

The Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, July 12th, 2006
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 Sam Dunnett
Councillors: Jack Crossman; Dick Smith; Sam Stewart and Frank Tod

Municipal Staff: Ron Catcher, Manager, Operations and Roads
Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk/Administrator

1. **OPENING COMMENTS**
By Mayor Sam Dunnett

2. **DECLARATIONS OF 'PECUNIARY INTERESTS'**
Mayor Sam Dunnett declared a 'Pecuniary Interest' with Arrow Printing.
Councillor Jack Crossman declared a 'Pecuniary Interest' with the Land Fill Site Contract with regard to both the June 28th, 2006 accounts and the July 12th, 2006 accounts.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-235

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

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 Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, June 27th, 2006; and

3.2 Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, June 28th, 2006.

Carried.

4. **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-236

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan supports the resolution from the Joint Building Committee for the establishment of one central office for the Chief Building Official;

And further be it resolved that this central office be located at the Strong Township Municipal Office, effective Tuesday, August 8th, 2006.

Defeated.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-237

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan acknowledges that Minutes have been submitted from the following Boards and Committees:

- 4.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board
- 4.2 Joint Building Committee
- 4.3 Magnetawan Waste Management Committee

Carried.

5. REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-238

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the Reports, as submitted by the following departments:

- 5.1 Administration
- 5.2 By-law Enforcement

Carried.

6. BY-LAWS / DRAFT BY-LAWS

Draft By-law to provide for the Licencing and Regulating of Dogs provided to Council

7. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-239

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does NOT support the request from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Board of Health, to include the option to purchase/build a building in planning for future accommodations.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-240

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Whereas the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) predicts that the physician shortage in Ontario will reach 2,347 in 2006 and 2,648 in 2008 in its report entitled *Ontario Physician Shortage 2005; seeds of progress, but resource crisis deepening*;

And whereas it is estimated that 1.2 million Ontarians are without a Family Physician; the population of Ontario continues to grow and age and this problem will grow worse over time as more physicians retire;

And whereas qualified International Medical Graduates (IMGs) can make a valuable contribution to Ontario's health care system, particularly with respect to alleviating the current and predicted future physician shortage;

And whereas it is noted that the MOHLTC (in conjunction with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (COSO) and the Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine) has recently created up to 200 postgraduate International Medical Graduates training or evaluation positions per year for

fully qualified IMGs who are residents of Ontario or require postgraduate training;

And whereas internationally trained experienced physicians who currently practice outside of Ontario may be eligible for the new Registration through Practice Assessment Program(RPA);

And whereas the Municipality of Magnetawan recognizes that although some positive progress has been made, the physician shortage in Ontario necessitates even more progress in this area;

It be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan urges the Government of the Province of Ontario and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario take immediate action to:

1. Devote more resources to manage the increase in the numbers of International Medical Graduates applying to the IMG Program;
 2. Take action to make the temporary/pilot IMG program permanent and self-sufficient;
 3. Prevent delays and remove barriers to the assessment of experienced internationally trained physicians through the RPA program so that they practice in Ontario without unnecessary delays.
- Carried.**

Resolution No. 2006-241

Mark Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby petition the Muskoka East Parry Sound Health Services name change to Muskoka Algonquin Health Services to review their decision for the name of the Health Services and change it to read: Muskoka Almaguin Health Services to better reflect the area being served.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2006-242

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Whereas all employers within the Province of Ontario must comply with the Employment Standards Act 2000, as amended (ESA);

And Whereas Part VII of the ESA requires:

1. At Section 20, all employers to provide their employees with “*an eating period of at least 30 minutes at intervals that will result in the employee working no more than five consecutive hours without an eating period*”: (eating period requirement);
2. At Section 17, all employers to limit the number of hours an employer can require an employee to work during a day;
3. At Section 17 (1), all employers to limit the number of hours an employee can be required to work in a work week;
4. At Section 18 (1), all employers to ensure their employees have at least 11 consecutive hours free from performing work in each day;

And Whereas the recent City of Ottawa arbitration decision makes it abundantly clear that a full exemption is required to address the Section 20 non-compliance issues;

And Whereas the precedent set by the above-noted arbitration decision will inevitably be applied to violations of all other components of Part VII of the ESA when dealing with paramedics in the Province of Ontario;

And Whereas paramedics are part of the health care system in the Province of Ontario;

And Whereas many other health care disciplines are exempt for many sections of the ESA;

And Whereas the industry itself agrees with the proposal put forward that these issues should be negotiated into local agreements;

And Whereas an exemption applied to many services prior to the downloading of Land Ambulance to Municipalities;

And Whereas all Land Ambulance services across the Province of Ontario are emergency services where

employees respond to emergencies as directed by Central Ambulance Communications Centres, which, in most areas of Ontario, are under the direction of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care;

And Whereas there are times during the shifts of the employees of a Land Ambulance service when taking an eating break may place patients at mortal risk;

And Whereas there are times during the shifts of the employees of a Land Ambulance service when these same employees cannot leave their immediate assignment in order to limit the number of consecutive hours of work without placing a patient at potential mortal risk;

And Whereas there are times when employees are required to work longer than the restricted period during a day or per work week, as a result of overtime demands resulting from situations when these same employees could not leave a shift without placing a patient at potential mortal risk;

And Whereas there are times when the period of time between scheduled shifts may be less than required, as a result of the additional time an employee was required to work to avoid placing patients at mortal risk;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan petitions the Province of Ontario, through the Minister of Labour:

1. to amend Ontario Regulation 285/01 to include a full exemption from Part VII of the Employment Standards Act, 2000, as amended, for paramedics in the employment of municipalities, other service delivery agents or delegates across the Province of Ontario; and
2. to require local agreements regarding meal breaks and work hours issues, to be negotiated and to form part of each collective agreement, for said agreement to be valid between the parties.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-243

by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Whereas Andrew Houser, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, has appeared before Council to speak to Sunday Hunting as a wildlife management tool;

And whereas over seventy (70) southern Ontario Municipalities have adopted Sunday gun hunting;

And whereas local public support has been expressed with regard to initiating Sunday Hunting;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan, contingent upon the Ministry of Natural Resources including our Municipality this year in the Regulation scheduled to become effective on September 1, 2006, supports Sunday Gun Hunting in the Municipality of Magnetawan.

Defeated.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-244

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts as presented and circulated in the amount of: Roads (Invoices and Payroll)\$41,429.72; Levies \$11,248.00; and General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$50,994.61; for a total of \$103,672.33.
Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-245

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

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

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Carried.

Sam Dunnett, *Mayor*

Brenda J. Fraser, *Clerk/Administrator*