

The Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, April 25th, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Magnetawan Community Centre

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

In Attendance:

Council Members: Mayor Dick Smith
Councillors: Kris Nicholls; Patti Paul; and Tony Pratas.

Municipal Staff: Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk/Administrator

Regrets: Frank Tod

1. **OPENING COMMENTS**
By Mayor Dick Smith

2. **DECLARATIONS OF 'PECUNIARY INTERESTS'**
None Declared

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-149

Moved by: Tony Pratas

Seconded by: Patti Paul

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

- 3.1 Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, April 11th, 2007.

Carried.

4. DELEGATES

- 4.1 **Dan Carr**, *Carr Aggregates Inc.* requested reconsideration of Council, to allow an exemption to the 'load restriction' By-law. Council determined to not revisit the By-law.

- 4.2 **Larry Fleetham**, *Fowler Construction Company Ltd.*, was not in attendance, therefore this item was deferred to a future date.

- 4.3 **Scott Mannering**, *Blue Sky Net* provided a power point presentation to Council with regard to a joint GIS project being considered by a number of area Municipalities. The following Resolution resulted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-150

Moved by: Kris Nicholls

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan, after careful consideration, does hereby support the participation of our Municipality in the Blue Sky Net project to prepare a 'Request for Proposal' for a Geographic Information System for area Municipalities that will allow for a funding application to be prepared.

And further be it resolved that if this Provincial/Federal funding application is successful, the Municipality of Magnetawan would assist by contributing financially to GIS mapping and software to allow for improved Municipal systems. **Carried.**

5. BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-151

Moved by: Patti Paul

Seconded by: Kris Nicholls

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces **By-law No. 2007-08** being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2001-26 as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Magnetawan with respect to lands located at 526 Deer Run Road and legally described as Part of Lots 28 and 29, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of Chapman, now in the Municipality of Magnetawan and adopts said By-law as being read three (3) times. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign same and to affix the Corporation Seal thereto. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-152

Moved by: Tony Pratas

Seconded by: Patti Paul

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces **By-law No. 2007-09** being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Mutual Assistance Agreement between the Corporations of the Township of Perry, Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson, Village of Burk's Falls, Town of Kearney and Municipality of Magnetawan and adopts said By-law as being read three (3) times. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign same and to affix the Corporation Seal thereto. **Carried.**

6. MOTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-153

Moved by: Kris Nicholls

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Clerk/Administrator to renew the one (1) year agreement with Canadian Tods Limited for the

existing Tourism Oriented Directional Signage located on Ontario Street in the Village of Burk's Falls.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-154

Moved by: Patti Paul

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recognizes the need to provide Long-Term Health Care;

And Whereas, with the current *underfunding*, Municipal levies have continually increased to assist Eastholme, our Home for the Aged;

And Whereas, current funding is not sufficient to cover inflation on existing costs such as wages and benefits or utilities or cover the increased complex care needs of the Home's Residents to meet Ministry standards;

And Whereas with the passing of *Bill 140*, in respect of a *New Long Term Care Homes Act, 2006*, there are concerns that more of the Home's limited resources will be spent on the new administrative requirements of standards, compliance and documentation, leading to less money getting to the bedsides of residents;

And Whereas any possible increase to the accommodation subsidy each year is currently not a reliable source of funding;

And Whereas the Province has not lived up to it's commitment to increase funding for nursing care by \$6,000.00 per resident;

And Whereas the 2007 Provincial Budget did not provide any permanent additional operating funding for Long-Term Care Homes;

And Whereas the Province has not addressed the lack of funding opportunities for Boards of Management operating District Homes for the Aged which have Unincorporated Townships within their jurisdiction;

Now Therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan requests that the Province provide increased subsidies to ensure adequate care of residents in Long-Term Care Homes.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-155

Moved by: Kris Nicholls

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan requests that:

1. The Provincial and Federal Governments are urged to augment their contributions to Municipal infrastructure by developing a long-term support program for stable, reliable permanent funding to assist with infrastructure investment.
2. The Provincial Government is requested to increase the Municipal share of Provincial gas tax and expanding eligibility beyond transit.
3. While the Municipality is acutely aware of the importance of a sustainable agriculture industry and of environment conservation efforts, the provincial government is requested to review programs such as the "Farmland Tax Program" and the "Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program" to ensure that the programs are not funded out of the Municipal property tax base.
4. The current Provincial government committed to ensuring that developers "absorb their fair share of the costs of new growth", and is requested to begin the review of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* as soon as possible to ensure that Municipalities do not

continue to subsidize development and Municipal property tax payers are not paying for growth.

5. The provincial government is requested to establish one time funding to assist smaller Municipalities move to accounting infrastructure on an accrual basis and meaningful asset management.
6. The Provincial Government is requested to consider providing financial assistance to offset the costs of implementing the requirements of the AODA and the related standards.
7. The Provincial government is requested to review the basis of apportionment of Municipal/regional funding to ensure that lower tier Municipalities are not inequitably requisitioned.

Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-156

Moved by: Patti Paul

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Whereas in the C. D. Howe Institute's standardized Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) study, a number of elementary schools in the West Parry Sound Area performed considerably below those of other Ontario schools in communities with similar socio-economic characteristics;

And Whereas results as reported by the C. D. Howe Institute can only lead to less than desirable impacts on both the child and on the socio-economic well-being of the Parry Sound area community;

And Whereas the Chair of the Near North District School Board appears to be dismissing the significance of C. D. Howe Institute EQAO findings;

And Whereas there is a significant discrepancy between results of schools in the North Bay area and those in the West Parry Sound area;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan requests that the Near North District School Board provide a full and proper reply on how the Board intends to respond to the study and improve EQAO results in future tests for schools in their Board area.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-156

Moved by: Kris Nicholls

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Whereas Naturopathic medicine is a distinct system of primary care that addresses the root cause of illness or disease and promotes health and healing using natural therapies. Naturopathic doctors are highly educated primary care providers who integrate standard medical diagnostics with a broad range of natural therapies;

And Whereas Naturopathic doctors across Canada will be opening their office doors or going into their communities to inform and educate people on the benefits of naturopathic medicine;

And Whereas a significant number of residents of Ontario are turning to naturopathic doctors for valid, science-based complementary healthcare;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby proclaim April 28 to May 6, 2007 as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" in our Municipality.

Carried.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-158

Moved by: Tony Pratas

Seconded by: Patti Paul

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan will extend the employment of Linda Purdy, Parks and Maintenance Assistant, for the 2007 summer season. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-159

Moved by: Kris Nicholls

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan will hire Dennis Shannon and Trevor Zamnit as Parks and Maintenance Assistants, for the 2007 summer season. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-160

Moved by: Tony Pratas

Seconded by: Patti Paul

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has no objections to application B001/07 as submitted to the Central Almaguin Planning Board, subject to the conditions attached hereto, as Schedule 'A'. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-161

Moved by: Kris Nicholls

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has no objections to applications B003/07 and B004/07 as submitted to the Central Almaguin Planning Board, subject to the conditions attached hereto, as Schedule 'A'. **Carried.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-162

Moved by: Tony Pratas

Seconded by: Kris Nicholls

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Manager, Operations and Roads, to place an 'Ad' in the Almaguin News for Tenders to supply 13, 500 metric tonnes of quarried 'Granular A' (12,000 tonnes to be supplied as applied and 1,500 tonnes to stockpile). **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-163

Moved by: Patti Paul

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan, in accordance with the request from Kathy Parker, Chair, East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair, will donate twelve (12) Municipal pins in order that, while at the Canada-wide Science Fair in Truro, Nova Scotia, the participating students from the East Parry Sound Regional Science Fair may exchange pins with other students from across the country. **Carried.**

10. ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-164

Moved by: Tony Pratas

Seconded by: Kris Nicholls

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recognizes payment of cheques numbered 1 to 45, inclusive, and approves the accounts as presented and circulated in the amount of: Roads (Invoices and Payroll) \$8,919.68; Levies \$24,135.19; and General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$22,254.21; for a total of \$55,309.08. **Carried.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-165

Moved by: Patti Paul

Seconded by: Tony Pratas

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

Time: 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

Dick Smith, *Mayor*

Brenda J. Fraser, *Clerk/Administrator*