

Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

Wednesday, May, 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Village of Sundridge Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Shawn Jackson, Deputy Mayor Sharon Smith,
Councillor Luke Preston, Councillor Vicki Whitmell,
Councillor Fraser Williamson

STAFF: Nancy Millar; Clerk Administrator

COUNCIL MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mayor Shawn Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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 #2026-130

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT the agenda for the May 27, 2026 regular meeting be approved as circulated.

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

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

5 (A.1) Austin Toth – Huntsville Cancer Clinic

Resolution #2026-131

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

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 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 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.			

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

Resolution #2026-132

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

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.

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

CARRIED.

9) NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

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

Resolution #2026-133
Moved By: Sharon Smith
Seconded By: Luke Preston

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.

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

CARRIED.

9.2. Pride Month - June

Resolution #2026-134
Moved By: Fraser Williamson
Seconded By: Sharon Smith

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.

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.

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

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

Resolution #2026-135
Moved By: Luke Preston
Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

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 *in principle* to 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, provided the service delivery remains at the current standard or above.

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

10) COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES

Resolution #2026-136

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

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

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

11) STAFF REPORTS

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

Resolution #2026-137

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

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

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

12) BY-LAWS – None

13) ANNOUCEMENTS

- **Shawn Jackson** – Nothing at this time.
- **Sharon Smith**
 - Will be attending the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting in Kearney on Friday May 29, 2026.
- **Luke Preston**
 - FONOM was phenomenal and the Northlander train was a highlight of the conference.
- **Fraser Williamson** – Nothing at this time.
- **Vicki Whitmell**
 - Attended the HAZMAT day on Saturday May 23rd, 2026. There were 180 vehicles that participated in the waste diversion event.
- **Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator**
 - The Public Works Department 2026 budget item: Loader/Tractor is being purchased. Three quotes were sought and two were received. The budget amount was \$200,000, and after the municipal tax rebate, the final price is \$170,506.

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

15) **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Resolution #2026-138

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

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.

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 #2026-139

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:28p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting on June, 10, 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