

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.

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) 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.

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) ***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.

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. 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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.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.

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

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

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 #2026-126

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

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** - None

13) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

➤ **Shawn Jackson**

- “Live Fire” training for SSFD &SRMD July 11th through 13th

➤ **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 23rd, 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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