

Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
Village of Sundridge Council Chambers**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Lyle Hall, Deputy Mayor Ryan Jeffers, Councillors, Jason Newman, Don Richardson and Russell Becker (arrived at 6:04 p.m.).

STAFF PRESENT: Karen Fraser, Clerk Administrator; James Mahoney By-law Enforcement Officer, Grant Love, Fire Chief

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #2017-101

Moved By: Ryan Jeffers
Seconded By: Don Richardson

That the agenda for Wednesday, April 12, 2017 be approved as amended, to re-order Item 6 (F.1) i, to follow Item 5 so that staff may conveniently participate in the closed meeting, and to withdraw Item 6 (D.3) at the request of staff.

Carried.

3) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Jason Newman Declared a conflict with Items 6 (D.1), 6 (D.2), and 9.2 due to his participation on the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department. He did not participate in discussion or vote on the matters.

Ryan Jeffers declared a conflict with Item 6 (E.11) due to his employment in the healthcare industry. He did not participate in discussion or vote on the matter.

4) PRESENTATIONS

None

5) DEPUTATIONS

None

6 (F.1) CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

[This Item was re-ordered to follow Item 5 on the agenda]

Resolution #2017-102

Moved By: Don Richardson
Seconded By: Russell Becker

That Council hold a Closed Session meeting as provided for by Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and the Village of Sundridge's Procedural By-law No. 2014-061, immediately at 6:03 p.m. to deal with:

- a) Labour relations or employee negotiations
 - i) Municipal By-law Enforcement

Carried.

Motion to Resume Open Meeting

Resolution #2017-103

Moved By: Jason Newman
Seconded By: Ryan Jeffers

That Council move out of the closed meeting at 6:19 p.m. and resume the meeting open to the public.

Carried.

6) CONSENT ITEMS

[Items from the Consent List may be moved by members to be debated/discussed in Committee of the Whole]

A) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

(A.1) Regular Council Meeting – March 22, 2017

Resolution #2017-104.01

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated March 22, 2017, be adopted as printed.

(A.2) Closed Session Meeting – March 22, 2017

Resolution #2017-104.02

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Closed Session meeting dated March 22, 2017, be adopted as printed.

B) COMMITTEE & BOARD MINUTES

- (B.1) Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library – March 16, 2017

Resolution #2017-104.03

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library dated, March 16, 2017, be received.

- (B.2) Central Almaguin Economic Development Association Committee – March 2, 2017

Resolution #2017-104.04

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association Committee meeting dated March 2, 2017, be received.

- (B.3) Central Almaguin Planning Board – March 15, 2017

Resolution #2017-104.05

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Central Almaguin Planning Board meeting dated March 15, 2017, be received.

- (B.4) Almaguin Recycling Initiative – February 23, 2017

Resolution #2017-104.06

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Almaguin Recycling Initiative dated, February 23, 2017, be received.

- (B.5) Sundridge, Strong, Joly Arena & Hall – April 5, 2017

Resolution #2017-104.07

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Sundridge, Strong, Joly Arena & Hall Operating meeting, dated, April 5, 2017, be received.

C) STAFF REPORTS

(C.1) Staff Report S2017-009 - Joint Compliance Audit Committee

Resolution #2017-104.08

Recommendation

Whereas Section 88.37 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 requires a council shall before October 1 of an election year, establish a compliance audit committee;

And Whereas economies of scale shall be realized by participating municipalities through the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee;

And Whereas the important role of the Almaguin Clerks' Group in facilitating this joint initiative and subsequent cost savings to each municipality is recognized;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Village of Sundridge deems it necessary to enter into an agreement with other interested municipalities to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2018 election and subsequent term thereafter ending on November 30, 2022.

D) BY-LAWS

(D.1) 2017-014 – Debenture By-law – Fire Truck

Resolution #2017-104.09

Recommendation

That By-law No 2017-014, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$181,514.67 towards the cost of the fire truck purchase, be adopted.

(D.2) 2017-015 – Fire Chief Appointment By-law (effective April 3, 2017)

Resolution #2017-104.10

Recommendation

That By-law No. 2017-015, being a by-law to appoint Grant Love as Fire Chief/CEMC, be adopted.

(D.3) 2017-016 – Appoint a Treasurer (effective April 18, 2017)

[This Item was withdrawn at the request of Staff]

E) CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Staff

(E.1) Follow Up List – April 7, 2017

Resolution #2017-104.11

Recommendation

That the *Staff Follow Up and Report to Council 2017* list, dated April 7, 2017, be received.

Inter-Governmental Correspondence

(E.2) Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – 30th anniversary of the Order of Ontario

Resolution #2017-104.12

Recommendation

That the correspondence dated March 27, 2017, re: the 30th anniversary of the Order of Ontario, be received.

(E.3) Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon – Progressive Conservative Critic for Infrastructure

Resolution #2017-104.13

Recommendation

That the correspondence dated March 9, 2017, re: MPP's new role as Progressive Conservative Critic for Infrastructure.

(E.4) Ministry of Infrastructure – BUILD ON 2017 Infrastructure Update

[The 77-page report is available in Clerk Services for review]

Resolution #2017-104.14

Recommendation

That the correspondence re: BUILD ON 2017 Infrastructure Update, be received.

(E.5) Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs – 2017 Premier's Award

[The package is available in Clerk Services for review]

Resolution #2017-104.15

Recommendation

That the correspondence dated, February 27, 2017, re: the 2017 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program, be received.

Board and Agency Correspondence

(E.6) DPSSAB – 2016 Honorariums and Expenses

Resolution #2017-104.16

Recommendation

That the correspondence from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board, dated February 27, 2017, re: honorariums and expenses received by representatives, be received.

Other Correspondence

- (E.7) Almaguin Highlands Arts Council – 2018 Arts Culture & Heritage Directory

Resolution #2017-104.17

Recommendation

That the correspondence dated March 2017, re: the 2018 Arts Culture & Heritage Directory, be received.

- (E.8) Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs – OAFIC 2017 Municipal Officials Seminar

Resolution #2017-104.18

Recommendation

That the correspondence dated March 10, 2017, re: the OAFIC Municipal Officials Seminar: The Essentials of Firefighting and Firefighting 101, be received.

- (E.9) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – 2017 Municipal Stakeholder Research

Resolution #2017-104.19

Recommendation

That the correspondence from MPAC dated March 9, 2017, re: 2017 Municipal Stakeholder Research, be received.

Resolutions of Support

- (E.10) NBPSHU – To raise awareness about food insecurity in our district

Resolution #2017-104.20

Recommendation

WHEREAS, the Nutritious Food Basket Survey results show that many low-income individuals and families do not have enough money for nutritious food after paying for housing and other basic living expenses,

WHEREAS, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit recognizes the impact of adequate income on food security and other social determinants of health,

WHEREAS, the provincial government announced a Basic Income Pilot in the 2016 budget and were hosting a public Basic Income Pilot consultation until January 31, 2017.

WHEREAS, Bill 6 (An Act to amend the Ministry of Community and Social Services Act to establish the Social Assistance Research Commission) would help ensure social assistance rates reflect regional costs of living including the cost of a Nutritious Food Basket and other basic necessities, are indexed to inflation and reviewed on an annual basis,

WHEREAS, the Ontario Public Health Standards are currently undergoing a modernization and public health stakeholders are invited to provide feedback,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit commend the provincial government on taking steps to investigate the basic income guarantee as a policy option for reducing poverty and food insecurity,

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit support keeping the Nutritious Food Basket Protocol in the modernized Ontario Public Health Standards,

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Corporation of the Village of Sundridge, support the efforts of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to continue the efforts by the employees and the community stakeholders that play an important role in addressing food insecurity.

- (E.11) The City of North Bay – Request for the Province to review ways to provide Hydro relief to hospitals and other health care facilities

Resolution #2017-104.21

Recommendation

WHEREAS Ontario hospitals are not currently eligible for newly announced Provincial rebates, creating a situation where rising hydro costs can potentially impact health care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Sundridge support the City of North Bay in their request that the Province review ways to provide Hydro relief to hospitals and other health care facilities through rebates or other measures.

F) CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

[This Item is moved into Committee of the Whole, pursuant to approval of the Agenda]

[This concludes the list of Consent Items on the Agenda for April 12, 2017]

7) APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution #2017-104

Moved By: Ryan Jeffers
Seconded By: Don Richardson

That Items listed as Consent Items for April 12, 2017 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as Resolutions of Council except that Item 6 (F.1) be moved into Committee of the Whole and Item 6 (C.3) be withdrawn at the request of staff; 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.

Carried.

8) MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution #2017-105

Moved By: Russell Becker
Seconded By: Jason Newman

That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole.
Carried.

9) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(9.1) Greater Napanee – Support for Moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process

[This Item was Tabled on January 25, 2017, February 8, 2017, February 22, 2017, and March 22, 2017]

Resolution #2017-106

Moved By: Don Richardson
Seconded By: Russell Becker

Whereas the current Accommodation Review Process is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life; and

Whereas school closures impact single-school small rural communities in all education, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

Be it resolved that the Village of Sundridge supports the Town of Greater Napanee in their request to the Minister of Education to initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above-mentioned impacts on small rural communities can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered.

Defeated.

(9.2) Joint Fire Board – Amended Agreement

[This Item was considered by Council on March 22, 2017 with a request to provide further review on April 12, 2017.]

Resolution #2017-107

Moved By: Don Richardson

Seconded By: Ryan Jeffers

That the draft revisions to the Agreement for Joint Management and Operation of a Fire Department be received; and

That Council approves the proposed revisions and requests that staff forward the amended agreement to the Township of Strong for concurrence and ratification.

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Jeffers assumed the Chair

(9.3) 2017 Community Achievement Day

[This Item was introduced by Lyle Hall on March 22, 2017]

Resolution #2017-108

Moved By: Lyle Hall

Seconded By: Don Richardson

That Council approves an event budget of \$1,000 for the 2017 Community Achievement Day to be held on June 3, 2017.

Carried.

Mayor Hall resumed the Chair

(9.4) 2018 Black Fly Mud Runner Event

[This Item was introduced by Russell Becker on March 22, 2017]

Resolution #2017-109

Moved By: Russell Becker
Seconded By: Jason Newman

That Council supports a Black Fly Mud Runner event in 2018 and approves an event budget of \$1000 in 2017 to be used as seed money.

Carried.

(9.5) Community Hub Proposal

[This Item was discussed at a Special Tri Council meeting on April 10, 2017]

Resolution #2017-110

Moved By: Ryan Jeffers
Seconded By: Russell Becker

That the Council for the Village of Sundridge has discussed the proposed partnership with the Near North District School Board to explore the relocation of the Sundridge District Medical Centre and/or Sundridge Library to the Sundridge Public School; and

That the Council of the Village of Sundridge supports this in principle and will forward this resolution to David Thompson, Chair of the Near North District School Board.

Carried.

6 (F.1) CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

[Item 6.F.1 was moved from the Consent List and re-ordered to address Part a) i. in a separate closed meeting.]

Original Recommendation

That Council hold a Closed Session meeting as provided for by Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and the Village of Sundridge's Procedural By-law No. 2014-061, immediately following this Council meeting to deal with:

- a) Labour relations or employee negotiations
 - i) Municipal By-law Enforcement
 - ii) Administrative Succession Plan
 - iii) Wage Review

Resolution #2017-111

Moved By: Ryan Jeffers
Seconded By: Jason Newman

That Council hold a Closed Session meeting as provided for by Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and the Village of Sundridge's Procedural By-law No. 2014-061, immediately following this Council meeting to deal with:

- a) Labour relations or employee negotiations
 - i) Administrative Succession Plan
 - ii) Wage Review

Carried.

10) RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution #2017-112

Moved By: Ryan Jeffers
Seconded By: Don Richardson

That Committee of the Whole rise and return to the Council session to receive the Committee of the Whole Report.

Carried.

11) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Resolution #2017-113

Moved By: Russell Becker
Seconded By: Ryan Jeffers

That Council adopts the Committee of the Whole recommendations on April 12, 2017 as resolutions of Council.

Carried.

12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyle Hall

- CAEDA suggested working with BRACE from the south to create the Villages of Almaguin. CAEDA has funds for EDO until March, 2018, therefore such a partnership won't be considered until that time.
- CAEDA approved a budget of \$6,937.20 per municipality with a \$500 annual membership.
- The Labour Market Group is presenting two meetings: *Challenges in the Labour Market* on April 24th and *Immigration Symposium* on April 26th – both are being held at Caswell Resort.

Russell Becker

- The Triathlon will likely not happen this year. The Fun Run may be a go. Focus will be on making the Black Fly Mud Run a top-shelf event

Ryan Jeffers

- It's been suggested that the Courthouse may be looking to re-locate to the Village of Burk's Falls when the Village moves into the Land of Lakes School building. The lost revenue to the arena would be \$85,000 per year.

Jason Newman

- John Street construction timing should be relayed to residents. The Clerk Administrator advised that the project may be delayed due to delays in obtaining required permits. Staff will investigate and take any required action to avoid delays.
- Jason will be out of town from April 21 to 28.

Don Richardson

- The posts and fence at the fire hall have been damaged by snow removal. Staff is requested to ask Ivan McGirr to make repairs.
- The Lucy Maude Montgomery plaque and bench is going to cost \$300 to \$350. The work is progressing, and Don will introduce a motion later in the agenda for consideration on April 26, 2017, to raise awareness.

Staff (Clerk Administrator)

- Council is reminded to provide wording for resolutions when Notices of Motion are proposed.
- Tri Council meeting dates need to be decided. Council members are requested to respond to the request for preferred dates.
- The Fire Chief in attendance may also have announcements. Chief Grant Love indicated that he's enjoyed his first week, working with good group and is anxious to move forward.

13) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS

Don Richardson will introduce a motion at the April 26, 2017 meeting to advise residents of the proposed Lucy Maude Montgomery memorial plaque and bench.

Ryan Jeffers will introduce a motion at the April 26, 2017 meeting requesting that the Village of South River and the Township of Machar be invited to the next Tri Council meeting to discuss options for a shared arena.

14) CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #2017-114

Moved By: Jason Newman
Seconded By: Don Richardson

That By-law No. 2017-017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its meeting of April 12, 2017, be adopted.
Carried.

15) ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #2017-115

Moved By: Ryan Jeffers
Seconded By: Russell Becker

That we do now adjourn at 7:38 p.m. until the Council meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried.

Lyle Hall, Mayor

Karen Fraser, Clerk Administrator