

The Corporation Of The Municipality of Magnetawan

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 9th, 2003

7:00 P.M.

Magnetawan Community Centre

Any and All Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by Council at the Regular Meeting of Council

IN ATTENDANCE

Reeve: Sam Dunnett

Councillors: Jack Crossman; Bev Graham; Frank Tod; and Charles Wager.

Manager, Operations and Roads: Ron Catcher

Fire Chief: Dave Pringle

Clerk/Administrator: Brenda J. Fraser

Members of the Public

Opening Comments - Reeve Sam Dunnett

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- Reeve Sam Dunnett with Arrow Printing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2003-115

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Charles Wager

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) as presented and circulated:

- Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, March 25th, 2003; and
- Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, March 26th, 2003, as amended.

Carried.

DELEGATES

Staff Sgt. Bill Ayotte, OPP, Almaguin Highlands Detachment

Staff Sgt. Ayotte provided Council with the first quarter report for 'calls for service' for the Municipality of Magnetawan. He also commented on the results of the "Policing for Results Community Survey" and the status of '24 hour patrol'.

REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

F1 Proposal re: new Fire Truck

Fire Chief, Dave Pringle reported on a proposal that was provided by Superior Emergency Vehicles Ltd. Dave will provide firm quotes to Council for their next regularly scheduled meeting. Reeve Dunnnett stressed that during the negotiations for this truck, the safety of the Fire Fighters must not be compromised.

F2 Fire Department 2003 Draft Budget

The 2003 draft Budget for the Fire Department will be presented at Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

F3 Fire Department Concerns re: SARS

Dave reported on the precautions being taken by the Fire Fighters when responding to calls.

F4 Water Storage Tanks

With regard to strategically placing water storage tanks in our Municipality, Council directed Dave to identify and present the proposed locations, for their consideration.

ROADS

R1 Parks Tractor

Ron Catcher summarized the previous discussions with regard to the purchase of a Parks Tractor, resulting in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2003-116

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Bev Graham

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Treasurer to transfer funds from the Parks and Recreation Fund to the Current Account, for the purchase of a Parks Tractor from Arnstein Lawn and Garden, in the amount of \$31,150.00, plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

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R2 Land Fill Site Contract

Council deferred discussion of this item to 'Other Business'.

R3 FIR reporting for Land Fill Sites

Ron reported on the quotes received to perform the 'capacity studies and hydrogeological investigations' for our Municipal Land Fill Sites. Council deferred further discussion surrounding this requirement, until their next Regular Meeting.

R4 Letter of request from Aldon Schlosser re: load restrictions

Mr. Schlosser was advised that his request for an exemption to the load restriction By-law is legally not permissible. However, should he choose to transport waste to the Chapman Land Fill Site, prior to load restrictions being lifted, the Municipality of Magnetawan may adjust the 'fee per load', accordingly.

MOTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

1. Amendments to Schedules of By-law No. 2002-21

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2003-117

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Charles Wager

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces By-law No. 2003-10 being a By-law to amend By-law 2002-21 and adopts said By-law as being read three (3) times. The Reeve and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign same and to affix the Corporation Seal thereto.

Carried.

2. Policy re: payment schedules

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2003-118

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Bev Graham

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Clerk and/or Treasurer to accept a partial payment, with respect to licensing fees, upon written request from the applicant.

Carried.

3. Application for adjustment of taxes

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

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RESOLUTION 2003-119

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Charles Wager

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has no objection to the Application to the Assessment Review Board for adjustment of taxes on the property identified as Chapman, Plan M503, Lot 2, PCL 20839 SS; Roll No. 4944 010 001 17102 0000, regarding an assessment reclassification. **Carried.**

4. Town of Kearney

Council deferred discussion with regard to the request from the Town of Kearney for a Resolution of support for Kearney to act as the 'lead' Municipality on behalf of the Almaguin Highlands Information Centre to apply for FEDNOR funding for a 'regional marketing plan and initiative', pending comments from the South East Parry Sound District Steering Committee.

5. City of Woodstock

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2003-120

Moved by: Bev Graham

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Whereas the purpose of the new property taxation regime was to provide a tax system that was fair, understandable and comparable across the province;

And whereas the introduction of the various capping programs to protect certain classes has resulted in a system that is complex, difficult to understand and unfair to many property taxpayers;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan request that the Province of Ontario immediately review it's capping program with an aim to eliminate it completely. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the correspondence being:

1. Food Security
2. Wood Works Awards Gala

ACCOUNTS

Resolution 2003-121

Moved by: Charles Wager

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts as presented and circulated in the amount of: Roads, Invoices \$9,456.90, Payroll \$4,356.54; General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$87,136.14; and Levies \$19,657.17; for a total of \$120,606.75. **Carried.**

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OTHER BUSINESS /NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2003-122

Moved by: Bev Graham

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Treasurer to advance \$16,364.00 to the Magnetawan Area Community Centre Board, being a portion of the 2003 Budgeted Capital Expenditures. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION 2003-123

Moved by: Charles Wager

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby now enter into a 'closed session' as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001. Time: 8:35 p.m. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION 2003-124

Moved by: Bev Graham

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby now come out of the 'closed session'. Time: 9:43 p.m. **Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 2003-125

Moved by: Charles Wager

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby now adjourn. Time: 9:45 p.m. **Carried.**

Sam Dunnett *Reeve*

Brenda J. Fraser *Clerk/Administrator*