



THE TOWNSHIP OF JOLY
SPECIAL TRI COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 31st, 2022

The special meeting of the Council of the Township of Joly was on Thursday, March 31st, 2022. This special meeting was a virtual meeting.

Present from Joly Township were: Mayor Tim Bryson, Councillors Budd Brown, Tom Bryson and Brian McCabe; and staff Jennifer Martin, Deputy Clerk Treasurer and Leanne Crozier, Clerk Treasurer.

Present from Strong Township were: Mayor Kelly Elik, Councillors Jody Ballie, Jeff McLaren and Marianne Stickland; and staff Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator.

Present from Village of Sundridge were: Mayor Lyle Hall, Councillors Barbara Bellrose and Fraser Williamson; and staff Christine Hickey, Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Joly Councillor Bill Black, Strong Councillor Jason Cottrell, Sundridge Councillors Steve Hicks and Shawn Jackson.

The meeting was declared open at 6:00 pm by Mayor Hall. Mayor Hall welcomed all and requested each Council introduce who was present.

1. Approval of Agenda
R2022-059

Moved by Brian McCabe
Seconded by Tom Bryson

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby accept the March 31st, 2022 agenda as presented.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
None

3. New Business/Follow-up Items

3.1 Shared Service Delivery Review – Action Items

R2022-060

Moved by Budd Brown
Seconded by Brian McCabe

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby have discussed the Shared Service Delivery Review action items; and

That the following action items be further investigated:

Carried

3.2 Shared Grant Writer

R2022-061

Moved by Tom Bryson
Seconded by Budd Brown

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby receive the questions from the Village of Sundridge regarding the shared Grant Writer Position; and

That Township of Strong Resolution Number R2022-110 regarding the shared Grant Writer Position was received.

Carried

- 3.3 Shared Emergency Operations Centre - Discussion
R2022-062
Moved by Brian McCabe
Seconded by Tom Bryson

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby receive the discussion items from the Village of Sundridge/Township of Strong regarding a shared Emergency Operations Centre.

Carried

- 3.4 Shared Community Emergency Management Coordinator – Discussion
R2022-063
Moved by Budd Brown
Seconded by Tom Bryson

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby receive the discussion items from the Township of Strong regarding a shared Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

Carried

- 3.5 Shared Warming/Cooling Centre – Discussion
R2022-064
Moved by Tom Bryson
Seconded by Budd Brown

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby receive the discussion items from the Village of Sundridge regarding a shared warming/cooling centre.

Carried

- 3.6 Fire Services – Sharing of Services with Township of Joly – Discussion
R2022-065
Moved by Brian McCabe
Seconded by Tom Bryson

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby receive the discussion items from the Township of Strong regarding fire services – sharing of services with the Township of Joly.

Carried

- 3.7 Amalgamation – Proposed Recommendation - Discussion
R2022-066
Moved by Budd Brown
Seconded by Brian McCabe

WHEREAS the Village of Sundridge, the Township of Strong and the Township of Joly have accepted the KPMG "Shared Municipal Service Review",

AND the Review establishes:

- 1) A list of six current shared service agreements requiring full review,
- 2) a degree of shared, "Strategic Financial Support/Asset Management" between municipalities would be beneficial,
- 3) that the municipalities should have "Shared Policy Development",
- 4) that it would be an advantage for the municipalities to have "Increased Group Purchasing",
- 5) that the municipalities would be stronger with "Shared Emergency Management" and,
- 6) that the municipalities could coordinate development and expansion with "Increased Integration of Land Planning".

AND that historically the municipalities have had difficulties implementing shared policies due to the differences in physical settings and population (urban, rural and forested/pioneering citizenry.);

AND the concerns of implementing these recommendations, though extremely important to the functionality of each municipality, will require by the KPMG report, years of time to develop AND each municipality can also expect thousands of dollars in costs.

AND that each of the suggestions and recommendations in the KPMG report can be addressed by amalgamation.

And that amalgamation would be a significant step towards repairing the concerns described in the Shared Service Report, AND addressing citizens' concerns surrounding redundancy, AND saving taxpayers money, AND addressing individual service shortcomings each municipality has.

AND the KPMG report also suggests, "...municipal restructuring within the Municipal Act remains a locally driven process", meaning that amalgamation must be initiated by our municipalities.

THEREFORE the Village of Sundridge, the Township of Strong and Township of Joly request Staff to prioritize the process of amalgamation with citizen feedback complete before or by the municipal election date.

Be it resolved Township of Joly hereby table the amalgamation motion until Tri Council meeting April 28th in the Strong Council chambers.

Carried

R2022-067

Moved by Tom Bryson

Seconded by Brian McCabe

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby receive the discussion items from the Village of Sundridge regarding amalgamation – proposed recommendation.

Carried

4. Adjournment

R2022-068

Moved by Tom Bryson

Be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby adjourn this special Tri Council meeting of Council at 7:23 pm.

Carried

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY TIM BRYSON

Mayor

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY LEANNE CROZIER

Clerk