



Township of Joly

Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2025 - Tri-Council - 06:00 PM

The Village of Sundridge was the host municipality and the Council for the Corporation of The Township of Strong and the Township of Joly participated in the Village of Sundridge Council Chambers.

Sundridge Council Members Present: Mayor Justine Leveque (virtual), Deputy Mayor Shawn Jackson (virtual), Councillors Sharon Smith (acting as chair), Luke Preston, Fraser Williamson.

Strong Council Members Present: Mayor Tim Bryson, Councillors; Jeff McLaren, Kevin Noaik, Jim Ronholm and Marianne Stickland

Joly Council Members Present: Mayor Brian McCabe, Councillor Bill Black, Councillor Tom Bryson and Councillor Chris Nicholson.

Joly Council Members Absent: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown (with notice).

Staff Present: Village of Sundridge Clerk Administrator Nancy Austin; Delegated authority recording secretary for the Township of Strong, Robyn Ferrante; Township of Joly Municipal Administrator, Jennifer Martin; Township of Joly Deputy Clerk Katey Brimacombe.

In person: Karen McLaren, Melinda Kent, and Vicki Whitmell

Via Zoom: Brians ipad

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2025-00174

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby approve the agenda for the May 29, 2025 Tri Council as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or General Nature Thereof

None

3. Delegation

CARRIED

3.1 Extension of Delegation

Resolution No: 2025-00184

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby extend the Library delegation another 15 minutes.

CARRIED

3.2 Sundridge Strong Union Public Library

Resolution No: 2025-00175

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly receives the Delegation from the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library Representatives Vicky Whitmell, Karen McLaren, and Melinda Kent regarding the Strategic Plan with thanks.

CARRIED

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5. New Business

None

5.1 Lake Bernard

Resolution No: 2025-00176

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

WHEREAS Lake Bernard is a significant environmental, recreational, and economic resource for the Township of Joly and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS effective water level management is essential to preserving the ecological balance of the lake, protecting shoreline infrastructure, and ensuring the safety and satisfaction of lake users;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality recognizes the importance of cooperative engagement with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in the management of Lake Bernard's water levels,

AND WHEREAS the Province, upon request of the Municipality and the broader community, facilitated a public engagement to seek consultation from community stakeholders including the Municipality,

AND WHEREAS the public engagement led to collaborative conclusions between the Municipality and the Province about water level management on Lake Bernard which resulted in mutually agreeable changes to the approach to water level, most notably in regard to the seasonal placement and removal of logs at the outlet dam, as outlined in the District MNR's letter to the Mayor of Strong dated January 17th 2025 and including the January 2025 follow-up correspondence;

AND WHEREAS high water levels and premature replacement of logs in the dam before Lake Bernard is ice-free, or before the ice has deteriorated to a point where it no longer poses a risk, may result in unintended ice movement, shoreline damage, shoreline erosion and other adverse impacts on municipal infrastructure and private properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Township of Joly formally expresses its shared interest with the Ministry of Natural Resources and surrounding municipalities in the sustainable and responsible management of water levels on Lake Bernard.
2. The Municipality supports the modified approach to water level management as per the conclusions arrived at from the engagement, and of particular importance, supports the Ministry of Natural Resources refraining from replacing logs in the Lake Bernard dam until such time that the lake is fully ice-free or the remaining ice has deteriorated to a degree that it no longer presents a concern from the perspective of municipal risk and shoreline integrity.
3. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Lake Bernard Property Owners Association, and neighboring municipalities for their information and support.

CARRIED

5.2 Staff Holiday Bonuses

Resolution No: 2025-00177

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly discusses the staff holiday bonus information;
AND THAT we form a task force Councillor Smith, Councillor Bryson and Councillor Stickland and to report to the next Tri-Council.

CARRIED

5.3 Christmas Party

Resolution No: 2025-00178

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly discuss hosting a Christmas Party in the third year of a term for Council, Staff and Volunteers;
AND THAT this idea is further developed by the Christmas bonus task force.

CARRIED

5.4 SSJ Arena & Hall Staffing

Resolution No: 2025-00179

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly receive the Staffing Update as provided for by the SSJ Arena & Hall Committee Representative.

CARRIED

5.5 Shared Facility Manager

Resolution No: 2025-00180

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly discuss a Shared Facility Manager,
AND THAT an Adhoc committee be formed comprised of Deputy Mayor Jackson, Mayor Bryson and a representative from the Township of Joly to be determined.

CARRIED

5.6 SSJ Restructuring Committee Update

Resolution No: 2025-00181

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly receives the Sundridge Strong Joly Restructuring Committee update as provided by Mayor Tim Bryson; Committee Chair Person.

CARRIED

5.7 Sundridge & District Medical Centre Reorganization of Structure

Resolution No: 2025-00182

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Township of Joly support the reorganization of the Sundridge and District Medical Centre Committee to a Not for Profit entity,

AND THAT the Recording Secretary (or designate) for the Sundridge and District Medical Centre Committee be directed to work with Larry Crossan, Lexcor Business Lawyers on draft articles of incorporation for Not for Profit and by-laws for discussion and direction by the SDMC Committee,

AND THAT the draft by-laws be based on current structure and agreements for the establishment of the Not-for-Profit entity.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2025-00183

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Tri-Council of March 29, 2025 be adjourned at 8:18 P.M. until the next Tri-Council September 25, 2025.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk