

TOWN HALL SESSION Wednesday June 24th, 2026 at 6:00pm

Followed by:

Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

Wednesday, June, 24, 2026 at 6:30 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: Nancy Millar; Clerk Administrator

COUNCIL MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mayor Shawn Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

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 #2026-157

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the agenda for the June 24, 2026 regular meeting be approved as circulated.

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

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

4) **PLANNING MATTERS** - None

5) **DELEGATIONS** - None

6) **PRESENTATIONS** - None

7) **CONSENT ITEMS**

[Items from the Consent List may be moved by members to be discussed under Section 9 – New Business/Action Items]

7 (E.1) Follow Up List – n/a

7 (E.2) Budgetary Control Report

7 (E.3) District Social Services Board June CAO Report

7 (E.4) Township of Strong R2026-192 Tri Council Follow Up re: Road Salt

7 (E.5) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026

8) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Resolution #2026-158

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT Items listed as Consent Items for June 24, 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	Y		
Smith, Sharon	Y		
Whitmell, Vicki	Y		
Williamson, Fraser	Y		
Jackson, Shawn	Y		
CARRIED.			

9) **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

9.1. Community Safety, Speed Reduction and Residential Community Safety Zones

Resolution #2026-159

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

WHEREAS the Village of Sundridge is committed to improving public safety for pedestrians, children, seniors, cyclists, motorists, and all residents using local roads;

AND WHEREAS vehicle speed is a significant factor in both the likelihood and severity of collisions, particularly in residential areas, school areas, parks, downtown areas, and other locations where pedestrian activity is higher;

AND WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have considered or implemented reduced speed limits and community safety zones as tools to improve traffic calming, driver awareness, and public safety;

AND WHEREAS the current default speed limit within the Village may not reflect the character of residential streets, pedestrian activity, or community safety concerns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report reviewing the feasibility, process, costs, enforcement considerations, signage requirements, and by-law implications of reducing speed limits within the Village residential zones where appropriate;

AND FURTHER THAT the staff report include consideration of designating residential areas, school areas, parks, community facilities, and other appropriate locations within the Village as Community Safety Zones;

AND FURTHER THAT the report include options for phased implementation, public communication, consultation with Public works and bylaw staff as well as the Ontario Provincial Police and applicable road authorities, and any recommended amendments to municipal by-laws.

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

9.2. Phragmites Working Group – Clean/Drain/Dry Boater Education

Resolution #2026-160

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT The Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receive the request from the Phragmites Working Group regarding Boater Education,

AND THAT Council approve of the group hosting the education program at the Lion's Park Boat Launch on the following three dates in 2026:

- Friday June 26th
- Thursday July 2nd
- Thursday July 9th

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

9.3. Community Barbeque

Resolution #2026-161

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

WHEREAS strong communities are built through connection, inclusion, civic engagement, and opportunities for residents to come together in a positive and welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS the Village of Sundridge has recently completed improvements to the playground facilities at Lion's Park, creating an opportunity to celebrate this investment and encourage community use of the park; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes the importance of fostering community pride, strengthening relationships among residents, and providing informal opportunities for residents to engage with their elected officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will host a Community BBQ and Celebration at Lion's Park on Sunday July 26th at 1:00pm and a rain date would be Saturday August 1st at 1:00pm; and

THAT the event be designed to bring residents together through food, family-friendly activities, and community engagement, while celebrating the Village's investment in the new playground facilities; and

THAT staff be authorized to coordinate with community organizations, service clubs, volunteers, sponsors, and local businesses to support the event where appropriate; and

THAT the event provides an opportunity for residents to meet with members of Council, connect with neighbours, and celebrate the community spirit that makes Sundridge a great place to live, work, and raise a family; and

THAT staff report back to Council on the logistics, and any associated budget requirements, and availability from the Recreation Committee to use the sound system.

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

9.4. Highway 11 and Highway 17 Road Visibility and Reflective Safety Enhancements

Resolution #2026-162

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

WHEREAS Highway 11 and Highway 17 serve as critical transportation corridors across Northern Ontario, supporting residents, tourism, commercial transportation, emergency services, and economic activity;

AND WHEREAS many stretches of these highways experience periods of extremely poor visibility due to weather conditions including snow, rain, fog, darkness, and road spray, particularly during winter and shoulder seasons;

AND WHEREAS deteriorating or insufficiently visible lane markings and roadway guidance systems can contribute to hazardous driving conditions,

increased driver fatigue, collisions, and reduced reaction time during adverse weather events;

AND WHEREAS advancements in reflective road safety technologies, including high-visibility reflective paint, recessed reflective pavement markers, delineator systems, reflective guideposts, and other visibility enhancement measures have been successfully utilized in other jurisdictions to improve roadway safety;

AND WHEREAS improving visibility along major provincial transportation corridors would enhance public safety for residents, visitors, commercial operators, and emergency responders travelling throughout Northern Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Sundridge calls upon the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to review and prioritize visibility and reflective safety enhancements along Highway 11 and Highway 17, particularly in areas identified as having reduced visibility during adverse weather conditions;

AND THAT the Ministry of Transportation be encouraged to investigate the expanded use of reflective road paint, reflective lane markings, pavement markers, roadside delineators, and other modern visibility enhancement technologies to improve driver guidance and roadway safety;

AND THAT the Province of Ontario be encouraged to consider pilot projects within Northern Ontario to evaluate innovative roadway visibility technologies and reflective safety enhancements under winter driving conditions;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities located along the Highway 11 and Highway 17 corridors, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Members of Provincial Parliament, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, and relevant road safety stakeholders for support and advocacy.

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

9.5. Sundridge Sunflower Festival – Request for Road Closures

Resolution #2026-163

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the request from the Sunflower Festival Chair,

AND THAT Council approves of the road closures on Saturday August 8th, 2026 as follows:

- Main Street to be closed from 80 Main Street (Sips) to William Street from 6:00am to 5:00pm.
- Paget Street to be closed from Highway 124 to Main Street from 6:00am to 5:00pm.
- The Municipal Wharf, including Lion's Park, the gazebo, and dock area will be closed to vehicular traffic from 6:00am to 5:00pm
- The Boat Launch to be closed to vehicular traffic and parking will be unavailable from Friday August 7, 2026 at 4:00pm until Saturday August 8, 2026 at 5:00pm.
- Water Street, Yonge Street, and James Street will be available for pedestrian traffic only from 6:00am to 5:00pm.

AND THAT Council approves of an additional road closure on Main Street and Water Street for the festival on Friday August 7th, 2026 commencing at 11:00pm until the setup on Saturday morning to help ensure no vehicles will be left within the festival event and set-up area.

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

9.6. Township of Strong Staff Report 2026-014; SDMC Proposed Voting Structure

Resolution #2026-164

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Luke Preston

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,

AND THAT this report along with the Sundridge Treasurers Report that was provided to the Sundridge & District Medical Centre Committee be brought back to the next regular meeting of Council for further consideration.

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

9.7. Every Child Matters Flag

Resolution #2026-165

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

WHEREAS In September 2021 The Village of Sundridge formally recognized the National Day of Reconciliation on September 30 to honour the children who were involved in the tragic legacy of residential schools, those who never returned home and those who survived

AND THAT the Village of Sundridge later passed resolution to begin every council meeting with a land acknowledgement.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Sundridge raise the Every Child Matters flag on the Special Interest Flagpole from September 21 to October 4, 2026,

AND THAT there will be an unveiling ceremony the morning of Monday September 21, 2026 at 11:45am

AND FURTHER THAT staff remove the flag on Monday October 4 during regular business hours.

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

10) COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES

Resolution #2026-166

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

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

10 (A.1) Sundridge District Medical Centre – May 19, 2026

10 (A.2) Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation – June 4, 2026

10 (A.3) Sundridge Sunflower Festival – June 8, 2026

10 (A.4) Joint Building Department – June 18, 2026

10 (B.1) Regular Council - October 8, 2025

10 (B.2) Regular Council – June 10, 2026

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

11) STAFF REPORTS

11.1. Staff Report S2026-004 – Micro Surface Treatment Update

Resolution #2026-167

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT Council receives Staff Report S2026-004, Micro-Surface Treatment Update;

AND THAT Council approves an approximate increase of \$16,000 to the cost of the micro surface treatment;

AND FURTHER THAT funds to cover the additional cost be taken from the Pothole Prevention and Repair funding or the Canada Community-Building Fund.

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

12) BY-LAWS - None

13) ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Shawn Jackson**

- There is going to be an upcoming celebration to recognize the long standing commitment of a fire fighter. More details to come.

➤ **Sharon Smith** – Nothing at this time.

➤ **Luke Preston**

- Will be away for the next council meeting on July 15, 2026.

➤ **Fraser Williamson**

- The next **HAZMAT** Day is August 22nd 2026.

➤ **Vicki Whitmell** – Nothing at this time.

➤ **Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator** – Nothing at this time.

14) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS

Fraser Williamson will introduce a motion regarding the community awards and to re-establish the ad hoc committee.

15) CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #2026-168

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT By-Law No. 2026-030, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its regular meeting of **June, 24, 2026**, be adopted.

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

16) **CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION - None**

17) **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution #2026-169

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:54p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting on July, 15, 2026, or at the call of the Mayor.

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

Shawn Jackson, Mayor

Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator