

*The Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan*

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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; and Frank Tod

**Municipal Staff:** Ron Catcher, Manager, Operations and Roads  
James Mahoney, By-law Enforcement Officer  
Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk/Administrator

**Regrets:** Councillor Sam Stewart

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 Ahmic Harbour Croft Fire Brigade and with the Land Fill Site Contract.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-252**

**Moved by:** Jack Crossman

**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:

- 3.1 Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, July 11, 2006;
- 3.2 Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, July 12, 2006; and
- 3.3 Special Meeting of Council on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**Carried.**

4. **DELEGATES**  
None

## 5. BY-LAWS

The By-law to provide for the Licencing and Regulating of Dogs was presented for discussion.

## 6. MOTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-253**

**Moved by:** Frank Tod

**Seconded by:** Jack Crossman

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario, in it's 2004 Provincial budget demonstrated support for stronger communities by stating that "we are increasing the Province's share of Public health costs, from 50% to 75% over three years, and uploading \$127 million dollars from the budgets of Municipalities by 2007";

**And whereas** the Province of Ontario increased its share of operating the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to 65% in 2006 with the expectation that the member Municipalities would see a reduction of their share to 35%;

**And whereas** the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, George Smitherman clearly indicated that the Province would be capping Health Unit budget increases to fall within a maximum 5% envelope for all increases;

**And whereas** Dr. Sheela Basrur, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister of Health and Long Term Care had previously assured the member Municipalities of the former North Bay and District Health Unit that there would be no negative financial impact on the said member Municipalities resulting from the merger with the former mismanaged Parry Sound Health Unit;

**And whereas** the Administration and Board Chair of the consolidated North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit have indicated that exceptionally large increases to this health units budget are required to help increase compliance rates within the health unit and specifically within the geographic area of the former Parry Sound Health Unit, contrary to the assurances of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the intent of the adopted merger plan:

*On page 52 of the Muskoka-Parry Sound Health Unit Merger Plan it states that Municipal levies need to be re-calculated to minimize any substantial shifts among obligated Municipalities that would result in cross-jurisdictional subsidies for program delivery*

**And whereas** the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board confirmed, at its last regular meeting, that it will be proceeding with a budget containing extraordinary spending increases contrary to the Provinces intent to aide cash strapped Municipalities;

**And whereas** the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is acting prematurely not having yet received the final request grant amount from the Province;

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan** respectfully requests that the Minister of Health and Long Term Care directly intercede with the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit in order to cause this Health Unit to comply with the stated goals of the Province to provide financial relief to financially challenged member Municipalities;

**And further,** Council demands that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit immediately reduce its operating budget and associated Municipal levy in order to comply with the spirit and intent of the Provincial direction as well as alleviating the unjust subsidy of the former Parry Sound Health Unit.

**Carried.**

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

In response to his letter, Council determined to support Marty Coombs' fund raising event by placing an 'Ad' in the local paper.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Council directed Mr. Mahoney to complete future reports to Council in an 'incident' format.
- 8.2 Council discussed the Tenders received in response to our 'Ad' with regard to an Engineering firm to complete the Tender for the proposed upgrade of Gordon Point Road.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **10. ACCOUNTS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-254**

**Moved by:** Dick Smith

**Seconded by:** Frank Tod

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) \$119,845.41; Levies \$120,677.61; and General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$46,745.16; for a total of \$287,268.18.

**Carried.**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-255**

**Moved by:** Jack Crossman

**Seconded by:** Frank Tod

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

Time: 9:04 p.m.

**Carried.**

Sam Dunnett, *Mayor*

Brenda J. Fraser, *Clerk/Administrator*