

Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

Wednesday, June, 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Village of Sundridge Council Chambers

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

STAFF: 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 *As Amended*

Resolution #2026-140

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the agenda for the June 10, 2026 regular meeting be approved as amended to add item re: vandalism at Elgin Park.

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**

4(A.1) New Comprehensive Zoning By-Law - Contract for Service

Resolution #2026-141

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge has discussed the workplan as provided by Chris Jones, Municipal Planning Services, for a new comprehensive zoning-law,

AND THAT Municipal Planning Services is deemed to be a preferred contractor,

AND THAT Council accepts the quote as provided in the amount of \$27,556.00 before HST, with expenses in 2026 to be covered from reserves, with the remainder of expenses to be budgeted for in 2027.

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

5) **DELEGATIONS** - None

6) **PRESENTATIONS** - None

7) **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

7 (E.1) Follow Up List – n/a (format being revamped)

7 (E.2) District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board
CAO Report – April 2026

7 (E.3) District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board
CAO Report – May 2026

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

7 (E.5) *Moved into Committee of the Whole by Luke Preston*

7 (E.6) Joint Building Committee – May Permit Summary

7 (E.7) Joint Building Committee – Sundridge May Permit Summary

7 (E.8) Sundridge Strong Union Public Library – Librarians' Report

7 (E.9) Sundridge Strong Union Public Library – Membership Policy

7 (E.10) Sundridge Strong Union Public Library – Mission, Vision, Values – Policy

7 (E.11) The Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Support for Sustainable Provincial
Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

8) APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution #2026-142

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT Items listed as Consent Items for June 10, 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. Fall 2026 Newsletter

Resolution #2026-143

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receives the draft fall 2026 newsletter,

AND THAT Council approve of the inclusion of the newsletter in the next tax bill mailing with the addition of a brief statement on the new speed limit along Main Street.

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

9.2. Provincial Offences Act – Set Fines

Resolution #2026-144

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

WHEREAS the delivery of Court Services is governed by Transfer Agreements entered into with the Province (MOU & Local Side Agreement); and the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) entered into between The Town of Parry Sound and the Corporation of the Township of Armour, Township of Seguin, Township of Carling, Township of Perry, Town of Kearney, Village of Burk's Falls, Village of South River, The Village of Sundridge, Township of Hagerman, Municipality of Whitestone, Township of Joly, Township of Machar, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Township of McMurrich/Monteith, Municipality of Magnetawan, Township of Ryerson, Township of Strong and Township of the Archipelago, as amended, in addition to applicable legislation, including the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA); and

WHEREAS The POA Advisory Committee, on May 28, 2026, recommended that the Town of Parry Sound Council, along with the Councils of the 18 municipalities within the Parry Sound Catchment Area support the *POA Advisory Committee Report – Advocacy for Set Fines & Costs Payable Under the POA* and call upon the Attorney General of Ontario requesting a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in *Ontario Regulation 915* under the *Provincial Offences Act*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Sundridge call upon the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario to request a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in *Ontario Regulation 915* under the *Provincial Offences Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to modernize set fines as necessary to ensure penalties remain meaningful as a deterrent and as a community safety device, in addition to ensuring the sustainability of administering POA court services at the municipal level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario regularly review and adjust set fines to keep pace with inflation and maintain their effectiveness as a deterrent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), OMTRA (Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association) and ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association).

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

9.3. Village of South River - Ontario Transit Investment Fund - Rideshare Proposal

Resolution #2026-145

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

WHEREAS rural areas often have very limited to no options for transportation services like a taxi, public transportation (bus, streetcar, subway), or rideshare options,

AND WHEREAS transportation is essential for access to healthcare, life essentials, materials and supplies, social amenities, and tourism,

AND WHEREAS municipalities in the almaguin area formed a Community Transportation Committee in the fall of 2023 out of an identified need to develop and implement solutions that increased transportation services options within participating Almaguin communities.

AND WHEREAS this committee has identified constraints in implementing solutions due to fiscal constraints and a large geographical area,

AND WHEREAS the Northlander has been re-established as a viable means of transportation, connecting the north to larger cities as well as small communities along the route,

AND WHEREAS there is a confirmed passenger stop for the train in The Village of South River,

AND WHEREAS the Village of South River applied to the Ontario Transit Investment Fund in March of 2025 with their proposal for a rural ride share program that would provide a flexible, locally led model not only for passengers of the Northlander but to residents and visitors of South River.

AND WHEREAS the village's proposal demonstrates that it is ready to provide first-mile and last-mile transit connections, and meets or exceeds the OTIF program requirements,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge supports the Village of South River's rideshare proposal and respectfully requests that the Honourable Minister of Transportation makes a timely and favorable decision to allow this practical local transportation connection to move forward.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution of support be forwarded to the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, M.P.P. Graydon Smith, M.P. Scott Aitchison, and 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.			

9.4. Application for Hawker/Peddler Licence / Refreshment Vehicle

Moved By: Vicki Whitmell

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the application for licencing from William Copeman;

AND THAT Council supports the applicant's request for permission to operate the barbeque stand from the municipal road allowance known as James Street (across the road from Lion's Park),

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

Motion to Amend

Resolution #2026-146

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Second By: Sharon Smith

THAT the above motion be amended to remove '**AND THAT** Council supports the applicant's request for permission to operate the barbeque stand from the municipal road allowance known as James Street (across the road from Lion's Park)',

AND THAT it be replaced with:

THAT council will grant permission for William Copeman to operate a bbq stand from the municipal road allowance known as James Street (across the road from Lion's Park) with the following provisions:

1. That Copeman's bbq stand is to be recognized as part of the Sundridge Friday night market in the park event and is only permitted to operate on the preapproved Friday market nights of June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 14, 21, 28, 2026.
2. That William copeman provide to the municipal office a copy of a current North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approval for the handling and serving of food.
3. That William copeman provide to the municipal office proof of insurance as is required by all market vendors.

AND FURTHER THAT any market in the park vendor fee is applicable.

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

Original Motion as it appeared at Item (9.4)

Resolution #2026-147

Moved By: Vicki Whitmell

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the application for licencing from William Copeman;

AND THAT Council supports the applicant's request for permission to operate the barbeque stand from the municipal road allowance known as James Street (across the road from Lion's Park),

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

ITEMS MOVED INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

7(E.4) Labour Market Group: April 2026 / 7(E.5) Labour Market Group: May 2026

Resolution #2026-148

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the Labour Market Group's reports for April and May 2026, listed on the agenda as Item 7 (E.4) and Item 7 (E.5)

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

ADDED AGENDA ITEM

(9.5) Vandalism at Elgin Park

Resolution #2026-149

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discusses the vandalism at Elgin Park,

AND THAT Council will put out a press release focussing on respect, inclusion and kindness.

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 #2026-150

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Luke Preston

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

10 (A.1) SSJ Restructuring Committee – April 20, 2026

10 (A.2) Central Almaguin Planning Board – February 4, 2026

10 (A.3) Central Almaguin Planning Board – March 4, 2026

10 (A.4) Central Almaguin Planning Board – April 1, 2026

10 (A.5) Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Board – April 16, 2026

10 (A.6) Sundridge Strong Joly Arena & Hall – June 3, 2026

10 (A.7) Almaguin Highlands Health Council – May 7, 2026

10 (B.1) Regular Council Meeting – May 27, 2026

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

11) STAFF REPORTS

- 11.1. Staff Report Memo – Tax Ratio and Tax Rate By-Law Updates
[refer to Item (12.2)]

Resolution #2026-151

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge receives the Tax Ratio and Tax Rate By-Law Update as prepared by the Treasurer.

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

12) BY-LAWS

- 12.1 By-Law No. 2026-026 Road Closure By-Law – Canada Day Celebration

Resolution #2026-152

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT By-Law No. 2026-026 being a by-law to regulate traffic and to govern and control the parking of vehicles in the village, be approved,

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor or signatory be authorized to sign the by-law.

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. 2026-027

Resolution #2026-153

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT By-Law No. 2026-027 being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2026-019, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for 2026 and By-Law No. 2026-020, Being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2026, be approved,

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor or signatory be authorized to sign the by-law.

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. 2026-028 Community Safety Zone Extension

Resolution #2026-154

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT By-Law No. 2026-028 being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2018-047, to further extend the community safety zone and to reduce the speed limit on a municipal highway, be approved,

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor or signatory be authorized to sign the by-law.

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**
 - Attended the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting held in Kearney on May 29th. It was a good day, we got to speak to lots of folks, we wore our council shirts and it was very informative.

- The Lion's Park new playground grand opening was on June 8th. It was a great day, the weather was perfect, the park looks beautiful, and there was cake and refreshments served. It was a really nice event!
- **Luke Preston**
 - Also attended The Lion's Park new playground grand opening. We took some pictures. M.P.P. Graydon Smith was in attendance and there were lots of school children and community members enjoying the park and the new equipment. It was a very good day. I was happy to be a part of it.
- **Fraser Williamson**
 - There is a lot of great work being done by our team.
- **Vicki Whitmell**
 - Also attended The Lion's Park grand opening for the new play equipment. Lots of people there, they were very excited.
- **Nancy Millar, Clerk Administrator** – Nothing at this time.

14) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS

Fraser Williamson will introduce a motion regarding the truth and reconciliation flag raising.

Luke Preston will introduce a motion for the following items:

- reflective paint/adhesive on Highway 17
- Transportation and Pilot Project for Northlander
- Speeding concerns on Ann St and reduction of speed on residential streets

15) CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #2026-155

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Luke Preston

THAT By-Law No. 2026-029, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its regular meeting of **June, 10, 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 #2026-156

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:43 p.m. until the Regular Council Meeting on June, 24, 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