be received and discussed.

10 (A.1) Central Almaguin Planning Board – May 6, 2026

10 (A.2) Central Almaguin Planning Board – May 20, 2026

10 (A.3) Central Almaguin Planning Board – June 3, 2026

10 (A.4) SSJ Restructuring – May 25, 2026

10 (A.5) SSJ Restructuring – June 15, 2026

10 (A.6) Emergency Management Program Committee – July 16, 2026

10 (A.7) Sunflower Festival Committee – July 20, 2026

10 (B.1) July 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

10 (B.2) July 15, 2026 Closed Session

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

11) STAFF REPORTS

11.1. Staff Memo – Public/Private Partnership Exploration Status Update

Resolution #2026-198
Moved By: Vicki Whitmell
Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the memorandum on the public/private partnership

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

11.2. Staff Report S2026-006 – Waste Collection Services RFP Award

Resolution #2026-199
Moved By: Sharon Smith
Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

THAT the Council receive staff report S2026-006 dated August 19, 2026 regarding RFP2026-004 Waste Collection Services Proposal Award

AND THAT Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge accept the proposal from Emterra Environmental for a three (3) year contract at a total cost of \$62,985.00 plus HST for 2027, \$65,504.40 plus HST for 2028, and \$68,124.58 plus HST for 2029.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

11.3. Staff Report S2026-007 – Emergency Road Work – Main Street

Resolution #2026-200
Moved By: Fraser Williamson
Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT Council receives Staff Report S2026-007, Emergency Road Work – Main Street;

AND THAT Council approve the required road work at an approximate cost of \$60,000;

AND FURTHER THAT the required funds be taken from one or more of the following funding sources: Canada Community-Building Fund, Pothole Prevention and Repair Program or Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

12) BY-LAWS - none

13) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Shawn Jackson** - none
- **Sharon Smith** – will be potentially unavailable for a two-week period, anticipates to still be available for Council meetings
- **Luke Preston** – AMO was great, will be bringing a report to Council
- **Fraser Williamson** – Sunflower Festival was cancelled, HAZMAT is this weekend
- **Vicki Whitmell** - none
- **Robyn Ferrante, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer** – if Council is approached by members of the public regarding cell phone reception, please encourage residents to contact their service provider and file a complaint

14) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS

Councillor Luke Preston – cell phone reception – request for staff report

Councillor Luke Preston – new one billion-dollar stream – for municipalities that do not charge development fees – announced at AMO

15) CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #2026-201

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

THAT By-Law No. 2026-036, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its regular meeting of **August, 19, 2026**, be adopted.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

16) CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #2026-202

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT Council hold a Closed Session meeting as provided for by Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and the Village of Sundridge Procedural By-law No. 2021-051, immediately following this council meeting to deal with:

1. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.
2. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

17) **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution #2026-203
Moved By: Fraser Williamson
Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:34 p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting on September, 9, 2026, or at the call of the Mayor.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

Shawn Jackson, Mayor

Robyn Ferrante, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer