

# Considering Amalgamation: A New Chapter for Sundridge, Strong, and Joly

The municipalities of Sundridge, Strong, and Joly are exploring the potential benefits and challenges of amalgamating into one municipality. This initiative aims to examine whether combining resources, governance, and services could lead to better efficiency, improved services, and long-term sustainability for all three communities.

Since the 1990s, discussions about restructuring have surfaced periodically, with growing interest in recent years. In 2019, the SSJ Tri-Council established a task force to assess the feasibility of amalgamation. Today, a dedicated committee—with representation from all three municipalities—is working to provide data-driven insights to inform this important decision.

## Why It Matters

Amalgamation could reshape how we work together to address challenges like economic development, infrastructure investment, and municipal service delivery. By studying this opportunity thoroughly, we aim to ensure that any decision made reflects the needs, values, and priorities of residents across Sundridge, Strong, and Joly.

This initiative is about understanding:

- **Community Identity:** Exploring efficiency with the unique traditions and character of each municipality.
- **Service Delivery:** Exploring how amalgamation could impact municipal services.
- **Taxation and Costs:** Analyzing financial impacts and ensuring transparency.
- **Representation:** Ensuring all voices are heard and considered in this process.

## How to Get Involved

Your input is essential in shaping the future of our communities. There are several ways to participate in this process:

### 1. Community Conversations

Join us for interactive discussions to share your thoughts, questions, and concerns about amalgamation.

**PHASE 1:** January 25, 2025, 1–3 PM

**Location:** Almaguin Highlands Secondary School

### 2. Surveys

Share your insights through our online survey. Your feedback will guide our understanding of community priorities.

**PHASE 1:** December 20, 2024 – January 27, 2025

**To sign up for a Community Conversation or to complete the Survey, go to:**



**Sundridge:** [sundridge.ca/amalgamation](https://sundridge.ca/amalgamation)



**Strong:** [strongtownship.com/en/news/amalgamation.aspx](https://strongtownship.com/en/news/amalgamation.aspx)



**Joly:** [townshipofjoly.com/NewsAlerts/Index/ssj-amalgamation](https://townshipofjoly.com/NewsAlerts/Index/ssj-amalgamation)