

The Corporation Of The Municipality of Magnetawan

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 26th, 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

Clerk/Administrator: Brenda J. Fraser

Members of the Public

Opening Comments - Reeve Sam Dunnett

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2003-66

Moved by: Bev Graham

Seconded by: Frank Tod

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 Wednesday, February 12th, 2003, 6:30 p.m.;
- Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, February 12th, 2003, 6:35 p.m.; and
- Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, February 12th, 2003.

Carried.

DELEGATES

D1 Garfield Robertson, Emergency Management Co-ordinator

Mr. Robertson thanked Council for the opportunity to represent our Municipality as the Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator and provided an informative, written summary of the requirements necessary for Community Emergency Management Programs including the creation of an Emergency Management Program Committee. Mr. Robertson's recommendation resulted in the following Resolution of Council.

RESOLUTION 2003-67

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Charles Wager

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan establishes the Emergency Management Program Committee and appoints Reeve Sam Dunnett, Councillor Frank Tod, Clerk/Administrator Brenda J. Fraser, Roads Superintendent Ron Catcher and Charles Saunders, Fire Chief Dave Pringle, Clergy and Local Business Representative Walter Winger and Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator Garfield Robertson to the committee. **Carried.**

BOARDS / COMMITTEES

C1 Magnetawan Area Recreation Committee

No submission for this meeting.

C2 Magnetawan Community Centre Board

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2003-68

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Bev Graham

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Treasurer to advance \$25,000.00 to the Community Centre Board, toward their 2003 Budget. **Carried.**

C3 Magnetawan Community Development Committee

A copy of two letters being circulated by this Committee were provided to Council for their information.

C4 Magnetawan Historical Museum Board

A draft budget was submitted by the Museum Board, for Council's consideration. Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2003-69

Moved by: Charles Wager

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Treasurer to advance \$1,000.00 to the Museum Board, toward their 2003 Budget. **Carried.**

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C5 Library Board
No submission for this meeting.

C6 Magnetawan Property Standards Committee
No submission for this meeting.

REPORTS

ANIMAL SHELTER

By Marnie Wallace

A1 No submission for this meeting.

BUILDING

By Fred Johnson, Chief Building Official

B1 No submission for this meeting.

BY - LAW ENFORCEMENT

By James Mahoney, By-Law Control Officer

E1 No submission for this meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Dave Pringle, Fire Chief

F1 No submission for this meeting.

OPERATIONS & ROADS REPORT

By Ron Catcher, Manager Operations & Roads

R1 Minimum Maintenance Standards

Ron reported that Minimum Road Maintenance Standards are a requirement of the new Municipal Act. He has obtained additional information that will be presented to Council in conjunction with the report previously provided, for discussion at their next Regular Meeting.

R2 Specialty Service

Requests have been made of the Roads Department to provide road maintenance, beyond the level of service normally provided, for isolated situations and for specific individuals. Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

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RESOLUTION 2003-70

Moved by: Bev Graham

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Roads Superintendent to bill for "special road services" at a rate of \$80.00 per hour, per truck, plus material.

Carried.

R3 Back Hoe

Ron reported that the Back Hoe has broken for the second time within two weeks and requested Council's serious discussion during the Budget meetings regarding replacing this piece of equipment.

MOTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

1. Procedural By-law

Discussion of Council resulted in further changes being incorporated into the new By-law. The following Resolution was then passed.

RESOLUTION 2003-71

Moved by: Charles Wager

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces By-law No. 2003-02 being a Procedural By-law 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. Magnetawan Recreation Committee

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2003-72

Moved by: Bev Graham

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Treasurer to advance a float of \$500.00, to the Recreation Committee, in conjunction with their 2003 Budget.

Carried.

3. Pitch-In Canada

Information requesting the total dollar amount of our Municipality's membership fee has not yet been received by the Municipal Office, therefore Council deferred further discussion of the request from this organization for financial support, until our membership amount has been divulged.

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4. Municipality of Trent Hills

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2003-73

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Charles Wager

WHEREAS a number of Municipalities own and operate small drinking water systems;

AND WHEREAS the construction of regulated upgrades to the water treatment facilities represents a major expense to the limited customer base of these Municipalities, even after factoring in the OSTAR funding for the projects;

AND WHEREAS an alarming trend of escalating high costs through the combined impact of the Drinking Water Protection Regulation 459/00, Bill 195, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and of Bill 175, the Sustainable Water and Sewer Systems Act, has resulted in an immediate increase in daily operating expenses and annual capital investment necessary to meet the high standards set by the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS a similar trend will unfold as small urban centres across Ontario begin a similar analysis process;

AND WHEREAS to fund the Municipal portion of the costs, it will be necessary to borrow capital funds over lengthy debenture periods which will add additional significant costs to the limited customer base, as well as increased labour and material costs, additional testing and compliance monitoring, and new and improved machinery to contribute to immediate cost increases;

AND WHEREAS a similar concern can be raised for health and safety needs in the areas of wastewater treatment and road and bridge infrastructure where an equal investment will be required as the Province of Ontario continues to target infrastructure for improvement through comparable legislation;

AND WHEREAS the result of escalating costs to the user pay systems will be negative growth as small centres become less and less viable as residential and business centres;

AND WHEREAS the demonstrated trend towards escalating monthly user fees will negatively impact the sustainability of small urban centres which will be in jeopardy relative to the major urban centres in the surrounding area;

AND WHEREAS the cost of the new Provincial Statutes and Regulations will threaten the sustainability of “Small Town Ontario”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan requests that the Provincial Government recognize and acknowledge the unsustainable burden being placed on “Small Town Ontario” and that a new funding formula be developed to eliminate the high cost associated with mandated drinking water system upgrades in order to ensure that small urban centres can not only grow, but indeed, survive.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the correspondence being:

- 1) Ministry of Natural Resources re: Knoefli Dam Class Environmental Assessment Study
- 2) Whitestone Community Church, Pastor Kentner re: use of Magnetawan Centennial Park
- 3) Nuisance Bear Review Committee
- 4) Open House Invitation for Crown land Use Atlas
- 5) Ontario Crime Control Commission re: Awards of Excellence for Fighting Crime - Call for Nominations
- 6) Pitch-In Canada - National Civic Pride Recognition Program
- 7) Ontario Exports Inc. re: Ontario Global Traders Awards

ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION 2003-74

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Bev Graham

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts as presented and circulated in the amount of: Roads, Invoices \$5,841.90, Payroll \$4,999.96; General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$49,714.42; and Levies \$0.00; for a total of \$60,556.28.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS /NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2003-75

Moved by: Charles Wager

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby now enter into "Committee of the Whole" per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001. Time: 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2003-76

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 'Committee of the Whole' per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, S.O.2001. Time: 9:30 p.m.

Carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 2003-77

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Charles Wager

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby now adjourn.

Time: 9:35 p.m.

Carried.

Sam Dunnett *Reeve*

Brenda J. Fraser *Clerk/Administrator*