



BI COUNCIL AGENDA

**Monday, May 14, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

Township of Strong Municipal Office
28 Municipal Lane, Sundridge ON

**This meeting has been called to deal with the
Sundridge-Strong Fire Dept. Joint Board of Management and related matters.**

For procedural reasons, this Bi-Council meeting will be conducted as two separate Council meetings for the Township of Strong and for the Village of Sundridge. Meeting minutes will be recorded by the Strong Township Clerk Administrator and the Village of Sundridge Clerk Administrator for their respective Councils. The Mayors for the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge will Chair and convene their respective Council meetings. This format will enable agenda items to be considered and ratified prior to adjournment.

1. Meetings Declared Open
2. Adopt the Agenda as presented
(Resolutions by Township of Strong/Village of Sundridge)
3. Approval of Minutes – November 23, 2017 Attachment
(Resolutions by Township of Strong/Village of Sundridge)
4. Move into a Closed Meeting
Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations - Fire Chief Contract
(Resolutions by Township of Strong/Village of Sundridge)
5. Move out of a Closed Meeting
(Resolutions by Township of Strong/Village of Sundridge)
6. Fire Board Budget – Discussion Attachment
(Resolutions by Township of Strong/Village of Sundridge)
7. Amalgamation Investigation (R. Becker - Sundridge)
8. Implications of Ownership Split (D. Richardson - Sundridge)
9. Joint Fire Board Agreement Re-visited (L. Hall - Sundridge) Attachment

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10. Committee Re-Organization (L. Hall - Sundridge)
11. Adjourn
(Resolutions by Township of Strong/Village of Sundridge)



BI COUNCIL MINUTES (SUNDRIDGE/STRONG) November 23, 2017

The Councils of the Village of Sundridge, the Township of Strong held a Bi Council meeting on November 23, 2017 in the Village of Sundridge Council Chambers, hosted by the Village of Sundridge.

The following were in attendance:

Sundridge Council – Mayor Lyle Hall, Councillors Russell Becker, Jason Newman and Don Richardson.

Strong Council – Mayor Christine Ellis, Councillors Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik and Jeff McLaren, and Les Blackwell.

Staff – Sundridge Deputy Clerk Nancy Austin, Treasurer Estelle Moynes, and Strong Township Acting Clerk Kim Dunnett.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Jason Newman, Village of Sundridge, declared a pecuniary interest with Item 3, due to his membership on the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department.

2. Resolution # 2017 – November 23/17 - 005

Moved by Russell Becker, Seconded by Jason Cottrell

That the agenda for the November 23, 2017 Bi Council meeting be approved as presented.
Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Resolution # 2017 – November 23/17 – 006

Moved by Russell Becker, Seconded by Jason Newman

That the minutes of the May 30, 2017 Bi Council meeting be approved.
Carried.

4. Amalgamation Investigation

There was discussion around the comparison of what each municipality spends on shared services and the option to hire a contractor to do a comparison. Les and Ryan will review the financials as amalgamation is governance driven not administration and will review with staff for support on cost saving measures. Les & Ryan to present in April or May 2018 if required information shows further action is necessary. Assigning responsibility for fiscal investigation at next meeting was discussed.

It was also mentioned that shared committee meetings could be better organized in terms of meeting nights to limit the number of evenings per week in which meetings occur, to save costs on multiple recording secretaries. Discussion on amalgamation added to next meeting.

5. Water Levels & Blue-green algae – Lake Bernard

MNRF was asked to change the water level to the target level but there has been no response yet. MPP Norm Miller advised Mayor Hall that both Ministers have received the motions but have not provided a response yet. MPP Miller advised that he will follow up on Monday November 27, 2017, with those Ministers.

There was discussion around the suggestion that scientific investigation should be done by the ministry on the impact that the water level has on blue-green algae and to determine what is causing the blue-green algae and e-coli. A suggestion would be to have a third party complete the investigation. The MNRF hosted a webinar in which Mayor Hall attended, regarding the storm water waste water testing. The webinar contained details but provided no cost for the testing. The option of approaching the Lake Bernard Property Association and ask for a monetary contribution towards the study was conversed. Another option to be explored to cover the cost of the testing would be to look at the availability of any grant funding opportunities.

The Lake Bernard Property Association gave out “Blue Pucks” in the past to identify any leaks in property owner’s septic systems, perhaps this could be done again but there was discussion as to whether property owners would do this testing now as that it may identify their septic as being a contributing factor to the BGA. It was noted that Lake Bernard is at capacity so there is a human factor contributing to this issue. Encouragement of property owners to become vocal on the issue to get a response from the government was discussed. A Target Activity Plan is to be determined by July 2018 to share with LBPOA at their annual general meeting.

6. Speeding on Albert Street

Focused patrols by the O.P.P were discussed. The Township of Strong has communicated directly with Staff Sergeant Gordon of the Burk’s Falls O.P.P. Detachment on this matter. The O.P.P. are asking for concerned citizens to contact them directly so there is a record of the complaints. An option to assist in the matter of speeding on Albert Street was the addition of more speed limit signs. Other possibilities were the installation of speed bumps, and police performing radar inspections.

A Community Safety Zone was another method discussed. It was mentioned that there are many requirements for the implementation of this program. It was decided that a letter is to be prepared by the Village of Sundridge and sent to the Individuals that put forth complainants, advising them of the action plan to call the O.P.P directly.

7. Committee Meetings

It was discussed that a review of all meetings should be conducted to determine which representative from each municipality sits on which committee in regards to the consolidation of meetings for representatives, meeting nights and the meeting recording secretary. The possibility of merging meetings from 5/wk to 3/wk was explored. Shared Service Agreements should also be reviewed and updated by legal counsel preferably to ensure their validity. Les Blackwell is going to forward a copy of the meeting/committee chart to Sundridge Council for review. A letter is to be sent to The Township of Joly advising them of and inviting them to the next meeting. Amalgamation and Shared Service Agreements should be discussion topics for the next Tri Council meeting.

8. Shared Arena Facility

Exploring the possibility of Sundridge and Strong exclusively entering into an agreement to share in an arena facility was briefly discussed. An option to explore the interest from other local municipalities to join together to share in a new facility and gather their current costs to operate their existing arena facility was deliberated. Les and Ryan will work together to review the financial figures for existing municipalities with an arena. It was mentioned about the possibility of extending an invitation to area Mayors/Reeves in the future to attend a meeting to get their input or interest in the project.

9. Adjournment

Resolution # 2017 – November 23/17 - 007

Moved by Les Blackwell, Seconded by Jeff McLaren

That the Bi Council hereby adjourns at 8:14 pm until the next Tri Council meeting on February 8, 2018 at Strong Township.

Carried.

Chair Lyle Hall,
Mayor, Village of Sundridge

Recording Secretary Nancy Austin
Deputy Clerk, Village of Sundridge

FD 2018	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2018		2018		a) - d) Var fav (unfav)
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget		
Revenue															
July Twp Fire calls	8,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00		9,100.00	9,100.00	9,100.00	9,100.00	9,100.00		
Fire-July Twp Fire Services	8,550.00		9,150.00		9,400.00		9,400.00		9,400.00	9,400.00	9,400.00	9,400.00	9,400.00		
Fire Donation	4,000.00		1,500.00		700.00		100.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00		
MTO Fire Calls	9,000.00		8,000.00		10,000.00		6,891.75		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Fire Misc Revenue		39,423.00		18,614.00		140.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Fire-Fee for Service	500.00		500.00		479.59		5,471.89		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Fireman's Assoc Donation							1,585.00								
SM Alarms Purchased by Others															
Total Revenues	30,050.00	39,423.00	29,150.00	18,614.00	31,100.00	24,068.23	30,000.00	60,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00		
Expenditures															
Salaries and Wages	120,000.00		118,000.00		110,043.00		104,663.87		150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00		
Employer Costs	24,000.00		27,000.00		25,859.25		13,411.86		29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00		
Distributed Wages	800.00		275.00												
Distributed Overhead	160.00		160.00												
Recoverable Vehicle Expense	100.00		100.00												
Materials & Supplies	20,000.00		14,000.00		68,947.00		15,197.42		16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00		
Contracted Services	11,000.00		14,000.00		31,035.00		11,462.32		38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00		
Stationery & Supplies	600.00		1,200.00		800.00		1,251.65		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Office Equipment	500.00		2,500.00		3,500.00		3,733.64		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Postage	200.00		100.00		50.00		7.66		50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		
Photocopies	100.00		100.00		100.00		100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		
Secretary Fee			525.00		525.00		450.00		525.00	525.00	525.00	525.00	525.00		
Hydro	2,700.00		2,500.00		2,700.00		2,748.02		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Heat	3,300.00		3,000.00		2,500.00		1,700.36		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Telephone and Internet	4,000.00		3,000.00		5,000.00		3,183.65		6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00		
Answering Service	2,000.00		2,500.00		2,500.00		2,583.78		2,640.00	2,640.00	2,640.00	2,640.00	2,640.00		
Alarm System	300.00		300.00		300.00		295.78		300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00		
Travel	200.00		500.00		1,500.00		2,853.29		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Membership Fees	350.00		350.00		700.00		388.15		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Training Courses	6,000.00		5,000.00		10,000.00		4,887.84		30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00		
Drivers Abstracts	350.00		300.00		300.00		161.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Advertising	500.00		300.00		300.00		550.32		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Medicals & Needles - Firemen	450.00		250.00		250.00		545.00		750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00		
Administrative Exp	3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Fire Prevention Exp	10,500.00		9,100.00		6,000.00		7,136.4		9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00		
Audit & Legal	3,102.00		2,500.00		2,100.00		1,506.05		2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00		
Insurance	18,296.24		19,369.72		18,968.00		18,968.12		19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00		
Fire Dept Cap Exp	11,518.38		413,734.00		443,030.00		429,624.73		340,000.00	340,000.00	340,000.00	340,000.00	340,000.00		
Repairs & Maint	4,000.00		6,000.00		6,000.00		7,505.73		60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00		
Licenses	1,200.00		1,200.00		1,011.00		1,011.00		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00		
Comm Equip	3,300.00		2,500.00		2,500.00		4,312.18		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Fire Alarm Prog	100.00		100.00		100.00		500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Materials & Supplies	1,500.00		1,000.00		1,000.00		7,189.36		20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00		
Fuel	6,100.00		7,000.00		7,000.00		5,027.76		8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00		
Repairs & Maint	10,000.00		12,000.00		25,000.00		25,199.01		40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		
Total Exp	270,226.62	236,689.00	672,963.72	211,371.00	702,030.25	674,108.19	829,565.00	769,065.00	644,000.00	644,000.00	644,000.00	644,000.00	644,000.00		314,565.00
Net Fire Dept Costs	240,176.62	197,266.00	643,813.72	192,757.00	670,930.25	650,039.96	799,565.00	739,065.00	584,000.00	584,000.00	584,000.00	584,000.00	584,000.00		
Less: Fire Truck			(187,515.00)												
Revised Net Expenditures			456,298.72												
SU Share	120,088.31	109,017.00	228,149.36	106,615.00	335,465.13	325,019.98	399,782.50	369,532.50	292,000.00	292,000.00	292,000.00	292,000.00	292,000.00		
ST Share	120,088.31	109,017.00	228,149.36	106,615.00	335,465.13	325,019.98	399,782.50	369,532.50	292,000.00	292,000.00	292,000.00	292,000.00	292,000.00		
July		8,850.00		9,150.00											
deficit		(29,618.00)		(29,623.00)											

How come + \$30k then - \$30k?

10,000.00
20,000.00

REVISED AGREEMENT

November 1, 2017

**FOR JOINT MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION
OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT**

This agreement made in duplicate this 1st day of November, 2017.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SUNDRIDGE

- and -

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG

WHEREAS under Part II Section 2(4) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, allows for entering into agreement with one or more municipalities to provide for the joint management and operation of fire departments and for the establishment of a joint committee of management thereof.

AND WHEREAS under Part II Section 5 (4) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 grants permission for two (2) or more municipalities to establish, maintain and operate fire departments upon such basis as to the distribution of costs as the municipalities may agree.

AND WHEREAS the parties hereto have passed respective by-laws for entering into this joint operating agreement.

AND WHEREAS the parties hereto have previously entered into an agreement dated September 6, 2017 to jointly manage and operate a fire department to be known as the "Sundridge – Strong Fire Department" hereinafter called the "department" for the purpose of providing fire protection in the areas defined in this agreement and have agreement to amend the said agreement.

And witnesseth this agreement that in consideration of the covenants and terms contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. In this agreement,
 - (a) "Administration" means activities such as preparing and circulating meeting agendas, minutes and related material, payment of bills, processing of invoices and remuneration, coordination and scheduling of events and all related activities pursuant to Section 10 of this Agreement on behalf of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Joint Committee of Management excluding those activities identified in job description(s) of other staff to a maximum of 12 hours per month.

- (b) "Additional Administration" means administration activities identified in 1.(a) of this Agreement on behalf of the Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Joint Committee of Management that exceed 12 hours per month.
 - (c) "Department" means the joint fire department of the Village of Sundridge and the Township of Strong.
 - (d) "Deputy Fire Chief" means the duly appointed deputy of the jointly managed and operated Fire Department, appointed by the Fire Chief to provide support and leadership in the delivery of fire protection services and whose authority is equal to the Fire Chief in his or her absence.
 - (e) "Fire Chief" means the person employed on a full-time basis who has responsibility for the delivery of fire protection services pursuant to Section 6 of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*.
 - (f) "Fire Protection" means a range of programs designed to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants of the response area from the adverse effects of fires, sudden medical emergencies or exposure to dangerous conditions created by man or nature and include fire prevention and public education, rescue and suppression services.
 - (g) "Member Municipality" means the Village of Sundridge and the Township of Strong, both of which are parties to this agreement.
 - (h) "Response area" means the area of the participating municipalities, as described in Appendix "A", attached to and forming part of this agreement.
2. There shall be a joint fire department known as the Sundridge – Strong Fire Department, hereinafter called the "Department," which shall be operated and maintained by both parties in accordance with the terms of this agreement.
 3. A joint committee of management known as the "Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Management Committee", hereinafter called the "Fire Board" shall be established.
 4. The Fire Committee shall be composed of two (2) elected officials from the Village of Sundridge, two (2) elected officials from the Township of Strong.
 - (a) Should a member be unavailable to attend any meeting, that member is expected to send an alternate representative from his or her council.
 - (b) Notice will be sent to the appropriate municipality regarding members that have unexcused absences from regular meetings without arranging for an alternate member in order for that matter to be addressed.

5. Input from the Firefighter's Association is encouraged and attendance by at least two (2) members at each meeting is recommended, unless the meeting is a closed meeting. Participation by the Association should be in relation to an agenda item. Firefighters do not have voting rights, but may appear as a delegate (maximum of 2 persons to appear as a delegate at any one meeting). Submissions and reports should be provided in writing prior to the Fire Committee meeting and included within the Council members package material and vetted by the Fire Chief.
6. The Fire Committee members shall be appointed for the term of council, with each member municipality appointing its representatives in December of an election year. The representatives will take office on January 1st, following an election year.
7. Any vacancy occurring in the Fire Committee shall be filled within thirty (30) days of the vacancy by the Member Municipality whose seat is vacant.
8. The Fire Committee shall appoint first, a Chairperson and second, a Vice Chairperson, from amongst its members, at the first meeting of the Fire Committee. The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall not be from the same municipality. A new Chairperson and a new Vice Chairperson shall be appointed after two calendar years of service with appointments being made from the alternate municipality.
9. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Fire Committee and be charged with convening and conducting all regular and special Fire Committee meetings, including approval of the draft meeting agenda prior to circulation to members. The Chairperson shall be the primary contact for the Fire Committee and liaise with the Secretary/Treasurer on administrative matters and business affairs of the Fire Committee. The Chairperson does not have the ability to make decisions without a resolution from the Fire Committee in any matters that may affect the operation of the Fire Department.
10.
 - (a) The Secretary/Treasurer of the Fire Committee shall be the Clerk Administrator for the Village of Sundridge, or his or her designate.
 - (b) The Auditor for the Village of Sundridge shall audit the accounts of the Fire Committee and shall submit copies of the annual statements and copies of his/her report to the Fire Committee and to each of the parties to this agreement.
 - (c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall give, or cause to be given, all notices required to members of the Fire Board and Auditors and shall enter, or cause to be entered, in books kept for that purpose, minutes of all proceedings at such meetings and be the custodian of all books, papers, records and documents belonging to the Fire Committee and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Fire Committee which are administrative in nature.

- (d) The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep full and accurate books of account in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements of the department, and, under the direction of the Fire Committee, shall deposit all monies with respect to the operation of the department in a special bank account designated for that purpose, and shall render to the Fire Board at the meetings thereof, or whenever required, an account of all transactions and of the financial position of the Fire Department. The Secretary/Treasurer shall pay only such items as are approved and authorized by the Fire Committee in accordance with its budget
 - (e) Additional administration shall be billed at the rate of \$50 per hour for every hour in excess of twelve (12) hours each month.
- 11.
- (a) The Fire Committee shall meet at least four times annually, on the first Wednesday of March, June, September, and December, and at such other times as required at the call of the Chairperson or on petition of a majority of the members of the Fire Committee. Meetings shall commence at 7:00 p.m. in the Village of Sundridge Council Chambers.
 - (b) Notice of a special meeting is required at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the holding of the meeting. Such notice shall be posted on the *Village of Sundridge website, at the municipal office* and any other suitable locations such as the Notice Board in front of the Canada Post Office facility, Main Street, Sundridge. Every attempt will be made to get notice to member municipalities.
 - (c) The Fire Committee expects the attendance of the Fire Chief or the Deputy Fire Chief at each regular and special Fire Committee meeting.
- 12.
- (a) The Fire Committee shall ensure that all meetings are convened and continued only when there is quorum and when each party to the agreement is represented.
 - (b) At minimum, a member from each municipality shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the committee.
- 13.
- (a) All Fire Committee meetings shall have business conducted by Motion, duly moved, seconded and carried by a majority vote.
 - (b) In the case of a tie vote, any member present may request that the matter be deferred to a special Bi-Council meeting for consideration. The option to defer to a Bi-Council meeting may be exercised at any time prior to the taking of the vote on the Motion. Unless a request for deferreal to a special Bi-Council meeting is brought forward, the default position shall be to the Motion being defeated.
 - (c) Copies of all minutes of regular and special meetings of the Fire Committee are to be promptly submitted to each Member Municipality. Minutes shall be clearly identified as Draft until they receive approval from the Fire Committee at the next regular meeting.

14. By the 1st of May in each year the Fire Committee shall submit in writing to each of the Member Municipalities, a draft budget for the operation of the Department for the next year, together with an apportionment of the costs to each of the Member Municipalities using the formula (50) % for the Village of Sundridge and (50) % for the Township of Strong. Each Member Municipality shall approve or amend such draft budget, on or before the 1st of June of each year.
15. The Member Municipalities agree that for the purpose of the financial terms and commitments to this agreement, that all capital and operating costs shall be incurred as per the formula in paragraph 14 of this agreement.
16. The Fire Committee shall be responsible for the preparation of draft by-laws, the formulating of policies, and these draft by-laws and policies should be presented to member municipalities for comment prior to passing, and for relating to the administration of the Department and of the Fire Committee. The Fire Committee shall be governed by the Village of Sundridge code of conduct, the procedural by-law and other related governance policies.
17. The Fire Committee shall provide adequate facilities and equipment for the operation of the Department as per established By-laws and legislation.
18. The Fire Committee shall be responsible for providing fire protection to the response area as per APPENDIX "A" attached and forming part of this agreement.
19. The Department shall respond promptly to all emergency calls within the response areas as per Appendix "A" with such apparatus and manpower as per policy established by the Fire Committee and standards established by statute.
20. All parties to this agreement shall give such authority as may be necessary to the members of the Department in all matters pertaining to fire protection.
21. The Fire Committee will arrange, in consultation with councils of the Member Municipalities, for the issuance of policies of insurance to protect from physical loss or damage and for protecting the Fire Committee, the Member Municipalities, and members of the activities of the Fire Committee and the operations of the Department and to ensure that all policies of insurance provide that all parties to this agreement be endorsed as additional named insured as their interest may appear.
22.
 - (a) This agreement shall continue in effect until it is amended by mutual agreement in accordance with paragraph 22(b), or terminated in accordance with paragraph 24.
 - (b) Should one of the Member Municipalities wish to propose an amendment to this agreement, written notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to all parties at least thirty (30) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Fire Committee.

23. If there is a dispute between the parties to this agreement, or any of them, with respect to any matter contained in this agreement, including, but not limited to the interpretation of this agreement, the same shall be submitted to arbitration under the provisions of the *Municipal Arbitrations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.48, and the decision rendered in respect of such proceedings shall be final and binding upon the parties to this agreement, If for any reason the said arbitration cannot be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Arbitrations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.48, then the Member Municipalities shall agree to the selection of a single arbitrator and, in the absence of agreement, such arbitrator shall be appointed by a judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario pursuant to the provisions of the *Arbitration Act*, RSO 1990 c.24 or pursuant to any successor legislation.
24. In the event that a Member Municipality wishes to cease participating in the Fire Committee and terminate this Agreement, they may do so provided that:
 - (a) They provide written notice one (1) year in advance to the other party. If such notice is given, the agreement shall terminate on December 31st of the following year in which notice is given.
 - (b) In the event of the termination of this agreement for any reason whatsoever, all firefighting equipment and assets (including all firefighting trucks) shall be divided equally between the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge.
 - (c) If the department is completely dissolved, the assets are to be split, based on the formula contained in paragraph 14 of this agreement.
25. It is agreed that, with respect to matters not dealt with in this agreement, the Fire Committee may formulate policies for and relating to the administration and operation of the Department with the approval of the member municipalities, unless otherwise prohibited by any applicable statute or regulation passed thereunder.
26. The Member Municipalities shall execute such further assurance as may be reasonably required to carry out the terms thereof.
27. Upon the execution of this agreement, any existing agreements amongst the parties as amended with respect to fire protection shall forthwith become null and void.
28. In the event that any covenant, provision or term of this agreement should at any time be held by any competent tribunal to be void or unenforceable, then the agreement shall not fail but the covenant, provision or term shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this agreement which shall remain in full force and effect mutatis mutandis.

29. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto affixed the signatures of their duly authorized officers together with their corporate seals.

Corporation of the Village of Sundridge

Lyle Hall, Mayor

Karen Fraser, Clerk Administrator

Corporation of the Township of Strong

Christine Ellis, Mayor

Linda Maurer, Clerk/Treasurer

APPENDIX "A"
TO AGREEMENT FOR JOINT MANAGEMENT
AND OPERATION OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT

Response Area

Entire municipality of the Township of Strong and the entire municipality of the Village of Sundridge.