

Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Village of Sundridge Council Chambers**

COUNCIL MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Lyle Hall, Deputy Mayor Shawn Jackson, Councillors Barbara Belrose, Stephen Rawn, Steven Hicks

STAFF: Nancy Austin, Clerk Administrator, Andrew Torrance, Fire Chief

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #2020-048

Moved By: Stephen Rawn

Seconded By: Steven Hicks

That the agenda be approved as amended to add Item (9.5) Sundridge & District Medical Centre – Update/Budget Request(s) and to reorder Item 6(F.1) to appear before Item (9.1).

Carried

3) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4) PRESENTATIONS

None

5) DELEGATIONS

5(A) Public & Consultants

5(A) None

5(B) Staff

5(B) None

6) CONSENT ITEMS

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

6(A) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

6(A.1) Regular Council Meeting – February 12, 2020

Resolution #2020-049.01

That the minutes of the Regular meeting dated February 12, 2020, be adopted as printed.

6(A.2) Closed Council Meeting – February 12, 2020

Resolution #2020-049.02

That the minutes of the Closed meeting dated February 12, 2020, be adopted as printed.

6(B) COMMITTEE & BOARD MINUTES

6(B.1) Sundridge-Strong Recreation Committee – February 6, 2020

Resolution #2020-049.03

That the draft minutes of the regular meeting dated February 6, 2020, be received.

6(B.2) Almaguin Recycling Initiative – January 29, 2020

Resolution #2020-049.04

That the draft minutes of the regular meeting dated January 29, 2020, be received.

6(B.3) Item moved into Committee of the Whole

6(C) STAFF REPORTS

6(C.1) S2020-004 – Quotation Results – Flags – Sunflower Festival

Resolution #2020-049.05

That Council receive Staff Report S2020-004 dated February 26, 2020, regarding the quotation results for the printing and delivery of flags for the Sunflower Festival, and;

That Council accept the quotation received by Flags Unlimited at a cost of \$1,141.15 plus HST for 25 flags.

6(C.2) S2020-005 – Workplace Training

Resolution #2020-049.06

That Staff Report S2020-005 dated February 26, 2020, regarding workplace training be received for information, and;

That Council direct staff to proceed with all recommendations noted under the Summary of Required Updates and Training.

6(D) BY-LAWS

6(D.1) By-law No. 2020-006 Interim Tax Levy

Resolution #2020-049.07

That By-law No. 2020-006, being a provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the Year 2020.

6(D.2) By-law No. 2020-007 Temporary Borrowing

Resolution #2020-049.08

That By-law No. 2020-007, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

6(D.3) By-law No. 2020-008 Committee of Adjustment Appointment

[draft by-law reviewed February 12, 2020]

Resolution #2020-049.09

That By-law No. 2020-008, being a by-law to appoint the Committee of Adjustment for the Village of Sundridge be approved.

6(D.4) Corporate Policy Revision – Procedures and Application for Closing Original Shore Road Allowance and Original Road Allowance.

[draft policy revisions approved February 12, 2020]

Resolution #2020-049.10

That Council have reviewed and discussed the corporate policy; Procedures and Application for Closing Original Shore Road Allowance and Original Road Allowance, and;

That the revised corporate policy be approved.

6(E) CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Staff

6(E.1) Follow Up List – February 26, 2020

Resolution #2020-049.11

That the follow up list, for the February 26, 2020 Council Meeting be received.

6(E.2) Memo – Staff Training

Resolution #2020-049.12

That the Memo dated February 26, 2020, from Nancy Austin, Clerk Administrator, regarding Staff Training, be received.

Inter-Governmental Correspondence

6(E.) None

Board and Agency Correspondence

6(E.3) PSDSSAB – February 2020 Monthly Report

Resolution #2020-049.13

That the PSDSSAB monthly report, dated February 2020, be received.

Other Correspondence

6(E.) None

Resolutions of Support

6(E.4) Joint Building Committee – CBO & Building Inspector increases for 2020

[discussed In-Camera February 12, 2020]

Resolution #2020-049.14

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council for the Village of Sundridge have reviewed Joint Building Committee Resolution #2020-007 recommendations for 2020 increases for the Building Inspector and the CBO, and;

That the Council for the Village of Sundridge hereby support this recommendation.

(6E.5) North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Changes in Funding Formula

[Delegation by Blair Flowers, NBPSDHU Representative February 12, 2020]

Resolution #2020-049.15

Whereas the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has advised municipalities of the following changes in the funding formula;

- Change from 25/75 municipal/provincial to 30/70 for mandatory programs, and;
- Change from 100% provincial funding to 30/70 for a number of other related programs;

And Where these changes will result in a 42% increase in the municipal levy, commencing in 2021, with no increased service delivery;

And Whereas small rural Northern Ontario municipalities do not have the financial resources to fund this 42% increase;

- With sparse populations and small tax bases make it difficult to raise the requisite funds, and also provide core mandated municipal services to residents; and
- Residents' annual income is well below the provincial poverty level, with many on fixed incomes and raising municipal property taxes will create significant hardship;

And Whereas our municipalities support the Health Unit's mission "to foster healthy living within our communities by preventing illness, promoting healthy choices and providing trusted support and information";

- Hence, we reiterate that we want to remain under the auspices of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, and under the Rural & Northern Ontario designation.

And Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of Public Health Units;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Sundridge requests that Jim Pine, Facilitator of the Public Health Modernization consultations, review the current funding formula for Public Health and Rural & Northern Ontario Municipalities; proposing exemptions, for the province to implement for 2021;

And That we contend that Public Health as a pillar of our Ontario Health Care system, be funded through regular provincial taxation, not municipal property taxation;

And Further That this resolution will be forwarded to the Minister of Health, Minister of Long-Term Care, MPP Norm Miller, MPP Vic Fedeli, Ontario Health Board Chair, FONOM Chair, NOMA Chair, AMO Chair, and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.

[This concludes the list of Consent Items on the Agenda for February 26, 2020]

7) APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution #2020-049

Moved By: Shawn Jackson
Seconded By: Barbara Belrose

That Items listed as Consent Items for February 26, 2020 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as Resolutions of Council; 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 #2020-050

Moved By: Stephen Rawn
Seconded By: Shawn Jackson

That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

6(F) CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #2020-051

6(F.1) **Moved By: Barbara Belrose**
Seconded By: Steven Hicks

That Council move into a Closed Session meeting at 6:10 p.m. as provided for by Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, to deal with:

- d) labour relations or employee negotiations
 - i) Fire Prevention Officer "Draft"
 - ii) Administration Staffing

Carried.

The Council for the Village of Sundridge resumed the regular meeting of Council at 6:49 p.m. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

9) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- (9.1) Fire Prevention Officer "Draft" – FB2020-004

Resolution #2020-052

Moved By: Steven Hicks
Seconded By: Shawn Jackson

That Council receive Staff Report FB2020-004, dated February 11, 2020, and;

That Council support and authorize the creation of the Fire Prevention Officer position, and;

That Council direct the Fire Chief to proceed with the recruitment and hiring of a Fire Prevention Officer.

Carried.

- (9.2) The Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Management Board – 2020 Draft Budget

Resolution #2020-053

Moved By: Steven Hicks
Seconded By: Stephen Rawn

That Council supports the proposed 2020 budget from the Sundridge – Strong Fire Department Management Board in the amount of \$430,695.00, with the Village of Sundridge share being \$215,347.50.

Carried.

- (9.3) Memo – Almaguin Recycling Initiative (ARI)

[motion to postpone February 12, 2020]

Resolution #2020-054

Moved By: Steven Hicks
Seconded By: Barbara Belrose

That the Memo dated February 12, 2020, from Nancy Austin, Clerk Administrator regarding the Almaguin Recycling Initiative (ARI) has been discussed and;

That Council request a copy of all the documentation required to bring the Hazmat Depot into compliance.

Carried.

(9.4) Resignation of Deputy Clerk

[Item 9.4 was discussed in a closed meeting on February 12, 2020]

Resolution #2020-055

Moved By: Steven Hicks
Seconded By: Stephen Rawn

That Council accepts the resignation of Christine Hickey as Deputy Clerk effective at close of business on Friday March 6, 2020; and

That Council offers thanks for the dedication and hard work put forward by Mrs. Hickey during her employ.

Carried.

(9.5) Sundridge & District Medical Centre – Update/Budget Request(s)

Resolution #2020-056

Moved By: Steven Hicks
Seconded By: Barbara Belrose

That Council has discussed the SDMC update/budget request(s).

Carried.

ITEMS MOVED INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6(B.3) Sundridge-Strong Fire Department Management Board – February 19, 2020

Resolution #2020-057

Moved By: Steven Hicks
Seconded By: Shawn Jackson

That the draft minutes of the regular meeting dated February 19, 2020, be received.

Carried.

10) RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution #2020-058

Moved By: Stephen Rawn
Seconded By: Barbara Belrose

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#2020-059

Moved By: Barbara Belrose

Seconded By: Stephen Rawn

That Council adopts the Committee of the Whole recommendations on February 26, 2020 as resolutions of Council.

Carried.

12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyle Hall

- Attended the Equitable Healthcare meeting last week. There were no definitive outcomes from the meeting.
- Near North OTH willing to have Sundridge be part of their area.
- There is an upcoming meeting on March 10th, 2020 of the Magnetawan River Watershed.

Stephen Rawn

- Will be away for the month of March.

Barbara Belrose

- The 'FICE' Report is going to be coming to Council for review and discussion. This was where community representatives toured various other communities and including their own and is now providing a report on things like community spirit, community presentation, services offered, et cetera.

Shawn Jackson

- Attended the Ontario Good Roads Conference and felt it was very informative.

Steven Hicks

- Nothing at this time

Nancy Austin, Clerk Administrator

- District of Parry Sound Municipal Association is coming up on May 1, 2020, hosted by the municipality of McMurrich/Monteith
- The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Conference is being hosted by the City of Timmins on May 13 to 15, 2020.

13) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS

Steven Hicks will introduce a motion to discuss the Volunteer Appreciation Day for 2020.

Lyle Hall will introduce a motion to discuss the cost sharing of sanding the arena parking lot.

Lyle Hall will introduce a motion to consider Sundridge charging an equivalent value of Agilis fees to member municipalities.

14) CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #2020-060

Moved By: Shawn Jackson

Seconded By: Steven Hicks

That By-law No. 2020-009, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its regular meeting February 26, 2020, be adopted.

Carried.

15) ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #2020-061

Moved By: Stephen Rawn

Seconded By: Barbara Belrose

That we do now adjourn at 8:02 p.m. until the Council meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried.

Lyle Hall, Mayor

Nancy Austin, Clerk Administrator