

Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

Wednesday, May, 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Village of Sundridge Council Chambers

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COUNCIL AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mayor Shawn Jackson called the meeting to order at

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

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

THAT the agenda for the May 13, 2026 regular meeting be approved as circulated.

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

3) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

4) **PLANNING MATTERS** - None

5) **DELEGATIONS**

5 (A.1) Re-Nature partnership with Near North District School Board

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

WHEREAS the Village of Sundridge has the following interest: Improving our schoolyards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments,

AND WHEREAS, The Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking the “Growing Near North District School Board Canopies with Re-Nature” program, which will be building outdoor learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools within the Near North District School Board.

AND THAT Council recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the “Growing Canada’s Community Canopies” initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

AND FURTHER THAT this project has anticipated costs of: \$50,000 for trees, and \$ [redacted] for infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Village of Sundridge acknowledges and supports the funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ “Growing Canada’s Community Canopies” initiative for the “Growing Near North District School Board Canopies with Re-Nature’ program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in the Near North District School Board, in partnership with The Village of Sundridge.

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

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) Municipality of Wawa Resolution RC26077 regarding OCIF (Ontario Community Improvement Fund)

7 (E.3) FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) media release – FONOM voices concern over Nairn Centre Mill Curtailment

7 (E.4) City of Greater Sudbury regarding Special Economic Zone

7 (E.5) Sundridge Strong Union Public Library CEO/Librarians Report – April

7 (E.6) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Amendments to Ontario Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001 and O. Reg 595/06 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 regarding Stormwater Fees

7 (E.7) Joint Building Department – April 2026 Permit Summary

7 (E.8) Township of Strong R2026-118 High Rock Lookout Park 2026 Budget

7 (E.9) District Social Services Administration Board Path Forward: DSSAB's approach to Homelessness Prevention and Encampments

8) APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

THAT Items listed as Consent Items for May 13, 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			
Smith, Sharon			
Whitmell, Vicki			
Williamson, Fraser			
Jackson, Shawn			

9) NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1. Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the information provided by Almaguin Special Olympics regarding the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run,

AND THAT Council are in support of this public awareness campaign and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics that champions acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities,

AND FURTHER THAT Council encourages everyone to come out and support the Torch Run Participants, and their fundraising initiatives that go directly into all community Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) programs.

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

9.2. Transportation of Nuclear Waste
[original item appeared on the April 22, 2026 agenda]

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

WHEREAS the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is a consortium of nuclear power companies whose mission is to site and develop a deep geological repository for high-level nuclear waste from all of Canada's nuclear power reactors; and

WHEREAS the NWMO's project includes developing a deep geological repository at the Revell site between Ignace and Dryden in northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the NWMO project involves transportation, processing, burial and abandonment of an estimated 140,000 tonnes of highly radioactive nuclear fuel waste; and

WHEREAS there are scientific and public concerns about the risks of radioactive exposures along the transportation route and in the region of and downstream from a nuclear waste burial repository site under both normal operating and accident conditions; and

WHEREAS there is no deep geological repository for high-level radioactive waste operating anywhere in the world and there are many scientific and technical uncertainties related to deep geological repositories and;

WHEREAS the NWMO's project remains in a conceptual stage of development; and

WHEREAS the roads infrastructure in Northern Ontario is already under strain from heavy truck and vehicle traffic and the NWMO project will add 2-3 trucks per day for more than fifty years thereby increasing the risks;

AND WHEREAS a federal impact assessment of the NWMO's project commenced on January 5th, 2026;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Village of Sundridge urges the federal government to direct the owners of high-level nuclear waste (Ontario Power Generation, Hydro Quebec and New Brunswick Power) to establish secure storage solutions for the nuclear waste in the vicinity of their reactor stations - where the waste has been generated and is currently stored - as an alternative to the NWMO project; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Impact Assessment Agency must directly engage with Municipalities along the transportation route between the proposed site for the DGR and the reactor stations in Southern Ontario and Eastern Canada during the planning and later stages of the impact assessment process; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal government ensure that the impact assessment and regulatory and licensing processes for the NWMO project are comprehensive and include the impacts and risks of nuclear waste transportation and processing, the long-term safety of the project, and alternatives to the project and alternative means of carrying out project activities including nuclear waste transfers, transportation and processing.

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

9.3. SSFD Purchase of a Tanker (Mobile Water Supply Fire Fighting Apparatus)

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the Fire Committee's Resolution #FC2026-011; and

THAT Council approves of the purchase of a Tanker from MetalFab Ltd as a 2027 budget expense, with the village's share being \$279,840 plus the cost for a site visit if required (approx. \$1,000),

AND FURTHER THAT the village's portion of the expense be taken from reserves.

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

9.4. Public Works Department Summer Student

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge authorizes the Village Superintendent to re-hire the summer student for 2026 at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, for approximately a 10 week period.

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

9.5. Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By: Choose an item.

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the correspondence from the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and

Response, congratulating the municipality on meeting the requirements of the act (compliance) by satisfying all thirteen (13) program elements for 2025.

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

10) COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

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

10 (A.1) Sundridge Strong Union Public Library – March 26, 2026

10 (A.2) Emergency Management Program Committee – Jan. 22, 2026

10 (A.3) Sundridge Strong Fire Committee – May 5, 2026

10 (A.4) SSJ Recreation Committee – May 7, 2026

10 (B.1) Regular Council Meeting - April 22, 2026

10 (B.2) Special Tri Council Meeting – April 30, 2026

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

11) STAFF REPORTS - None

12) BY-LAWS - None

13) ANNOUCEMENTS

➤ **Shawn Jackson**

➤ **Sharon Smith**

➤ **Luke Preston**

- **Fraser Williamson**
- **Vicki Whitmell**
- **Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator**

14) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS

15) CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

THAT By-Law No. 2026-024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its regular meeting of **May, 13, 2026**, be adopted.

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

16) CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

THAT Council hold a Closed Session meeting as provided for by Section 239 (2)(K) 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: a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board; Internet services.

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

17) **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By: Choose an item.

Seconded By:

THAT we do now adjourn at p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting on May, 27, 2026, or at the call of the Mayor.

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

REQUEST FORM FOR DELEGATION BEFORE COUNCIL

Person(s) to Appear:

Emily Samuel, Near North District School Board, Jamie Thomson, Re-Nature Foundation (remote)

Preferred Date: April 8, 2026 **Alternate Date:** April 22, 2026

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Organization</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
Jamie Thomson	Director of Development, Re-Nature	289-680-0518
Emily Samuel,	NNDSB System Principal	705-472-8170x5015

General Outline of Subject Matter: (15 minutes allotted for Delegation)

Re-Nature Foundation is partnering with the NNDSB to plant trees and build outdoor learning environments in local schools. Our funder, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities requires that we partner with municipalities to ask for a resolution of support for our project, so we would like to request a delegation to council. We are not asking for funding from council.

- Have you appeared before Council on this issue(s) before? Yes No
- Have you consulted with staff on this issue(s) previously? Yes No
- Do you have any special requirements when presenting? Yes No

LETTER/PRESENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST

Person requesting appearance (if different from those appearing):

Name Title/Organization Telephone Number

Mailing address for reply correspondence:

jamie@renature.org, Re-Nature Foundation, 181 James St. North, Hamilton ON, L8R 2K9

March 30, 2026
Date Submitted


Signature of Person Requesting Appearance



Re-Nature And NNDSB Are Working Together!

March 30th, 2026

Mayor Shawn Jackson,
The Village of Sundridge,
110 Main St, Sundridge,
ON, P0A 1Z0

Dear Mayor Jackson,

Re-Nature Foundation is a Not-for-Profit foundation dedicated to providing outdoor learning spaces to students across the country. Our program builds living learning spaces for schools and follows through with a two-year staff mentorship program to help teachers and facilities staff make the most of the new space so that children can spend more learning time outside.

We are very excited to announce that we are planning a project in the Village of Sundridge in partnership with the **Near North District School Board**. This will be an outdoor classroom under the trees, including a chalk board, student seating, and 50 trees for shade and shelter, as well as other features to assist with outdoor learning and ecological regeneration.

We are not asking the municipality to provide funding.

Instead, a portion of our funding comes from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" fund. This program provides up to \$10 million in tree-planting funding to all member municipalities. This initiative is a fund-matching program, so recipients must spend money on trees to participate. To access the program, we have been asked to obtain a resolution of support in each municipality where we intend to plant trees. (We will be drawing on the program for about \$50,000 per school, from the \$10M cap).

To that end we have provided a resolution text, attached below. Please also find a short introduction to the project. There are also two letters of support for the project.

Thank you to the Mayor and Council for supporting the project. We look forward to working with the NNDSB to give the students in the community a new place to spend time outside under the trees!

Jamie Thomson
Director of Development,
Re-Nature Foundation.



Resolution of Support Text:

Whereas, The Village of Sundridge has the following interest: Improving our schoolyards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments; and

Whereas, The Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking the "**Growing Near North District School Board Canopies with Re-Nature**" program, which will be building outdoor learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools within the Near North District School Board.

Now Be it Resolved that the Council of **The Village of Sundridge** acknowledges and supports the funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative for the "**Growing Near North District School Board Canopies with Re-Nature**" program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Near North District School Board, in partnership with **The Village of Sundridge**.

And that Council also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.



Growing Schoolyard Canopies with Re-Nature

The Re-Nature Schoolyard Canopies Program aims to enrich the educational experience for children across Canada through the creation of outdoor learning spaces and the planting of tree canopies to provide shade and shelter.

Our Goal: Every school in Canada will have its own forest and outdoor learning space, and every teacher will have the support they need to use it.

For more information, please view [Your School & Re-Nature Foundation](https://www.renature.org/) at <https://www.renature.org/>



Our Approach to Funding School Yard Planting Projects:

Our collaborative partnership with the school board will allow us to apply for federal funding under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" (GCCC) program. This program offers a 50% match for our tree planting costs, and will enable us to establish vital green infrastructure, enhancing staff and student well-being, and providing invaluable hands-on learning environments for the next generation.

Re-Nature's work will be funded in part by federal grant programs, but Re-Nature also provides funding and brings outside funders on board to complete the funding of the projects.

Included Materials:

With this package you will find the following elements:

- An introduction to Re-Nature, the program, our work & goals.
- An example site plan and list of features planned for the school sites.



Municipal Council Resolutions

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) delivers the Green Municipal Fund (GMF), a program funded by the Government of Canada that supports municipal sustainability. A specific initiative under the GMF is “Growing Canada's Community Canopies” (GCCC), which provides funding and resources for communities to enhance their forests.

To be eligible for the “Growing Canada’s Community Canopies” grant program, applicants must provide a resolution drafted and adopted by each municipal council partnering on the project.

The scope of our initiative:

- Re-Nature is applying for a tree-planting grant from the federally funded program.
- Re-Nature is requesting \$50,000 in federal grant support per school site.
- Re-Nature is asking the council to acknowledge that the funding we receive will be part of the maximum \$10M allowed within each municipality.
- The federal grant support will significantly reduce the cost of the integrated forest which is an important part of the successful outdoor learning environments we intend to build for the schools.

Site Plan and Feature List

We've provided an example project site plan to illustrate what all the school sites included in the initiative will get, and how outdoor learning features might be distributed across a site to encourage student-led gathering and spark moments of experiential learning.

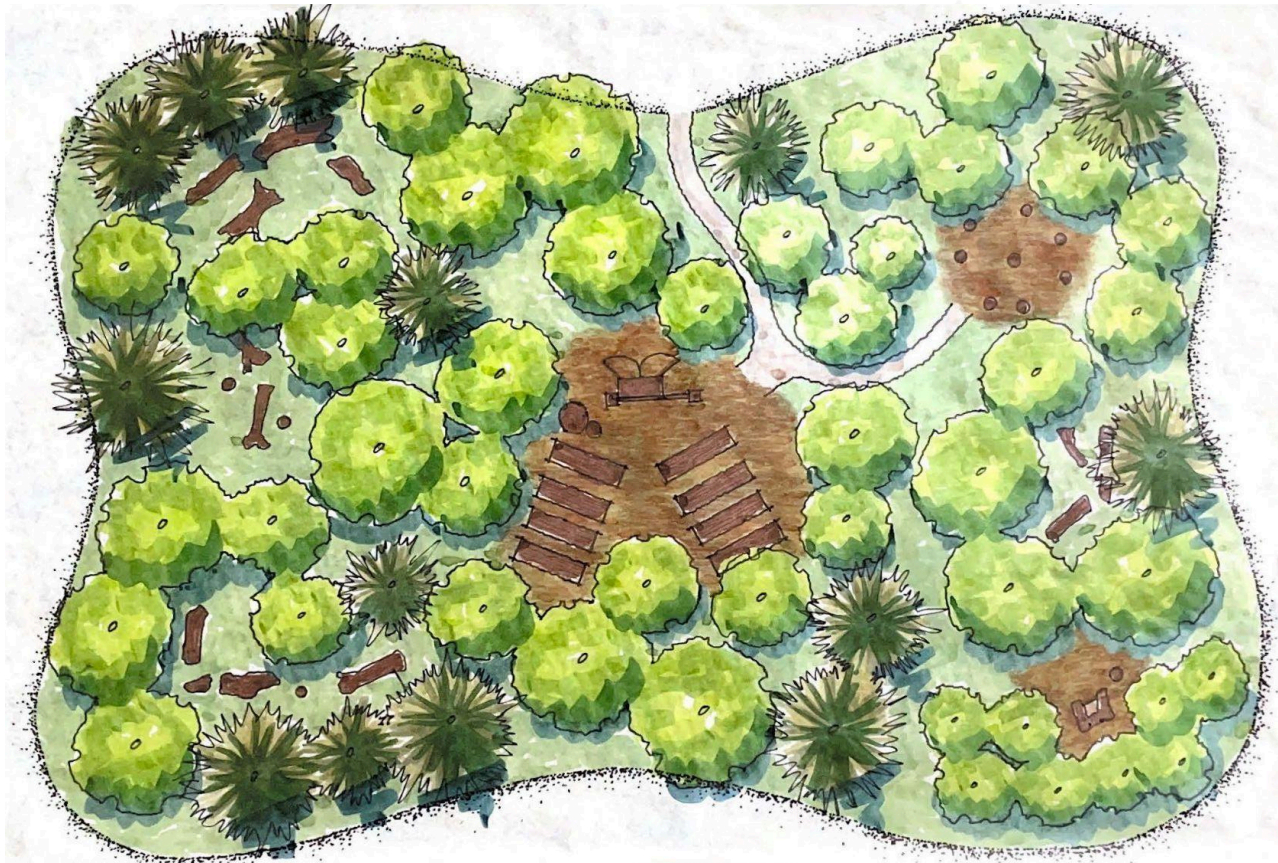
Multiple Zones

An 8500 sq. ft. site can support several multi-use learning zones, each with a focal point supporting various pedagogical approaches. Features are spaced to allow for full-class and group activities without excessive distraction from other zones.

- blackboard with curriculum cabinet & teacher station, with seating for 20-30 students
- a talking circle for up 5-10 students
- one-to-one seating pockets for teacher-student mentoring
- multiple informal seating arrangements using reclaimed local logs in ecological restoration zones

“**Ecological Restoration**” zones make the most of the available space. These are informal areas equipped with large logs (18-inches in diameter) for seating, student-led learning or simply for play. Some of these logs will be cut into additional stools to help create more points of interest throughout the zones. The features in these areas will help focus student social interaction and they'll also contribute to the forest environment as they eventually become part of the soil of the site.

Example Project Plan:



Key Features of the Outdoor Learning Spaces

The pedagogical foundation of this site plan emphasizes experiential and inquiry-based learning. The focal points and zones are framed by trees, which provide shade, habitat, and the living backdrop for the spaces. These natural elements are accompanied by features meant to enhance learning and play:

- 1 post-mounted blackboard with curriculum cabinet secured to the blackboard posts
- 8 milled benches
- 1 teacher station
- 8 sculpted stump seats
- 1 carved chair or spiral bench
- 100 linear feet of Ecological Restoration logs. (18-inch diameter logs up to 8 feet long), scattered across the zones to serve as seating, incidental focal points and group work. Some cut into stump stools.
- 50 or more single stem and multi-stem trees

An introduction to Re-Nature's Philosophies.

A Schoolyard... Or A Parking Lot?



If more of our schoolyards aren't shaded by resilient forest in the next ten years, it will simply be too hot for the kids to be outside.

Our children deserve better.

To thrive, a regenerative forest requires a minimum of 15 square feet per daily student user. While more is better, for most schools in Canada, this equates to 50 single and multi-stemmed trees covering 7500-8500 square feet per schoolyard forest.

Re-Nature's Four Guiding Principles:

Teachers will take their children outside if there is a forest to provide shade, a classroom to teach in, a mentor to lean on, and a curriculum to teach.





**NNDSB's Outdoor Learning Partnership
Proposal with Re-Nature**

WHY WE ❤️ OUTDOOR LEARNING





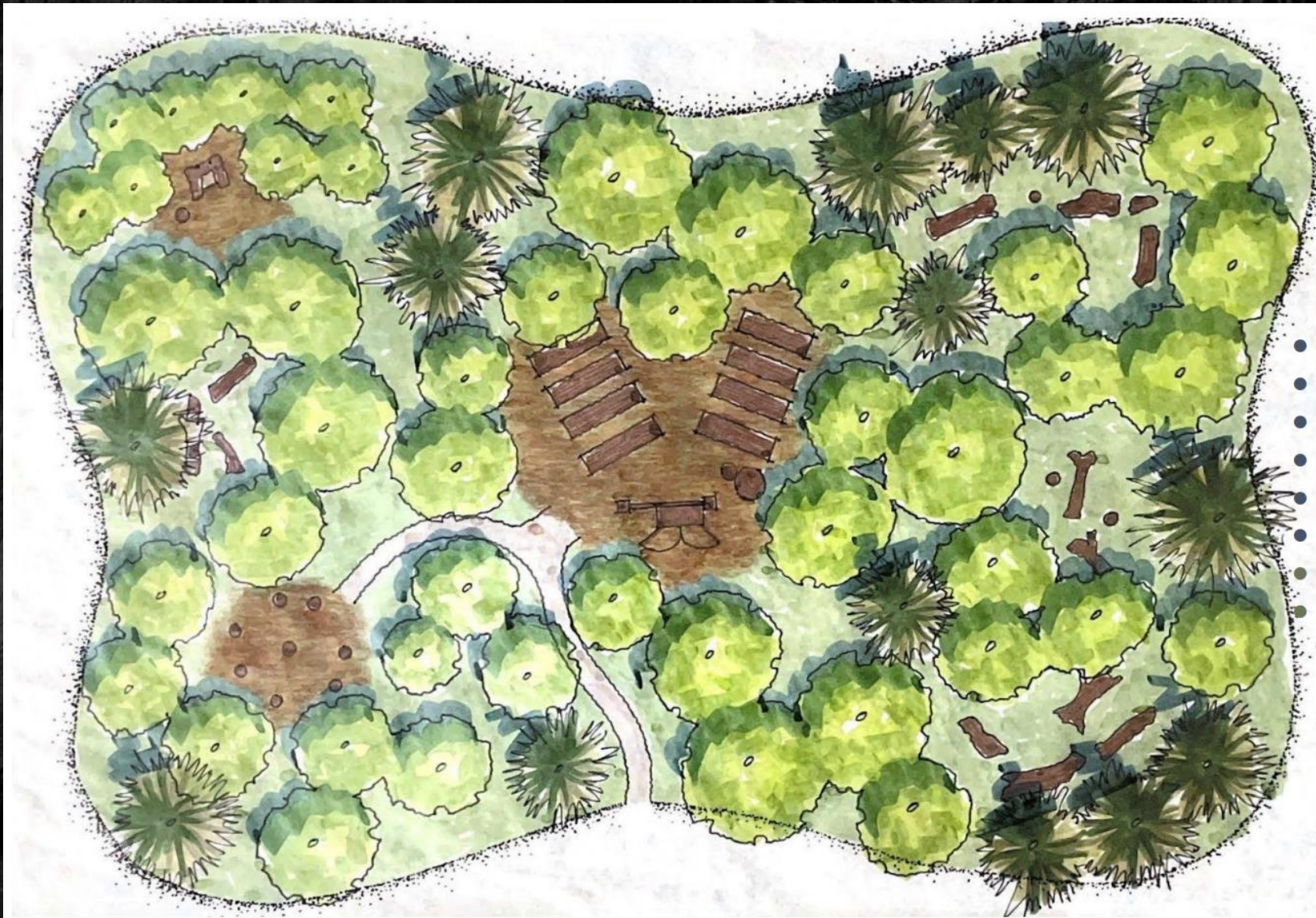
Impactful and engaging education often comes through experiential learning opportunities.

Re-Nature is a Canadian non-profit organization that creates regenerative landscapes for schools – addressing mental health, climate change and education equity.

Re-Nature's goal is that every school in Canada will have its own forest and outdoor learning space, and every educator will have the support they need to use it.



Sample Design



- 1 blackboard
- 1 curriculum cabinet
- 8 milled benches
- 1 teacher station
- 8 sculpted stump seats
- 1 carved chair or spiral bench
- 100 feet Eco Restoration logs.
- 50+ trees

Nature
FOUNDATION

Four Guiding Principles



Educators will take their children outside if there is a forest to provide shade, a classroom to teach, a mentor to lean on, and a curriculum to teach.

The Role of the Municipality

- Support Near North District School Board in applying for the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" (GCCC) program through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) via resolution tonight.
- The lifetime value of the GCCC is 10 million dollars per municipality and each school board is asking to access \$50,000 per school site.

There is no cost to the municipality

Next Steps

- Pass a resolution of support from participating municipalities
- Complete applications for FCM's GCCC program for the schools where we have municipal support
- If approved for the grants, design and install the outdoor learning spaces Spring/Summer/Fall 2027





Near North
District School Board

Emily Samuel
System Principal

emily.samuel@nearnorthschools.ca





Confirmation of Project Support with Near North District School Board

March 30th, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

As Founder and Director of the Re-Nature Foundation, I confirm our full organizational support for the Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) grant application in alignment with the Near North District School Board (NND SB). Please consider this letter a formal confirmation of our commitment and readiness to cooperate in this initiative.

The GCCC program resonates with Re-Nature's mission to create inclusive, climate-resilient community spaces that provide children with direct, daily access to nature. This project supports tree planting, encourages environmental stewardship and provides children with more opportunities to spend productive learning time outside.

The proposed planting sites will include a minimum of 50 trees, along with natural log features to support programming, environmental literacy, and connection. The regenerative forest system will grow into permanent infrastructure and become a beloved part of the community—restoring biodiversity, improving soil and air quality, and contributing to stormwater management & heat island effect mitigation.

Re-Nature's delivery model includes mentorship and training for teachers, program staff, and facilities personnel to ensure long-term care and essential time spent in the regenerative forest and outdoor activity space. We will also provide resources and continued professional learning that equip communities to integrate nature into their programming and stewardship practices.

Re-Nature Foundation looks forward to delivering this work in close cooperation with NND SB. We are prepared to meet the environmental, program, and community-building goals of the GCCC program in this undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam B". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Adam Bienenstock
Founder & Business Director at Re-Nature Foundation


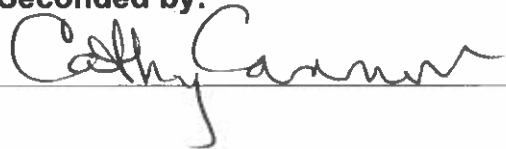


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Resolution # RC26077	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—including roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality, and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities; and

WHEREAS in 2022, the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026; and

WHEREAS fixed funding levels, amid rising labour, material, and climate resilience costs, have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities’ ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt; and

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance, and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs, and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability, and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- 2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to five percent (5%) of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs, or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments, and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the April 15, 2026 resolution of the Township of Shuniah regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Table with 4 columns: Resolution Result, Recorded Vote, Yes, No. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

Table with 2 columns: Mayor - Melanie Pilon, Clerk - Maury O'Neill. Contains handwritten signatures.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 24, 2026

FONOM Voices Concern Over Nairn Centre Mill Curtailment

Calls for Action on Tariffs Impacting Northern Forestry Communities

Nairn Centre, ONTARIO — The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is expressing concern following the announcement that Interfor will indefinitely curtail operations at its mill in Nairn Centre.

This decision will have a significant impact on workers, their families, and the broader regional economy. The Nairn Centre mill has long been a cornerstone employer, supporting generations of families and contributing to the region's economic stability.

FONOM acknowledges the leadership shown by the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Town of Espanola in their quick, collaborative response to support those affected. Their commitment to working with partners and supporting impacted residents reflects the strength and resilience of Northern communities.

“On behalf of FONOM, we extend our support to the workers, families, and communities affected by this difficult news,” said Dave Plourde, President of FONOM. “We know how important these mills are, not only as employers, but as the backbone of many Northern communities.”

FONOM notes that this curtailment is not an isolated event, but part of a broader trend impacting the forestry sector across Northern Ontario. Ongoing softwood lumber tariffs, combined with market pressures and rising costs, continue to strain mills and the communities that depend on them.

“These challenges are being felt across the North,” added Plourde. “Tariffs and trade uncertainty are having real, on-the-ground impacts in our communities. We need to see continued and intensified efforts from the federal government to address softwood lumber tariffs and support the long-term stability of Canada’s forestry sector.”

FONOM will continue to work with all orders of government, industry partners, and municipal leaders to advocate for solutions that protect jobs, strengthen regional economies, and support economic diversification in Northern Ontario.

Northern communities have demonstrated resilience time and again. FONOM remains committed to ensuring it has the support needed to navigate this challenging period and emerge stronger.

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Media Contact:

Dave Plourde, President

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

fonom.info@gmail.com

April 1, 2026

Northern Ontario Municipalities

****Sent Via Email****

Re: Special Economic Zone

Dear Northern Ontario Municipalities,

The following resolution was ratified by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on March 31, 2026:

WHEREAS Canada's economic security and modern defence capabilities depend on resilient supply chains, energy security, and reliable access to critical minerals;

AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury is one of Canada's most important critical mineral hubs, producing and refining nickel, copper, and other critical minerals essential to national and provincial priorities;

AND WHEREAS these minerals support industries across Canada and among our allies, making Greater Sudbury a strategic centre in the global competition for critical resources;

AND WHEREAS mining activity in Greater Sudbury is rapidly expanding, with the number of mines within municipal boundaries expected to grow from nine to fifteen within five years;

AND WHEREAS the City maintains extensive infrastructure, including more than 3,600 kilometres of roads and major water and wastewater systems across a land mass comparable to Prince Edward Island, supporting both residents and a multi billion dollar industrial ecosystem;

AND WHEREAS the current municipal funding model does not reflect the scale of responsibility borne by Greater Sudbury, resulting in an unsustainable burden on local taxpayers despite the city generating nearly one third of Northern Ontario's GDP;

AND WHEREAS most mining related revenues flow to provincial and federal governments, with only a small portion reinvested in the community that enables this economic activity;

AND WHEREAS a Special Economic Zone designation would ensure that more of the wealth generated in Greater Sudbury is reinvested locally in infrastructure, housing, workforce development, and social services, with significant returns on this investment for both our communities and our government partners;

AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury has strong partnerships with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nation, and enhanced fiscal capacity would support continued collaboration and shared prosperity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury formally request that the Government of Ontario designate Greater Sudbury as a Special Economic Zone;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council request the Government of Canada recognize Greater Sudbury as a region of national strategic importance and work with the province of Ontario to implement complementary federal measures;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Wahnapiatae First Nation, FONOM, AMO, and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their support.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter conveying Council's support for these measures be sent to:

- Gimaa Craig Noochtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
- Chief Larry Roque, Wahnapiatae First Nations
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- All Northern Ontario municipalities

Yours truly,

Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

c. Members of City Council



**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
April 16, 2026 Board Meeting**

March 2026 Statistics:

	CIRCULATION				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Library	1127	1028	1056	910	878
Overdrive	326	447	593	476	392
Total	1453	1475	1649	1386	1270

COMPUTERS USE			WiFi USE		
2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
71	48	51	314	*	174

*The WIFI statistics were not currently available.

KIDS ELECTRONICS			IN LIBRARY LEGO USE		
2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
78	66	60	--	51	37

March Programming & Attendance		
Program/Event	Adults	Kids
Book Club	8	
Knitting & Crocheting	26	
Storytime	11	21
Walking Club	23	
March Break Crafts – Tuesday	6	11
March Break Crafts & Lego – Thursday	9	11
Paper Bay Princess Evening	3	7
Tween/Teen Bedazzling a Book	1	7

We are currently in the preliminary planning stages to host a *Vintage Fashion and Tea* small fundraiser on Saturday August 8 during the Sunflower Festival for the library.

Events:

- Heads Up for Healthier Brains - June 18, July 23, August 6 & September 10 at 10:30 am
- Book Sale – July 29 – August 1

Melinda Kent

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234-2026-1390

April 22, 2026

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to update you on amendments to Ontario Regulation 584/06 under the *Municipal Act, 2001* (MA) and O. Reg 595/06 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (COTA) that were filed on April 17, 2026. These changes come into force on July 16, 2026.

As you know, since spring 2024 the province has encouraged municipalities designing stormwater fees and charges to ensure that there are no unintended consequences that would disproportionately impact farmers and greenhouse operators.

In the province's 2025 Fall Economic Statement, our government stressed the importance of the agri-food sector and that protecting Ontario's local agriculture and food industry is essential to ensuring a strong, self-sufficient food supply chain.

Agricultural properties generally have invested in their own stormwater-mitigating measures and have large areas of green space that contribute significantly to stormwater runoff management.

In this respect, the province is making changes to remove the authority for municipalities to impose stormwater fees and charges on portions of properties that are classified in the farm or managed forests property class, if they are not connected to a municipal storm sewer.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities, I look forward to our continued collaboration in investing in key infrastructure projects while making life more affordable for members of the agri-food sector and supporting the viability of their operations. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officer and/or Treasurer
Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ryan Puviraj, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division,
Municipal Affairs and Housing

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
2026**

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	Size (sq.m)
January	3	\$1,950.00	\$110,000.00	137
February	3	\$5,380.50	\$338,765.00	154
March	4	\$14,686.00	\$952,400.00	511
April	6	\$13,185.00	\$845,000.00	1882
May	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
June	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
July	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
August	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
September	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
October	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
November	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
December	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
TOTALS	16	\$35,201.50	\$2,246,165.00	New Construction 2684 Demolitions 0

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
2026**

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	SFD'S, Seasonal Dwellings and Multi-Unit Dwellings	
				2025	2026
Burks Falls	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	1	0
Joly	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
South River	3	\$4,560.00	\$290,000.00	0	1
Machar	4	\$6,835.00	\$429,000.00	1	1
Strong	3	\$7,593.00	\$486,200.00	2	1
Ryerson	4	\$12,728.50	\$821,965.00	1	2
Sundridge	2	\$3,485.00	\$219,000.00	2	0
TOTALS	16	\$35,201.50	\$2,246,165.00		5
Permit activity at end of April 30, 2026					
TOTALS	35	\$99,346.00	\$6,384,600.00	12	
Permit activity at end of April 30, 2025					
TOTALS	-19	\$64,144.50	\$4,138,435.00		-7
Difference from previous year					



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Township of Strong Council Resolution
April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
7.0 Report of Committees

**7.5.1 Approve Proposed 2026 High Rock Lookout Park Budget
R2026-118**

Moved By: Jim Ronholm Seconded by: Marianne Stickland

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the High Rock Lookout Park Budget for 2026 in the amount of \$7,875.00, with the Township's share being \$2,072.98;

And that the Township of Strong accept this budget as circulated.

Carried

Media Release
For Immediate Release
May 6, 2026

DSSAB Unites Local Leadership to End Chronic Homelessness in the Parry Sound District in 2026

PARRY SOUND, ON - The District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) hosted municipal leaders, staff, and community partners in Magnetawan on April 23rd. The event, titled “The Path Forward: DSSAB’s Approach to Housing Loss Prevention and Encampments”, brought together DSSAB staff and representatives from the 22 municipalities across the District of Parry Sound served by the DSSAB, with the focus of the day being to share information, strengthen partnerships, and support a coordinated understanding of prevention-focused approaches to housing instability and homelessness.

The event featured an overview of DSSAB’s new Housing Loss Prevention and Encampment Response Strategy, and key insights from DSSAB’s work with OrgCode Consulting on this project. It also highlighted the housing loss prevention work currently underway across the district. Participants received practical guidance on how municipal staff can work with the DSSAB to support people at risk of housing loss or experiencing homelessness in their communities.

An especially meaningful part of the event included stories of lived experience shared by individuals who have experienced homelessness locally.

“Hearing directly from people who’ve experienced homelessness locally was one of the most important parts of the day,” said Jason Inwood, Chief Administrative Officer of Seguin Township. “Their voices helped challenge bias and stigma and gave real insight into the work already underway at DSSAB to tackle homelessness here at the local level.”

The event also created an opportunity for discussion, shared learning, and relationship-building among municipal and community partners, with participation encouraged from municipal CAOs, members of Council, and staff involved in community safety and by-law.

“Strong local partnerships are essential to helping people stay housed and improving outcomes across the district,” said Rick Zanussi, Chair of the DSSAB. “Addressing homelessness and housing instability takes shared commitment, so it was great to see municipalities from across the district come together to share the needs and realities of their individual communities.”

Building on this work, DSSAB has set a clear and measurable goal for the region: ending chronic homelessness in the District of Parry Sound this year.

“We are not talking about just managing homelessness, we are talking about ending it for those experiencing it the longest,” said Tammy MacKenzie, Chief Administrative Officer. “We have the partnerships, the system, and the momentum in place. Our focus now is execution, and we are committed to ensuring that individuals experiencing chronic homelessness are supported into stable housing and stay housed.”

The session aligned closely with DSSAB’s broader work on the creation of their new Housing and Homelessness Plan, which is expected to be released later this year.

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For more information, please contact:

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PARRY SOUND HOMELESSNESS SYMPOSIUM



Parry OrgCode Consulting

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Homelessness Prevention Update

January 31, 2026

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Active on the By-Name List

The By-Name List is a real-time list of people in our community who are experiencing homelessness.

1

Chronically Homeless

Experiencing homelessness for at least 6 months, or reoccurring for 18 months over the last 3 years

382

Total Housed

Since the establishment of the By-Name List in 2021

34

Total # at risk supported (Month of January)

Homelessness prevention includes a range of evidence-informed policies and interventions aimed at stopping housing loss before it occurs

298

Total # at risk supported

Year to Date - since April 1, 2025

District of Parry Sound



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THE REAL FOCUS – DATA AND PREVENTION

Better local data to understand demand, inflow, acuity, and outcomes

Stronger visibility into who is entering homelessness and why

Prevention strategies to reduce inflow before crisis occurs

Earlier interventions with households at risk

Better alignment between municipal leadership and service delivery

Moving from reacting to visible homelessness toward reducing homelessness overall

Communities that understand inflow can reduce demand before crisis occurs





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Friday, 23 April

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Nancy Millar

From: Cheryl Atkinson <cheryl@atkinson1954@yahoo.com>
Sent: April 20, 2026 7:30 AM
To: Nancy Millar
Subject: Almaguin Special Olympic Torch Run

Good morning

Almaguin Special Olympics is planning to once again hold the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

We have the full support of the local Ontario Provincial Police detachment as well as the local Fire Department. They will be providing vehicles and resources to accompany Almaguin Special Olympics athletes and volunteers on the run/walk.

The date we are planning on is Wednesday June 3, 2026.

The plan is to start at 9:30 am, at the Ontario Provincial Police detachment in Burks Falls and go down to Riverbowl located at 310 Ontario Street in Burks Falls.

We will then head via vehicles to the Village of Sundridge where we will start at approximately 10:15 am at Cox's General Store located at 21 Main Street and go down the street to the Sundridge Centennial Public School located at 118 Main Street.

We will request a Certificate of Insurance be sent to the Village of Sundridge once it is confirmed we have the approval from the Village to conduct our event on June 3, 2026

We thank the Village of Sundridge for all of their support over many years.

Cheryl Atkinson
Community Coordinator
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May 07, 2026

Village of Sundridge

Dear Mark Smuck - CEMC:

The Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response (MEPR) is pleased to advise that we have completed our review of the documentation submitted to the Ministry towards meeting the requirements in the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) O. Reg. 380/04 and our assessment indicates that your municipality has satisfied all thirteen (13) program elements for 2025. Congratulations and thank you for your continued dedication to a safe, practiced and prepared Ontario.

On December 3, 2025, the Government of Ontario passed Bill 25, the *Emergency Management Modernization Act, 2025* which amended the EMCPA to enable a more effective, coordinated and comprehensive approach to provincial and community emergency management.

Some amendments are now in effect, with no new requirements for partners. **All existing EMCPA municipal requirements remain the same for 2026.**

EMCPA amendments specific to municipalities are expected to come into force at a later date pending direction and future regulations, including

- Enabling flexibility regarding requirements for municipal emergency management programs and plans based on needs and capacity.
- Allowing two or more municipalities to voluntarily develop and implement joint emergency management programs and plans.
- Clarifying the process for and ensuring accountability of municipal emergency declarations under the EMCPA.

The [e-Laws link](#) to the EMCPA has now been updated and includes text with a grey background for the provisions not yet in force.

The ministry remains committed to working closely with municipal emergency management partners throughout the implementation of these amendments, including the development of supporting regulations pending direction.

If you have any questions on the amendments, please contact the Strategic Policy and Governance Branch in the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response at EMOPolicy@ontario.ca.

For further information on our assessment or if you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact your Field Officer.

Name: Diane Ploss

Email: diane.ploss@ontario.ca; adam.monster@ontario.ca

Phone: 437-424-9433

Sincerely,

Tony Bavota
Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Response Division
Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response

cc: Mayor / Reeve Shawn Jackson



**SUNDRIDGE-STRONG UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026**

PRESENT: Diana Cosby, Brenda Lee, Karen McLaren, Kevin Noaik, Vicki Whitmell, Fraser Williamson

REGRETS:

STAFF: Melinda Kent, Librarian/CEO

Call to Order - The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Discloser of Conflicts of Interest – None

Agenda

03-01	Moved:	Diana Cosby	Seconded:	Kevin Noaik
That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.				

Minutes

03-02	Moved:	Fraser Williamson	Seconded:	Brenda Lee
That the minutes of February 19, 2026 meeting of the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board be adopted as presented. Carried.				

Business Arising

- The Township of Strong passed the library 2026 budget.

Statement of Expenses

03-03	Moved:	Kevin Noaik	Seconded:	Karen McLaren
That the income statement for the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library for the month of February 2026, in the amount of \$-4351.11, be accepted as presented. Carried.				

Librarian’s Report

- See attached

Correspondence

New Business

- None

Strategic Plan Update

- Charitable status – The board chair and the CEO/Librarian are working on getting access to the online application.

03-04	Moved:	Diana Cosby	Seconded:	Kevin Noaik
That the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board designate that 50% of the library reserves of this year and going forward are specifically for a new library build. Carried.				

Policies & Procedures

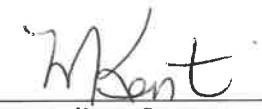
- There was a discussion as to whether or not we should increase our non-resident membership fee. The librarian/CEO will bring the policy forward at the next meeting.

Announcements

Adjournment

03-05	Moved:	Kevin Noaik
That the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board adjourn at 7:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held at 6:45 pm on April 16, 2026 or at the call of the chair. Carried.		


Chair


Recording Secretary

**Emergency Management Program Committee
January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Held in The Village of Sundridge Council Chambers
110 Main Street, Sundridge, ON**

PRESENT: Mark Smuck, Kevin Noaik, Caitlin Haggart, Andrew Torrance, Brenda Scott, Robyn Ferrante, Nancy Millar, Jennifer Martin, Sharon Smith, Katey Brimacombe, Bill Black, Don McArthur.

ABSENT: Risto Maki

Chairperson, Sharon Smith, began the meeting at 10:00am.

Action Item #1 (EMPC minutes from Nov.19, 2025)

The Chair asked for discussion on the draft minutes of the previous meeting. No discrepancies or deficiencies noted.

Moved by: Bill Black and Seconded By: Mark Smuck. Carried

Contact Sheet and appendices are to have been updated in everyone's copy of the Emergency Plan.

Brenda Scott has reached out to Sarah Cooke; Almaguin News regarding a news article to get the program information more widely dispersed, but she has not heard back from Sarah.

Agenda Item #1 (Acceptance of the Agenda)

The agenda for the January 22, 2026 meeting of the Emergency Management Program Committee was unanimously approved as circulated.

Agenda Item #2 (Special Event Information Night Update)

Andrew Torrance, Alternate CEMC and Mark Smuck CEMC hosted a Special Event Information Night at the Village of Sundridge. The event lasted for a few hours. A powerpoint presentation was delivered. The attendees ranged from small businesses up to the Eagle Lake Gun Club. It was a great networking opportunity; well received. This session dispelled a lot of concerns / fears regarding the events application process. Andrew and Mark conveyed to those present that the intention of the event application process is to 'support' those organizing special events.

Agenda Item #3 (Public Education event update – Tree Lighting Ceremony)

Committee Members Robyn and Nancy informed the group that there was great participation from members of the public in attendance. Good conversations on the program collaboration were had with those present. There were a few school aged children that informed the committee members that they have been learner about emergency preparedness in school, and they were happy to share what they had learned.

Agenda Item #4 (Draw for the Emergency Preparedness Kit)

The names entered on ballots that were collected at public education events throughout 2025, were put into a bowl and the winner of the kit was drawn; Melissa Baker. Melissa will be presented with the kit at a date and time to be confirmed. The upcoming Tri Council meeting for Sundridge Strong and Joly was suggested. Mayor Coleman from South River will ideally be able to attend for the presentation.

Agenda Item #5 (Draft Emergency Information Officer {EIO} Policy)

Don McArthur attended an EIO training session. Templates for media releases and a draft policy were provided to program participants. CEMC to review the information and will draft a policy for the committee to review.

Agenda Item #6 (Code Red System New Platform Update)

Don advised that the new CodeRed system is up and running. The participating municipalities will filter through Risto Maki (temporarily) until all technical issues have been resolved.

Agenda Item #7 (2026 Budget)

The committee reviewed the budget and it was determined that there are sufficient funds within the existing budget to allocate resources to additional materials and advertising.

Agenda Item #8 (Emergency Plan Review – 1st section)

Together as a group section 1 through 4 of the emergency plan were reviewed. No updates or changes required at this time.

Next Agenda Items:

- CodeRed follow up
- Emergency Plan Review Section 5 to 13
- Live exercise (August 13th) update
- Public education (to be a Standing Item)

Next Meeting Date and Location:

April 16th, 2026 at 10:00am

The Township of Strong, 1 Municipal Lane

The next meeting after that will be held on July 16th at 10:00am at the Township of Strong with The Township of Joy as host.

The emergency management program committee adjourned at 10:58 am.

**SUNDRIDGE –STRONG FIRE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

SUNDRIDGE: Shawn Jackson (electronic), Luke Preston (electronic)
STRONG: Jim Ronholm, Tim Bryson

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Torrance, Fire Chief
Christine Hickey, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

C1 Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

C2 Approval of Agenda

**Resolution#FC2026-008
Moved By: Tim Bryson
Seconded By: Shawn Jackson**

THAT the Agenda for the May 5, 2026 regular meeting of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Committee be approved.

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

C3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

C4 Delegations – None

C5 Approval of Previous Committee Minutes

a) December 11, 2025 – Regular Meeting

**Resolution#FC2026-009
Moved By: Luke Preston
Seconded By: Shawn Jackson**

THAT the December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Committee be approved as circulated.

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

b) March 12, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Resolution#FC2026-010
Moved By: Shawn Jackson
Seconded By: Tim Bryson

THAT the March 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Committee be approved as circulated.

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

C6

Follow Up/New Business

a) Staff Report – RFP2026-001FD Results

Resolution#FC2026-011
Moved By: Tim Bryson
Seconded By: Shawn Jackson

THAT Staff Report FC2026-001 dated May 5, 2026 regarding RFP2026-001FD Results be received;

AND THAT the Committee recommends proceeding with Option #1, purchase of a Tanker (Mobile Water Supply Fire Fighting Apparatus) from MetalFab Ltd, including optional items, at a total project cost of \$279,840 to each municipality. Noting that a site meeting with an approximate cost of \$2000 (\$1000 per municipality) be factored into the 2027 budget.

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge for approval.

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

b) Staff Report – Fire Chief’s Report – May 5, 2026

Resolution#FC2026-012
Moved By: Shawn Jackson
Seconded By: Tim Bryson

THAT Fire Chief’s Report dated May 5, 2026 be received.

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

c) Proposal - Township of Joly becoming a member of the Fire Department – Special Meeting to Discuss

Resolution#FC2026-013
Moved By: Tim Bryson
Seconded By: Shawn Jackson

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.

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

Adjournment

Resolution#FC2026-014

Moved By: Luke Preston

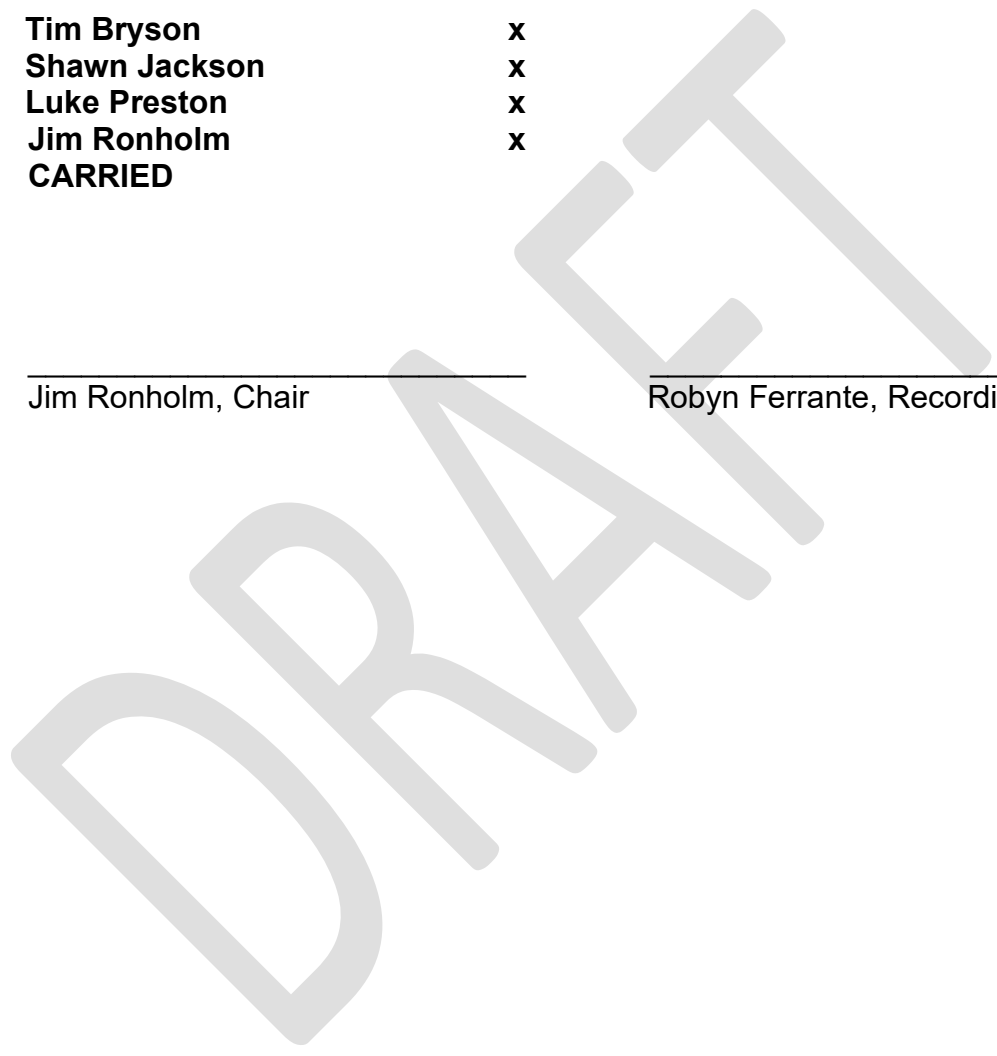
Seconded By: Shawn Jackson

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:50 until May 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

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

Jim Ronholm, Chair

Robyn Ferrante, Recording Secretary



Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes for Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Township of Strong Office

NOTICE: Zoom Link to attend the virtual meeting is available on the website at <https://calendar.strongtownship.com/default/Month>

Present: Sundridge Council Rep - Fraser Williamson (in person)
Sundridge Council Rep - Sharon Smith (in person)
Sundridge Public Rep - Nicole Therrien (in person)
Sundridge Public Rep - Harmony McLaren (in person)
Strong Council Rep - Jeff McLaren (in person)
Strong Council Rep – Tim Bryson (in person)
Strong Public Rep - Absent
Strong Public Rep - Diana Cosby (in person)
Strong Public Rep - Stephen Kissoon (in person)
Strong Public Rep - Absent
Joly Council Rep - Bill Black (in person)
Joly Council Rep - Brian McCabe (in person)
Joly Public Rep - Monique Therrien (in person)

Absent: Strong Public Rep - Katey Brimacombe, Strong Public Rep - Gary dePeuter

Staff Present: Recording Secretary - Kim Dunnnett (in person)

Guest(s): No attendance

1. Call to Order

The Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Chair.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No Pecuniary Interest was declared by committee members.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution # 2026-022

Moved by: Brian McCabe

Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve the agenda of the regular meeting for May 7, 2026, as presented.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Resolution # 2026-023

Moved by: Fraser Williamson

Seconded by: Sharon Smith

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2026, as circulated.

Carried

5. Delegation

No requests submitted.

6. Financial Report

No report submitted.

Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes for Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Township of Strong Office

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Family Day

No discussion required

7.2 Canada Day

The Committee reviewed the event planner and posters, firming up plans for the upcoming event.

7.3 Tree Lighting

No discussion required.

7.4 Preteen Dance

The Committee members stated the event went well. A suggestion was made by Mayor McCabe to order red shirts for recreation members, so they can be better identified at events. An estimate on the price of shirts will be acquired and added to the 2027 budget for committee approval.

7.5 Physical Activity Night

No discussion required.

7.6 Volunteer Recruitment

A brief update was given by the chair regarding a shared rec co-ordinator, which could help with organizing volunteer recruitment, among many other tasks.

The secretary suggested the next term of council that all council members, not just the council recreation members, should get a vulnerable sector check so they can assist with events.

7.7 Regional Recreation Group Rep

Being that meetings are held in the daytime during working hours the committee has requested that the secretary or designate attend the meetings on their behalf and report back until such time a recreation co-ordinator can be put in place.

7.8 North Bay Shriners Cycling Unit

Resolution # 2026-024

Moved by: Fraser Williamson

Seconded by: Brian McCabe

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve an honorarium in the amount of \$400.00 to the North Bay Shriners Cycling Unit for participating in the Canada Day Parade.

Carried

8. Correspondence

8.1 Canada Day Celebration - Sundridge R2026-090

Received

10. Closed Session

No items required.

Sundridge Strong Joly Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes for Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Township of Strong Office

11. Adjournment

Resolution # 2026-025

Moved by: Jeff McLaren

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adjourn at 6:40 pm to meet again on June 4, 2026 at 6:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Kim Dunnett, Recording Secretary

Tim Bryson, Chair

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Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

Wednesday, April, 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Village of Sundridge Council Chambers

Mayor Shawn Jackson (electronic participation), Deputy Mayor Sharon Smith, Councillor Luke Preston (electronic participation), Councillor Vicki Whitmell, and Councillor Fraser Williamson (electronic participation)

STAFF: Christine Hickey; Treasurer
Nancy Millar; Clerk Administrator

COUNCIL MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mayor Shawn Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:37p.m.

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 #2026-096

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the agenda for the April 22, 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

Deputy Mayor Sharon Smith declared a pecuniary interest in Item (9.4).

I, Sharon Smith, declare a pecuniary interest in Item (9.4) on the April 22, 2026 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because I am the Treasurer of the Sundridge Horticultural Society. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter, I will not take part in discussion on any question in respect of the matter, and I will not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question.

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 – April 22, 2026

7 (E.2) Joint Building Committee Permit Summary – March 2026

7 (E.3) *Moved into Committee of the whole by Luke Preston*

7 (E.4) FONOM – Urgent Action on Highway Safety

7 (E.5) FONOM – FONOM Board Advances Northern Priorities at Meeting in Kirkland Lake

7 (E.6) *Moved into Committee of the whole by Luke Preston*

7 (E.7) FONOM – FONOM Calls for Urgent Action Following Another Fatal Collision on Northern Highway

7 (E.8) The City of Mississauga – Resolution 0060-2026 to encourage collective advocacy for local democratic representation in education

7 (E.9) Township of Strong Resolution SDMC Follow up

7 (E.10) Township of Strong Resolution – CEMC Wages

7 (E.11) *Moved into Committee of the Whole by Shawn Jackson*

7 (E.12) Communication from the Township of Strong regarding Village of Sundridge Resolution regarding Administration Services and the ask to work collaboratively to determine a consistent process regarding the fee for shared service administration.

8) APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution #2026-097

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT Items listed as Consent Items for April 22, 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. Accessibility Plan

Resolution #2026-098

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the Council for the Village of Sundridge receives the draft Accessibility Plan,

AND THAT after having discussed the plan and the suggested revisions, hereby directs Staff to proceed with preparing a final version of the plan,

AND FURTHER THAT the plan be brought back to next regular meeting of council for adoption.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	Y		

Smith, Sharon	Y
Whitmell, Vicki	Y
Williamson, Fraser	Y
Jackson, Shawn	Y

CARRIED.

9.2. Recreation Coordinator for multiple municipalities

Resolution #2026-099

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

WHEREAS The Village of Sundridge has, along with the Township of Strong and The Township of Joly, has a recreation committee that looks after community celebrations, pre-teen dances, and physical activity nights. The committee made up of volunteers and municipal councillors, does not have the capacity to set up and organize regular events like weekly sports nights or leagues for both adults children.

AND THAT the three municipalities do not currently have a recreation coordinator position

BE RESOLVED THAT The Council for the Village of Sundridge bring this issue to next tri-council meeting to discuss such a position.

AND THAT the Village of Sundridge along with the Township of Strong and the Township of Joly reach out to the Village of South River and The Township of Machar to create a region wide recreation coordinator position.

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

CARRIED.

9.3. Investigation of full services

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Luke Preston

WHEREAS The Village of Sundridge has a wastewater collection and treatment system which protects Lake Bernard from contamination. The village is not a full-service municipality as it does not have a municipal water service.

AND THAT having water service provides safe reliable drinking water eliminates the need for bottled water,

AND THAT having municipal water along with wastewater systems enables growth to a municipality which would attract potential builds of businesses, senior's apartment buildings and more homes.

AND THAT having a municipal water system would also include the installation of fire hydrants, which would increase safety and reduce owner and tenant insurance rates.

AND THAT studies show municipal water systems help protect local groundwater that flows into Lake Bernard, keeping Lake Bernard safe from contamination.

AND FURTHER THAT the initial costs of setting up a water service is costly the benefits outweigh the cost.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Village of Sundridge instruct staff to research the costs for the installation of a municipal water service.

AND THAT the Village of Sundridge direct staff to research grants from the provincial and federal government for full or partial coverage of the set-up costs and present it to a future meeting of council

MOTION TO POSTPONE

Resolution #2026-100

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded by: Luke Preston

THAT the above motion be postponed until after a public survey is conducted to obtain resident input on the need for municipal water and their interest in knowing more about municipal water services.

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

9.4. Sundridge Horticultural Society – Expenses for Planting of Flowers

Resolution #2026-101
Moved By: Vicki Whitmell
Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the correspondence from the Sundridge Horticultural Society,

AND THAT the Horticultural Society is asking for an additional monetary contribution of \$1,000 per year for a total of \$2,000 annually to assist the society with the cost of planting nine flowerbeds, 18 upright planters and 12 hanging baskets throughout the village,

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the request to increase the annual contribution to the total of \$2000.00 per year starting in 2026.

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

9.5. Tri Council Items

Resolution #2026-102
Moved By: Fraser Williamson
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:

- Transportation re: Northlander
- Potential addressing issues within municipal and emergency services databases

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

- 9.6. Nuclear Waste Management Organization – Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste on our Highways; Second Comment Period in Federal Review closes May 10, 2026

Resolution #2026-103
Moved By: Sharon Smith
Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the correspondence from Northwatch,

AND THAT Councillor Whitmell will prepare a draft letter expressing Council’s concerns,

AND FURTHER THAT this draft letter will be brought back to council for further discussion.

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

- 9.7. O’Reg 284-09 Report

Resolution #2026-104
Moved By: Fraser Williamson
Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT the Council for The Village of Sundridge receives Marjorie Robinson, Consultant’s Report regarding the reporting requirements for Ontario Regulation 284/09;

AND THAT Council is aware that the analysis shows that in 2026 the Village should anticipate an overall change in its surplus of approximately \$467,000.00;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that the level of investment in the proposed 2026 budget is approximately 45% of the noted sustainable amount as indicated in the current Asset Management Plan.

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

9.8. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Spring 2026 Meeting

Resolution #2026-105

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the agenda and registration for the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association's Spring Meeting,

AND THAT the following members of Council and staff will attend:

- Fraser Williamson
- Sharon Smith
- Luke Preston
- Vicki Whitmell
- Nancy Millar
- Robin Ferrante

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

ITEMS MOVED INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

7 (E.3) FONOM – Ensuring Equitable Access to Housing Enabling Infrastructure Funding for Northern Ontario Municipalities

Resolution #2026-106

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the communication from FONOM re equitable access to housing enabling infrastructure funding,

AND THAT Council would like to send a letter of support to FONOM regarding their efforts,

AND FURTHER THAT the support letter be sent to municipalities in the almaguin area.

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

7 (E.6) FONOM – FONOM Calls for Fair Housing Funding as Development Charge Changes Risk Leaving Northern Communities Behind

Resolution #2026-107

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the communication from FONOM re fair housing funding,

AND THAT Council would like to send a letter of support to FONOM regarding their efforts,

AND FURTHER THAT the support letter be sent to municipalities in the almaguin area.

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

Deputy Mayor Sharon Smith assumed the Chair.

7 (E.11) Township of Strong Resolution - Village of Sundridge Staff Report regarding the CEMC Wages

Resolution #2026-108

Moved By: Shawn Jackson

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the resolution from the Township of Strong regarding the CEMC Staff Report.

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

Mayor Shawn Jackson resumed the chair.

10) COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES

Resolution #2026-109

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

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

10 (A.1) SSJ Arena & Hall – April 1, 2026

10 (A.2) Almaguin Highlands Health Council – March 5, 2026

10 (B.1) Regular Meeting – April 8, 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 – None

12) BY-LAWS

12.1. By-Law No. 2026-019

Resolution #2026-110

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT By-Law No. 2026-019, being a by-law to establish the tax ratios for 2026, be approved.

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

CARRIED.

12.2. By-Law No. 2026-020 Adoption of Tax Rates (Budget Approval)

Resolution #2026-111

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

THAT By-Law No. 2026-020, being a by-law to adopt the tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2026, be approved.

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

CARRIED.

12.3. By-Law No. 2026-021 Delegate Authority (Election)

Resolution #2026-112

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT By-Law No. 2026-021, being a By-Law to delegate authority to the Clerk Administrator to carry out certain acts for which Council may be restricted during the 2026 Election (also known as "Lame Duck"), be approved.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	Y		
Smith, Sharon	Y		

Whitmell, Vicki Y
 Williamson, Fraser Y
 Jackson, Shawn Y
CARRIED.

12.4. By-Law No. 2026-022 Establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee

Resolution #2026-113

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT By-Law No. 2026-022, being a by-law to establish a joint compliance audit committee, and to appoint Committee members for the 2026 municipal election period, be approved.

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

CARRIED.

13) ANNOUCEMENTS

- **Shawn Jackson** – Nothing at this time.
- **Sharon Smith**
 - Attending the District of Parry Sound Social Services Board “Path Forward” housing session on April 23rd in Magnetawan
 - The SSJ Recreation Committee is hosting a Pre-teen dance on May 1st from 6-8pm at the SSJ Arena.
- **Luke Preston**
 - Attending the District of Parry Sound Social Services Board “Path Forward” housing session on April 23rd in Magnetawan
- **Fraser Williamson**
 - HAZMAT Day is May 23rd and Councillor Williamson is looking for coverage as he has other commitments on this day. Councillor Vicki Whitmell will attend.
- **Vicki Whitmell**
 - Attending the District of Parry Sound Social Services Board “Path Forward” housing session on April 23rd in Magnetawan
- **Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator**

- The new playground installation is scheduled for the week of June 8th, 2026.
- The construction tender for High Street closed with two bid submissions having been received. The project has been awarded to Duncor at a cost of \$131,563.00.

14) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS – None

15) CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #2026-114

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT By-Law No. 2026-023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its regular meeting of **April, 22, 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 #2026-115

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:09 p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting on May, 13, 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



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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

~~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.~~

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

Sharon Smith, Deputy Mayor

Robyn Ferrante, Deputy Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SUNDRIDGE

BY-LAW NO. 2026-024

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge at its Regular Meeting May 13, 2026

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity rights, powers and privileges under Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge at this session be confirmed and adopted by by-law.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council of the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge in respect of all recommendations in reports and minutes of committee, all motions and resolutions and all actions passed and taken to the Council of the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge, documents and transactions entered into during the May 13, 2026 meeting of council, are hereby adopted and confirmed, as if the same were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. That the Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge are hereby authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge during the said meeting referred to in paragraph 1 of this by-law.
3. That the Mayor or his designate and the Clerk Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to carry out the action taken by this council as described in Section 1 of this by-law and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge to those documents requiring the Corporate Seal referred to in said paragraph 1.

PASSED THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Shawn Jackson, Mayor

Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator