

## Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

Wednesday, May, 27, 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 27, 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) Austin Toth – Huntsville Cancer Clinic

**Moved By:** Choose an item.

**Seconded By:**

**WHEREAS** the council for the Village of Sundridge thank Austin Toth for his deputation regarding the Huntsville Cancer Clinic,

**AND WHEREAS** the Huntsville Cancer Clinic currently provides vital oncology services to residents in the Almaguin Area,

**AND WHEREAS** cancer patients often require frequent visits for treatment, making proximity to care a critical factor in patient well-being, treatment adherence and overall outcomes and relocating these services to Bracebridge would require significantly farther distances for treatment, increasing hardship for individuals already facing serious health challenges,

**AND WHEREAS** rural and northern residents already experience barriers to accessing healthcare including transportation limitations, weather conditions, and financial constraints and maintaining equitable access to healthcare services across the region is essential to supporting healthy communities, and healthcare in the almaguin area is a priority of the Almaguin Highlands Health Committee,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Village of Sundridge opposes the relocation of the Huntsville Cancer Clinic to Bracebridge and further calls upon the Government of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, and Ontario Health to retain cancer care services in Huntsville,

**AND THAT** Council authorizes the collection of petition signatures to be available to the public at the municipal office,

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug fore, Premier, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Muskoka Parry Sound, the Honourable Scott Aitchison MP Muskoka Parry Sound, FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and all affected municipalities in the Almaguin Area.

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

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) Twsp of Strong R2026-169 - SDMC - May 19 Agenda

7 (E.3) Municipality of Magnetawan Resolution 2026-087 – Austin Toth deputation regarding the Huntsville Cancer Clinic

7 (E.4) Sunflower Festival Committee Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2026

7 (E.5) Township of Joly Resolution 2026-189 High Rock 2026 Budget approval

7 (E.6) Township of Strong R2026-168 – RFP2026-001FD Tanker Approval

7 (E.7) Township of Springwater Resolution C203-2026 Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026

8) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**Moved By:** Choose an item.

**Seconded By:**

**THAT** Items listed as Consent Items for May 27, 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.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>			

**Whitmell, Vicki  
Williamson, Fraser  
Jackson, Shawn**

**9) NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

9.1. Township of Strong Resolution R2026-140 – High Street Tender Results

**Moved By:** Choose an item.

**Seconded By:**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives Resolution R2026-140 from the Township of Strong regarding the High Street Tender Results.

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

9.2. Pride Month - June

**Moved By:** Choose an item.

**Seconded By:**

**WHEREAS**, June is recognized as Pride Month in Canada and around the world as a time to celebrate the diversity and contributions of LGBTQ2S+ communities;

**AND WHEREAS**, Pride Month is an opportunity to reflect on the history of the LGBTQ2S+ rights movement and the ongoing struggle for equality, justice, and inclusion;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Village of Sundridge is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all residents, including LGBTQ2S+ individuals and families;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Village of Sundridge does hereby proclaim June 2026 as Pride Month in the Village of Sundridge.

**FURTHER**, we encourage all residents and organizations to participate in Pride celebrations, show their support for LGBTQ2S+ communities, and work towards creating a more equitable and inclusive society.

**AND THAT** the Village of Sundridge Raise the Pride flag on the specialty flag pole at the Village office for the month of June with a ceremony taking place on Monday June 1 2026 at 11:00am

**AND THAT** the Flag be removed during regular business hours on Tuesday June 30 2026.

**AND FURTHER THAT** staff advertise the flag raising ceremony on the Sunny Sundridge Facebook Page.

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

- 9.3. Sundridge Strong Fire Committee Resolution #FC2026-016  
(Township of Joly Buying into the Sundridge Strong Fire Department)

**Moved By:** Choose an item.

**Seconded By:**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the Sundridge Strong Fire Committee Resolution #FC2026-016 regarding the Township of Joly buy-in to the fire department,

**AND THAT** Council approves of the recommendations contained there in, being;

- buy in at \$300,000
- 10% ownership share
- Voting structure of 2-2-1 (Strong, Sundridge, Joly)

**AND FURTHER THAT** Sundridge approves of this offer being sent to the Township of Joly.

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

- 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) SSJ Arena & Hall – May 6, 2026

10 (A.2) Sundridge Strong Fire Committee – May 21, 2026

10 (B.1) Regular Council - May 13, 2026

10 (B.2) Regular council Closed Session - May 13 2026

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

**11) STAFF REPORTS**

**11.1.** Staff Memo – May 27, 2026 – Follow Up to April 30, 2026 Tri Council

**Moved By:** Choose an item.

**Seconded By:**

**THAT** the Council for the Village of Sundridge receives the staff memo regarding Tri Council agenda Item (5.12) SDMC Administration.

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

**12) BY-LAWS - None**

**13) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

➤ **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. 2026-025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its regular meeting of **May, 27, 2026**, be adopted.

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

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

**17) ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By:** Choose an item.

**Seconded By:**

**THAT** we do now adjourn at      p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting on June, 10, 2026, or at the call of the Mayor.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Preston, Luke</b>			
<b>Smith, Sharon</b>			
<b>Whitmell, Vicki</b>			
<b>Williamson, Fraser</b>			

**Jackson, Shawn**

REQUEST FORM FOR DELEGATION BEFORE COUNCIL  
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Person(s) to Appear: Austin Toth Leah Toth

Preferred Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Organization</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
<u>Austin Toth</u>		<u>705 783 6430</u>
<u>Leah Toth</u>		

General Outline of Subject Matter: (15 minutes allotted for Delegation)  
Petition to keep the Cancer Clinic in  
Huntsville Hospital

- 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):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Organization</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>

Mailing address for reply correspondence:  
11 Whalley Ln Rd East, Magnetawan POA 1P6  
email to thaw60@gmail.com

May 11/26  
Date Submitted

A. Toth  
Signature of Person Requesting Appearance

## Cancer Clinic Petition Huntsville

**Petition Mission Statement - We the undersigned would like to ensure the Cancer Clinic remains in the Huntsville District Memorial Site. We affirm the strategic and equitable treatment option of the Huntsville cancer clinic and its continuing operation".**

A person diagnosed with cancer is assessed at a major cancer treatment centre located in Barrie or Sudbury, and provided certain criteria are met can be referred for ongoing treatment at home or if required, to an oncology treatment centre staffed by registered nurses such as is in Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site. For the Almaguin Area, most patients attend Royal Victoria Hospital – Hutson Regional Cancer Centre in Barrie, Ontario, which has an association with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. The type of cancer, treatment required, available resources and individual patient needs as it relates to the need for treatment closer to home to maximize results are the criteria for admission into the satellite programs.

The East Parry Sound Area (including Almaguin Highlands) is in a unique position depending on your address. People diagnosed with cancer are typically referred to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, located 146 to 187 km away, for assessment and initial treatment. If the patient is fortunate they can receive treatment at an Oncology treatment centre like the one located in Huntsville. These centres require specialized staff, and resources to meet the treatment needs of Cancer patients. Huntsville Memorial Site has that kind of specialize, dedicated medical staff and services which Cancer Patients consider as excellent.

For those residing in the Almaguin Area, attending the Huntsville Oncology Clinic can be from 26 km to 80 km from their residence.

We have heard with concern of the possibility of the Cancer Clinic being moved to Bracebridge. For those residing in the Almaguin Area this would be a significant increase driving for treatment. The extra distance would have more impact during winter months.

It should be noted that the Cancer Clinic was originally located in the Bracebridge Hospital location many years ago. At that time, it was decided to move it Huntsville due to location being one of the rationales.

A further obstacle for many Cancer patients is that they should not drive right after treatment, and someone needs to attend with them.

Cancer Patients in Bracebridge have access to both the Orillia Cancer Clinic (56 km) and the Huntsville Clinic (37km).

While there is apparent discussion of providing "public transportation" from Huntsville to Bracebridge, there are concerns which include but are not limited to:

- 1) Having compromised immunity system(Cancer patients) being on public transportation is risky
- 2) The side effects of treatment include nausea and Gastrointestinal issues, which would put patients at further risk on public transportation, not to mention the embarrassment for the patients involved.
- 3) Having to wait around for public transport would be difficult for the same reasons listed above.

In Summary, the current situation is working well *and equitably for cancer patients. It would be unfortunate to change that.*

Below are the one-way distances as per Google Maps from communities in Almaguin Highland area and the Hospitals that have Cancer services.

To Royal Victoria Hospital

South River – 187 km, Sundridge – 178 km, Burks Falls – 159 km, Magnetawan – 181 km, Emsdale/Perry – 146 km, Kearney – 155 km, Dunchurch – 169 km.

To Huntsville Memorial Site

South River – 68 km, Sundridge – 58 km, Burks Falls – 38 km, Magnetawan – 62 km, Emsdale/Perry – 26 km, Kearney – 35 km, Dunchurch – 81km.

To Bracebridge Hospital – South Muskoka Memorial Site

South River – 103 km, Sundridge – 94 km, Burks Falls – 74 km, Magnetawan – 97 km, Emsdale/Perry – 61 km, Kearney – 70 km, Dunchurch – 116 km

Bracebridge to Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital – 56 km

Bracebridge to Huntsville Memorial Site – 37 km

Please see map on pages below for visual reference.

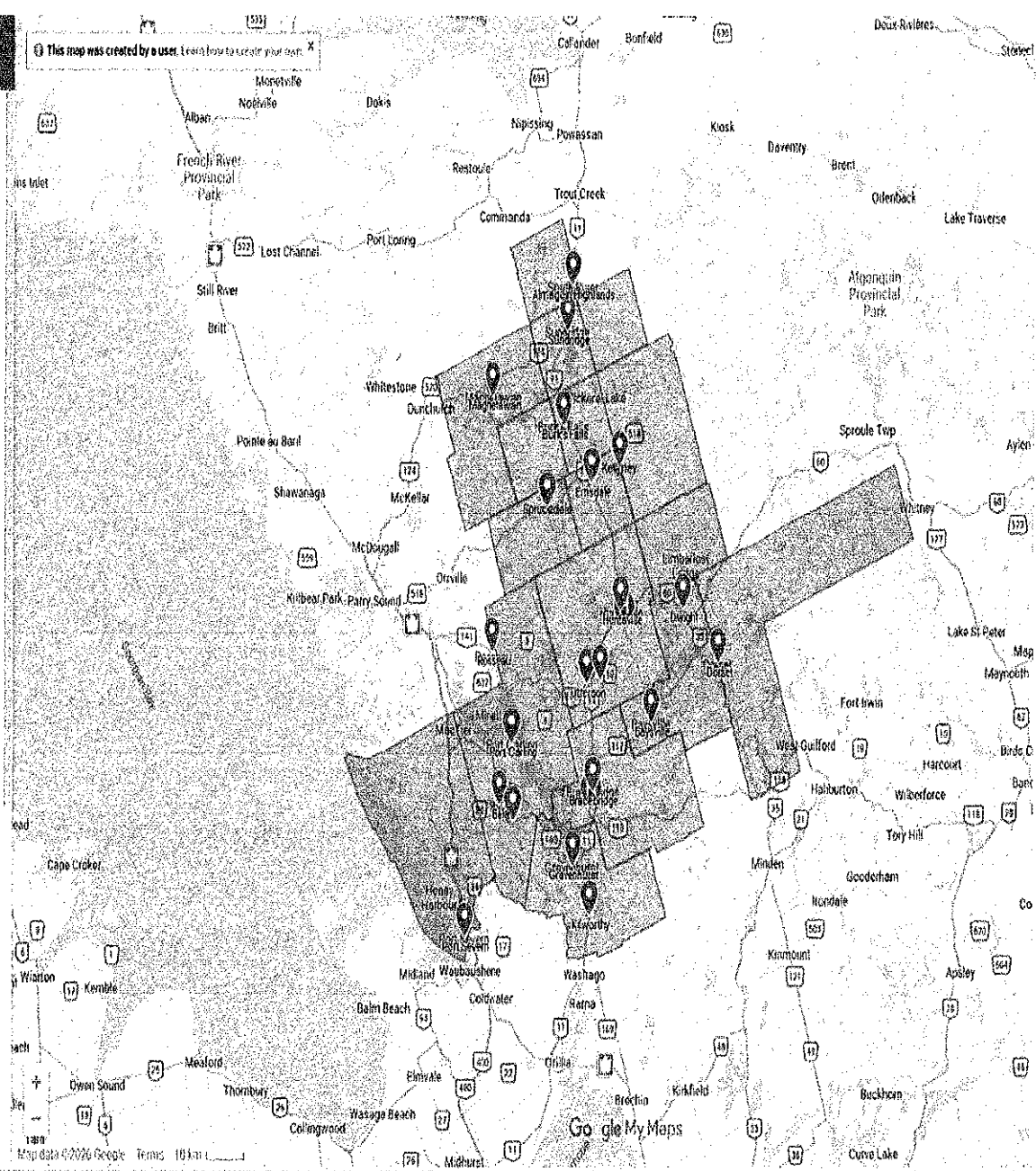
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14,306 views  
Published on November 14, 2024  
SHARE

- Hospitals**
  - South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Site
  - Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site

- Towns**
  - All items

- District of Muskoka**
  - Township of Muskoka Lakes
  - Town of Gravenhurst
  - Township of Georgian Bay
  - Town of Bracebridge
  - Township of Lake of Bays
  - Town of Huntsville

- East Parry Sound District**
  - Township of Armour
  - Township of McMurchy/Monteith
  - Township of Ryerson
  - Township of Joly
  - ... 7 more







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Township of Strong Council Resolution  
May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting  
10.0 Council Member Reports

**10.2 Mayor Bryson SDMC – May 19 Agenda  
R2026-169**

**Moved By: Marianne Stickland**

**Seconded By: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve Mayor Bryson and Councillor Ronholm to attend the special SDMC Committee on May 19 with the discussed limited agenda items.

**Carried**

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**Municipality**  
of  
**Magnetawan**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 87

APRIL 15, 2026

Moved by: John Hetherington

Seconded by: Bishop

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan thanks Austin Toth for his Deputation Huntsville Cancer Clinic;

**AND WHEREAS** the Huntsville Cancer Clinic currently provides vital oncology services to residents of Huntsville and surrounding communities, including residents of the Municipality of Magnetawan;

**AND WHEREAS** cancer patients often require frequent visits for treatment, making proximity to care a critical factor in patient well-being, treatment adherence, and overall outcomes and relocating these services to Bracebridge would require significantly farther distances for treatment, increasing hardship for individuals already facing serious health challenges;

**AND WHEREAS** rural and northern residents already experience barriers to accessing healthcare, including transportation limitations, weather conditions, and financial constraints and maintaining equitable access to healthcare services across the region is essential to supporting healthy communities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan strongly opposes the relocation of the Huntsville Cancer Clinic to Bracebridge and Council calls upon the Government of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, and Ontario Health to retain cancer care services in Huntsville;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Municipality of Magnetawan urges other municipalities and stakeholders to join in advocating for the preservation of this critical healthcare service;

**AND THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Honourable Graydon Smith MPP Muskoka Parry Sound, the Honourable Scott Aitchison MP Muskoka Parry Sound, FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and all affected Municipalities including Armour, Burk's Falls, Callander, Joly, Kearney, Machar, Magnetawan, McMurrich-Monteith, Nipissing, Perry, Powassan, Ryerson, South River, Strong, Sundridge, Whitestone, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Lake of Bays, and Muskoka Lakes.

Carried  Defeated  Deferred

Sam Dunnett  
Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



*Knowing our heritage  
we will build our future*



## **Sunflower Festival Committee Meeting**

Sunday April 26 7:00 p.m. – Village of Sundridge Town Office

### Minutes

Present: Erika Spencer, Fraser Williamson, Vikki Whitmell, Candy Niestroy, Nancy Vanderburgt

Absent: Caitlin Darrah

Guests: Tony Martin & George Brooks

1. Call to Order at 7:00
2. Dog Show

George would like to have the dog show again this year. Knowing that Katelyn isn't available George will be working along with Tony Martin. Their plan is to use George's property at 90 Main Street. They will have 3 adult categories and 1 children category. They will start at 10:00 am keep the classes small that way they can have most of them done by 11:00 before it gets to hot out. George and Tony will look after all the registration; forms will be available at 21 Main Street (Yorgis) on July 2.

George will make sure the grass is cut on his side of the property, Nancy to talk to the other side about the grass.

George inquired about getting a waiver for participants.

Candy to see if the town will drop off the stage again this year at 90 Main Street.

Candy will find the microphone from last year for George.

3. Review of Minutes of last meeting
4. Budget  
On track.
5. Sponsors - Nancy to keep working on finding sponsors. Short around \$2,000 as long as everyone donates what they say they will. Caitlin is also reaching out to some of her contacts to see if she can help. Wilson's is offering the bus again as an in-kind donation. Erin has volunteered her time to do the shuttle; the committee agrees that we will give Erin a voucher for food this year and Fraser will cover her break so she can actually sit and enjoy her food.

6. Vendors – Spots are currently filled. Erika to touch base with Chad at GF Preston’s in regard to their touch a truck area and payment.
7. Entertainment –  
Lynn Blunt has cancelled for this year.  
Muskoka Goats – Vicki will reach out to find out about their insurance.  
Happy Gang and Library will be doing a Victorian tea during the festival – More details to follow once they become available.
8. Mapping  
Candy has the map done. Bleachers will go on the property beside the dogs show and two bathrooms that used to be at 89 Main. Candy will touch base with Larry to get permission for this.  
Fish Hatchery will be coming this year and have been placed at the beginning of the festival near Cashwells. Committee motions to waive the \$55 fee for the hatchery.
9. Volunteers  
Caitlin is looking after finding volunteers for this year’s festival. Erika has set her up with secretary email for volunteers to email her. Sundridge Strong Fire Association is going to be offering 6 volunteers every two hours to cover the gates (2 at the school and 4 at paget). Erika has sent the flyer for volunteers to Deb Bartlett at the school board to be sent out to grade 8 ‘s at Sundridge, South River and Land of Lakes Public Schools as well as Almaguin Highlands High School.
10. CEMC  
Erika will keep in touch with Mark as we move closer to the festival.
11. Other
  - a. Request to borrow our safety vests - Huntsville Hospice has asked to borrow our safety vests for their upcoming event. Vicki will coordinate this.
  - b. Penny Sale – South River Agricultural Society has offered to do a Penny Sale for us this year. They would use the donations from vendors and would split the proceeds from the penny sale with the Sunflower Festival. Erika will find out from the village about what is required from them to be able to do the penny sale.
  - c. Bathrooms have been ordered.
  - d. Nancy from the Village will submit the request for OPP closer to the festival.
  - e. Erika has booked and paid for the 40 pylons from Sunbelt. They will be delivered to the town office on the Friday and picked up sometime the Monday after.
12. Next Meeting  
June 8, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at the Village Office.

## Nancy Millar

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**From:** Katey Brimacombe <office@townshipofjoly.com>  
**Sent:** May 13, 2026 11:14 AM  
**To:** Nancy Millar  
**Subject:** high rock budget

Joly passed the budget at last night's meeting



**TOWNSHIP OF JOLY**  
P.O. Box 519 , Sundridge , Ontario , P0A 1Z0  
Tel: 705-384-5428

May 12, 2026

### RESOLUTION

**Resolution # 2026-189**

**Agenda Item # 9.3 High Rock Budget**

**Moved By : Bill Black**

**Seconded By : Chris Nicholson**

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

"Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives and approves the 2026 budget at \$4,415.96 with Joly's portion being \$414.60."

**Carried**



Have a Joly Day,  
*Katey Brimacombe*

Treasurer, Deputy Clerk [Township of Joly](https://www.townshipofjoly.com)

Office Hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4pm. Closed Fridays and during lunch hour

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Township of Strong Council Resolution  
May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting  
7.0 Report of Committees

**7.4.1 Approve RFP2026-001FD Tanker  
R2026-168**

**Moved By: Jim Ronholm                      Seconded by: Kevin Noaik**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receives the Sundridge-Strong Fire Committee Resolution #FC2026-011; and

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

**Carried**

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May 7, 2026

Sent via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**RE: Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026**

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Please be advised that at its Regular meeting on May 6, 2026, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

**Resolution C203-2026**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cabral

Seconded by: Councillor Moore

Whereas Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, proposes significant changes to the governance structure of upper-tier regional municipalities, including the County of Simcoe; and,

Whereas the proposed legislation would authorize the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint the Warden of the County of Simcoe, rather than maintaining the longstanding practice of selection by County Council; and,

Whereas the County of Simcoe is comprised of 16 member municipalities, each represented at County Council, forming a governance model rooted in local representation and accountability to residents; and,

Whereas residents expect that those exercising authority over local decision-making are accountable to the communities they serve, and not appointed by or primarily aligned with the provincial government; and,

Whereas Bill 100 proposes a reduction in County Council composition and introduces the potential for provincially regulated weighted voting, creating uncertainty regarding equitable representation among member municipalities; and,

Whereas the Province has indicated its intention to extend “Strong Chair” powers to the Warden of the County of Simcoe, thereby concentrating decision-making authority in a single office; and,

Whereas such concentration of authority may alter the balance of municipal governance and reduce the role of council-based decision-making; and,

Whereas the introduction of Strong Chair powers at the upper-tier level may give rise to governance challenges where alignment between the Head of Council, Council, and the communities they serve is not maintained; and,

Whereas municipal professional associations have cautioned that such a governance model may place senior municipal staff in a difficult position that may undermine their neutrality and professionalism, and there continues uncertainty and concern among residents regarding the concentration of authority in a single office and the reduced role of councils; and,

Whereas the Township of Springwater has previously expressed opposition to the expansion of “Strong Mayor” powers and has consistently supported transparent, accountable, and locally driven governance structures that respect the role of elected councils and reflect the interests of residents.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The Council of the Township of Springwater opposes Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, in its current form; and,

That Council opposes the appointment of the Warden of the County of Simcoe by the Province, and affirms that the Warden should continue to be selected through a process that ensures accountability to the residents of Simcoe County; and,

That Council opposes the extension of “Strong Chair” powers to the Warden of the County of Simcoe, given the significant shift in governance authority and its potential impacts on local democracy, council function, and municipal administration; and,

That Council expresses concern regarding the potential introduction of provincially regulated weighted voting rules, and the absence of a clearly defined framework ensuring fair and equitable representation for all member municipalities; and,

That the Government of Ontario be requested to amend Bill 100 to preserve local democratic authority, maintain council-based governance structures, and ensure that upper-tier municipal leadership remains accountable to local councils and communities; and,

That the Government of Ontario be further requested to undertake meaningful consultation with affected municipalities, including the County of Simcoe and its 16 member municipalities, prior to advancing any legislative or regulatory changes impacting municipal governance; and,

That this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the County of Simcoe, and all Ontario municipalities, for their consideration; and,

That this resolution also be shared with local media outlets to reflect community concerns and to clearly communicate the Township of Springwater's position to its residents.

**Carried**

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours Truly,



Renée Ainsworth  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Corporate Services  
[renee.ainsworth@springwater.ca](mailto:renee.ainsworth@springwater.ca)

cc. Simcoe County Council, [clerks@simcoe.ca](mailto:clerks@simcoe.ca)  
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Township of Strong Council Resolution  
 April 28, 2026 Regular Meeting  
 8.0 Discussion Items

**8.1 Village of Sundridge – High Street Tender Results  
 R2026-140**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren                      Seconded by: Marianne Stickland**

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby receive the Memo from The Village of Sundridge regarding the High Street Rehabilitation – Boundary Roads Capital Expenditure; and

Hereby acknowledge the Village of Sundridge’s approval of the tender of this boundary road project with Duncor Enterprises at a cost of \$131,563.00 plus HST, with the Township of Strong’s portion being \$65,781.50 plus HST.

Recorded Vote:	For	Against	Abstain
Tim Bryson	_____	_____	_____✓
Jeff McLaren	_____	_____✓	_____
Kevin Noaik	_____✓	_____	_____
Jim Ronholm	_____✓	_____	_____
Marianne Stickland	_____✓	_____	_____
<b>Carried</b>			



Sundridge – Strong Volunteer Fire Department

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Staff Report – Township of Joly – Potential Member

**Resolution#FC2026-016**

**Moved By: Tim Bryson**

**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

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

**AND THAT** the buy-in amount be based on a three million dollar value, at 10% ownership for a purchase price of \$300,000;

**AND THAT** the voting structure be two members from Strong Township, two members from the Village of Sundridge, and one member from Joly Township;

**AND THAT** the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge would each retain 45% ownership.

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Tim Bryson</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Shawn Jackson</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Luke Preston</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Jim Ronholm</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>CARRIED</b>			



## SUNDRIDGE STRONG JOLY ARENA AND HALL

The arena meeting was held Wednesday May 6, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Strong Township Office and by Zoom

**Present:** Jeff McLaren, Brian McCabe, Sharon Smith, Vicki Whitmell

*Arena Manager:* Adam Clarke

*Strong Treasurer:* Derek Hnatiuk

*Recording secretary:* Tera Minor

**Zoom:** Jim Ronholm (entered the meeting at 5:48)

**Absent:** Bill Black (no notice)

**Guest:**

The Chair, (Brian McCabe for Bill Black) called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

### 1. Approve Agenda

#### **Resolution #26-50: Jeff McLaren – Vicki Whitmell**

Be it resolved that we the SSJ Arena Committee approve the agenda for the May 6, 2026 meeting.

***Carried***

### 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

Brian McCabe – agenda item's 4 & 8 - "I know someone bidding".

### 3. Approve the Minutes

#### **Resolution #26-51: Sharon Smith – Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that we the Committee approve the minutes of the April 1, 2026 meeting.

***Carried***

**3.1** Business arising from the minutes: Rescind resolution 2026-043 (April 1, 2026).

SSJ Arena and Hall, Operating

**Resolution #26-52: Jeff McLaren – Vicki Whitmell**

Rescind resolution 2026-043 (April 1, 2026).and

Hereby approve the Arena Manager to book the ball fields for the Almaguin Minor Softball Association and/or Sundridge Sluggers team on Mondays at 7-8:30PM and Wednesdays from 7-8:30PM from May to July 2026; and

That the ball field rental rate be waived for Sunday nights, as staff will not be required to set up or maintain the field for this use; and that the regular ball field rental rates will be charged for Wednesday nights; and

That the Almaguin Minor Softball Association/Sundridge Sluggers be required to submit proof of insurance for their 2026 season; and

Finally that the Almaguin Minor Softball Association/Sundridge Sluggers be responsible for informing any public users of their ball field rental.

**Resolution #26-53: Jeff McLaren – Sharon Smith**

Be it resolved that we the Committee hereby agree to rescind resolution 2026-39 and not pay \$3390.00

*Carried*

**4. Approve the accounts**

**Resolution #26-54: Jeff McLaren – Sharon Smith**

Be it resolved that we the Committee approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$103,937.41 for the month of April 2026.

*Carried*

**5. Delegation**

None

**6. Staff Reports**

**6.1** SSJ-2026-016: Fire Inspection Order Update

**6.2** SSJ-2026-017: Agricultural Society Lease Agreement

**Resolution #26-55: Jeff McLaren– Sharon Smith**

That the SSJ Arena Committee hereby receive and read Staff Report SSJ-2026-016 Fire Inspection Order Update for information purposes.

*Carried*

**Resolution #26-56: Jeff McLaren– Sharon Smith**

Be it resolved that we the SSJ Arena hereby receive and read Staff Report SSJ-2026-017; and

Hereby proceed with option: 1 & 3.

*Carried*

**7. Managers Report**

7.1 SSJ-2026-018: Write Offs

7.2 SSJ-2026-019: Donation – for program supplies

**Resolution #26-57: Jeff McLaren– Sharon Smith**

Be it resolved That the SSJ Arena Committee hereby receive and read Staff Report SSJ-2026-018

And hereby proceed with writing off the following accounts:

1. Spartans – not complete write off
2. – write off
3. – no write off
4. – no write off

***Carried***

**Resolution #26-58: Jeff McLaren– Sharon Smith**

Be it resolved That the SSJ Arena Committee hereby receive and read Staff Report SSJ-2026-019

And recommend that the donation from Bob Attwell be used for: Dishwasher (Emergency).

***Carried***

**8. Correspondence**

8.1 Budgetary Control – April 2026

8.2 Sundridge – email passing budget

**Resolution #26-59: Jeff McLaren – Vicki Whitmell**

Be it resolved that we the committee receive and read correspondence as below:

8.1 Budgetary Control – April 2026

***Carried***

**Resolution #26-60: Jeff McLaren– Sharon Smith**

Be it resolved that we the committee receive and read correspondence as below:

8.2 Sundridge – email passing budget

***Carried***

**9. Public Meeting**

None

**10. New Business**

**10.1** Snow Removal RFP – 2 RFP's were received and opened at the meeting.

Derrick Johnstone Construction \$395.00 + HST per time, \$450 + HST Grading of lot in Spring, Gravel additional cost upon request.

Forest Edge Infrastructure \$678.00 + HST per time (additional cost of \$50.00 per time if diesel prices exceed \$2.25/litre or gas exceeds \$2.00/litre.

**Resolution #26-61: Sharon Smith – Vicki Whitmell**

Be it resolved that we the SSJ Arena Derek Johnston \$395.00 for winter season.

***Carried***

**11. Closed Session**

**None**

**12. Next Regular Meeting Date**

Wednesday June 3, 2026

**13. Adjournment**

**Resolution #25-00: Jeff McLaren**

Be it resolved that we now adjourn at 5:49 p.m. until the next meeting June 3, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

***Carried***

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Chairperson

**SUNDRIDGE –STRONG FIRE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY MAY 21, 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, Treasurer  
Robyn Ferrante, Recording Secretary

C1 Call to order

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

C2 Approval of Agenda  
**Resolution#FC2026-015**  
**Moved By: Luke Preston**  
**Seconded By: Shawn Jackson**

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

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Tim Bryson</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Shawn Jackson</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Luke Preston</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Jim Ronholm</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

C3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

C4 Delegations – None

C5 Approval of Previous Committee Minutes - None

C6 Follow Up/New Business  
**Resolution#FC2026-016**  
**Moved By: Tim Bryson**  
**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

a) Staff Report – Township of Joly – Potential Member

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

**AND THAT** the buy-in amount be based on a three million dollar value, at 10% ownership for a purchase price of \$300,000;

**AND THAT** the voting structure be two members from Strong Township, two members from the Village of Sundridge, and one member from Joly Township;

**AND THAT** the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge would each retain 45% ownership.

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Tim Bryson</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Shawn Jackson</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Luke Preston</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Jim Ronholm</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

C7 Closed Session – None

C8 Adjournment  
**Resolution#FC2026-017**  
**Moved By: Tim Bryson**  
**Seconded By: Shawn Jackson**

**THAT** we do now adjourn at 6:50pm until September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Tim Bryson</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Shawn Jackson</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Luke Preston</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>Jim Ronholm</b>	<b>x</b>		
<b>CARRIED</b>			

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Jim Ronholm, Chair

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Robyn Ferrante, Recording Secretary

**Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council**

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

**Village of Sundridge Council Chambers**

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

**STAFF:** Nancy Millar; Clerk Administrator

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Mayor Shawn Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

**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 #2026-116**

**Moved By: Sharon Smith**

**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

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

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

**CARRIED.**

- 3) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** - None
- 4) **PLANNING MATTERS** - None
- 5) **DELEGATIONS**

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

**Resolution #2026-117**

**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**

**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**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.

**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.

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

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) ***Moved into Committee of the Whole by Councillor Luke Preston***

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

\*7 (E.4) ***Moved into Committee of the Whole by Councillor Luke Preston***

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) ***Moved into Committee of the Whole by Councillor Luke Preston***

8) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**Resolution #2026-118**

**Moved By: Sharon Smith**

**Seconded By: Fraser Williamson**

**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.

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

**CARRIED.**

**9) NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

9.1. Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

**Resolution #2026-119**

**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**

**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**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.

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

9.2. Transportation of Nuclear Waste

**Resolution #2026-120**

**Moved By: Luke Preston**

**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

**CARRIED.**

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

**Resolution #2026-121**

**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**

**Seconded By: Sharon Smith**

**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.

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

9.4. Public Works Department Summer Student

**Resolution #2026-122**

**Moved By: Luke Preston**

**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**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.

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

9.5. Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

**Resolution #2026-123**

**Moved By: Sharon Smith**

**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**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.

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

**ITEMS MOVED INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

7 (E.2) Municipality of Wawa Resolution RC26077 regarding OCIF (Ontario Community Improvement Fund)

**Resolution #2026-124**

**Moved By: Luke Preston**

**Seconded By: Sharon Smith**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa regarding the Ontario Community Improvement Fund,

**AND THAT** Council support the Municipality of Wawa,

**AND FURTHER THAT** the resolutions of support be forwarded to the municipalities in the almaguin area.

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

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

- Item 7 (E.4) was not discussed as the mover, Councillor Preston asked Council to remove this item from Committee of the Whole. Council unanimously agreed.

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

**Resolution #2026-125**

**Moved By: Luke Preston**

**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the correspondence on Homelessness Prevention and Encampments as provided by the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board

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

**CARRIED.**

**10) COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES**

**Resolution #2026-126**

**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 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

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

**CARRIED.**

11) **STAFF REPORTS** - None

12) **BY-LAWS** - None

13) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

➤ **Shawn Jackson**

- “Live Fire” training for SSFD &SRMD July 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>

➤ **Sharon Smith**

- Nothing at this time.

➤ **Luke Preston**

- Attended the FONOM Conference, three main takeaways:
  1. Regulations around cemetery closures and the perpetual care requirements
  2. Northlander, had a tour of the new trains
  3. Housing and the H.E.A.R. Initiative. Healthy Economy Adaptation in Rural Communities. Strengthening rural resiliency through data ie looking at access to healthcare, labour shortages, economic volatility, climate risk and infrastructure gaps.

➤ **Fraser Williamson**

- Attended the FONOM Conference, covered as many sessions as possible between Councillor Preston and myself. There was a good session on “Bonding” and we can use this with the Sunflower Festival Committee. Another good session was the Risk Management and the Smart Housing session. Ie building homes faster and with mass timber called cross-laminated timber panels.

➤ **Vicki Whitmell**

- Received a call from a constituent regarding equipment at the medical centre. Followed up with the Lead Physician and was able to report back for a satisfactory resolve.

➤ **Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator**

- Community Yard Sale is May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Municipal Office will post a list of known participating addresses on Friday May 22, 2026.

- The SSJ Recreation Committee is now promotion the Canada Day Event and Parade. Details are also available on the village's website and social media page.

**14) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS - None**

**15) CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**Resolution #2026-127**

**Moved By: Sharon Smith**

**Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell**

**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.

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

**16) CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution #2026-128**

**Moved By: Luke Preston**

**Seconded By: Fraser Williamson**

**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.

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

17) **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #2026-129**

**Moved By: Fraser Williamson**

**Seconded By: Luke Preston**

**THAT** we do now adjourn at 7:17 p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting on May, 27, 2026, or at the call of the Mayor.

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

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Shawn Jackson, Mayor

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Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator

**CLOSED MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY MAY 13, 2026  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF SUNDRIDGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**Staff: Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator**

**Start Time: 7:18 p.m.**

This closed session meeting has been called to deal with:

1. 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.

Council reviewed the information provided by the Clerk Administrator. Staff were given direction. Nothing further at this time.

2. Adjournment at 7:29 p.m.

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Shawn Jackson, Mayor

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Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator

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**MEMO TO:** Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Council  
**FROM:** Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator  
**DATE:** May 27, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Tri Council – April 30, 2026

At the most recent Tri Council meeting held on April 30, 2026, an item was added to the agenda at the request of the Township of Strong. This item pertained to the SDMC (Sundridge & District Medical Centre) Administration.

At the conclusion of the discussion had by the three member municipalities, a resolution was passed authorizing Staff to explore the potential for a third-party to administer the medical centre.

The Clerk Administrators for The Village of Sundridge, The Township of Strong and The Township of Joly met on May 13, 2026 to discuss the third-party administration.

Clarification was provided by the Clerk for the Township of Strong that the following motion was regarding Recording Secretary duties and responsibilities, and not the administration of the medical centre. The Clerk advised that this also pertained to the SSJ Arena Committee Recording Secretary. She said that the Council felt there may be bias when the Recording Secretary gathers and presents information to the Committee(s).

*Township of Strong:*

*5.12 SDMC Administration R2026-160 Moved By: Jeff McLaren Seconded by: Marianne Stickland Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby discuss the SDMC Administration and the potential for a third party administrator.*

The Clerk also advised that the Township has used a third party administrating firm in recent times and that she would share the information with the other Clerks as to the cost, and the pro's and con's of this type of service.

Collectively, the three Clerk Administrators have agreed to and will prepare a Staff Report with the pertinent information for the Tri Councils to discuss at the next meeting, scheduled for September 29, 2026.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SUNDRIDGE**

**BY-LAW NO. 2026-025**

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge at its Regular Meeting May 27, 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 27, 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 27TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

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Shawn Jackson, Mayor

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Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator