

**Special Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council**

**Monday, May 14, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.  
Township of Strong Council Chambers**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

This special bi-Council meeting (Sundridge/Strong) was called to deal with the Sundridge-Strong Fire Dept. Joint Board of Management and related matters. For procedural reasons, this Bi-Council meeting was conducted as two separate Council meetings. Meeting minutes were recorded by the Strong Township Clerk Administrator and the Village of Sundridge Clerk Administrator for their respective Councils.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lyle Hall, Councillors Russell Becker and Don Richardson

**REGRETS:** Deputy Mayor Ryan Jeffers and Councillor Jason Newman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Karen Fraser, Clerk Administrator and Nancy Austin, Deputy Clerk

**GUESTS (Township of Strong):** Mayor Christine Ellis, Deputy Mayor Kelly Elik, Councillors Jeff McLaren and Jason Cottrell, Clerk Administrator, Caitlin Haggart

**1. Meetings Declared Open**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. A call for pecuniary interest was made, and none were declared.

**2. Adopt the Agenda as presented**

**Resolution #2018-331**

**Moved By: Russell Becker  
Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That the agenda for the May 14, 2018 Bi Council meeting be approved as presented.  
**Carried.**

**3. Approval of Minutes – November 23, 2017**

**Resolution #2018-332**

**Moved By: Don Richardson  
Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That the minutes of the November 23, 2017 Bi Council meeting be approved.  
**Carried.**

**4. Move into a Closed Meeting**

**Resolution #2018-333**

**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, at 6:15 p.m. to deal with:

Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Fire Chief Contract

**Carried.**

**5. Move out of a Closed Meeting**

**Resolution #2018-334**

**Moved By: Russell Becker**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That the portion of the meeting closed to the public is concluded at 7:07 p.m. and Council will continue the meeting open to the public.

**Carried.**

**6. Fire Board Budget – Discussion**

It was suggested that future fire budgets should be worked on collaboratively to eliminate back and forth between board and member municipalities. Strong Township has been working on amendments to the fire budget and the Village of Sundridge is awaiting an amended budget from the Fire Board. The Fire Board will call a meeting as soon as possible. No resolution was passed.

**7. Amalgamation Investigation**

A motion was put on the floor to enable discussion between the two municipalities. The Township of Strong has no present interest in amalgamation, but there may be future sharing opportunities with staff resources.

**Resolution #2018-335**

**Moved By: Don Richardson**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That Council for the Village of Sundridge supports investigation into amalgamation between the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge; and

That dialogue between the two municipalities be initiated to determine interest by the Township of Strong for this purpose.

**Carried.**

**8. Implications of Ownership Split**

General discussion around how an ownership split would proceed. A legal opinion was obtained by the Township of Strong and shared with members. There are many details to resolve if ownership is split. Sundridge's preference is to keep the Fire Department intact, however if there was a split, delivery of service would likely be quite different.

**Resolution #2018-336**

**Moved By: Russell Becker**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That the Council has received an informal indication that the Township of Strong wishes to dissolve joint ownership of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department; and

That Strong Township to consider at their next Council meeting on May 22, 2018.

**Carried.**

**9. Joint Fire Board Agreement Re-visited**

**Resolution #2018-337**

**Moved By: Russell Becker**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That the Joint Fire Board Agreement, which has been received and recommended by the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Joint Board of Management on November 1, 2017, be considered for adoption by the member municipalities; and

That discussion between the two municipalities be initiated to consider the matter further including cost sharing arrangements.

**Carried.**

**Resolution #2018-338**

**Moved By: Russell Becker**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That the Joint Fire Board Agreement be revised by the Clerks of Sundridge and Strong;  
and

That a final draft be forwarded for legal review with costs to be shared 50/50 between the two municipalities.

**Carried.**

**10. Committee Re-Organization**

**Resolution #2018-339**

**Moved By: Russell Becker**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That Council recommends that the Fire Board Committee membership be reviewed; and

That discussion between the two municipalities be initiated to consider the matter further;  
and

That no change to the Fire Board composition is recommended at this time.

**Carried.**

**11. Adjourn**

**Resolution #2018-340**

**Moved By: Russell Becker**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That the Council hereby adjourns the Bi Council meeting at 8:18 p.m. until the next meeting or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried.**

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Lyle Hall, Mayor

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Karen Fraser, Clerk Administrator