

The Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Monday, May 8th, 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.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-149

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 Monday, April 24th, 2006; and

3.2 Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, April 26th, 2006.

Carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-150

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan accepts the Minutes, as circulated, of the following Boards and Committees:

4.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board - April, 2006 Minutes

4.2 Joint Building Committee - April, 2006 Minutes

4.3.1 Magnetawan Public Library - February, 2006 Minutes

4.3.2 Magnetawan Public Library - March, 2006 Minutes
Carried.

5. REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-151

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan requires a 'composite plan' detailing all of the properties in the geographic Township of Spence, owned by Mr. Teixeira and Mr. Tonna.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-152

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan will sell that portion of Road Allowance located between Lot 87, Concession B, geographic Township of Chapman and Part of Lot 1, Concession 2, geographic Township of Croft, to the adjacent property owner(s) for the amount of \$18,750.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-153

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Clerk to retain the services of a land surveyor to survey the property legally described as Plan 319, Lot 17, East Side of King Street.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-154

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the attendance of the Clerk and Treasurer at the 2006 VOUG Regional Seminar in Orillia, on Thursday, June 15, 2006. All regular expenses to be paid.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-155

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan accepts the Tender submitted by Magnetawan Crushing Ltd. in the amount of \$51,377.90 taxes included to supply 3,500 metric tonnes of Quarried, Granular A.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-156

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan accepts the Tender submitted by Fowler Construction Company Limited in the amount of \$1,980.00 total cost for operator and sweeper and \$95.00 per hour for tractor and broom, plus GST, to provide street sweeping services in the Municipality of Magnetawan for the 2006 season.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-157

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan upon the recommendation from TSH, attached hereto as Schedule 'A', accepts the Tender submitted from Hugo Mark Construction Inc., in the amount of Four Hundred, Ninety-Six Thousand, Five Hundred, One Dollars and forty cents (\$496,501.40) for Contract No. 70932 - River Road Bridge, taxes included.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-158

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Roads Superintendent to retain the services of a land surveyor to survey Bidy Street; North Street from Hwy 510 to the east side of Bidy Street; and South Street from the Nipissing Road to the east side of James Street.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-159

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Roads Superintendent to dispose of a 'tar buggy' including the placement of an 'Ad' in the Almaguin News for the sale of this piece of surplus equipment.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-160

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

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

5.2.1 Parks and Maintenance - May, 2006

5.3.6 Roads re: Grader

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-161

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the purchase of one (1) battery container in the amount of \$1,500.00 plus GST, to be placed at the Croft Landfill Site.

Carried.

6. DRAFT BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-162

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces **By-law No. 2006-12** being a By-law to Appoint a Chief Building Official and adopts said By-law as being read three (3) times. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorizes to sign same and to affix the Corporation Seal thereto.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-163

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces **By-law No. 2006-13** being a By-law to authorize the execution of a 911 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) Services Agreement, with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police and adopts said By-law as being read three (3) times. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorizes to sign same and to affix the Corporation Seal thereto.
Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-164

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Whereas the residents of the rural community of Sherkston, in the City of Port Colborne in the Niagara Region sponsored two community meetings regarding the sharply higher market values for their homes;

And Whereas Municipal governments in Ontario are required to subsidize provincial health and social services programs, like welfare and employment services, disability benefits, drug benefits, social housing, child care, homes for the aged, public health and ambulances services;

And Whereas many young families and seniors in Ontario are finding the Municipal property tax to be a financial hardship;

And Whereas other housing costs such as hydro rates, natural gas rates and costs for water and sewer treatment and virtually all costs of running a home are increasing sharply;

And Whereas the incomes of working families and seniors have not kept pace with these escalating costs;

And Whereas due to increases in Municipal property tax and other housing costs many working families and seniors will be forced out of their homes and the communities that they love;

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan resolves as follows:

That the Province of Ontario be requested to provide relief and remedy for working families and seniors who are hardest hit by unacceptable spikes in the cost of living and by the likely property tax increases to come;

And That the Province of Ontario be requested to end its downloading of Provincial programs and the use of Municipal property tax dollars for the subsidization of Provincial health and social services programs;

And That the Province of Ontario be urged to work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to develop a plan to begin the immediate uploading of provincial program costs back to where they belong to be funded through Provincial revenues.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-165

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Whereas primary agriculture is an essential integral component of Canadian rural economies in

particular and of Canadian urban economies in general;

And Whereas Canadian primary agricultural producers are the foundation for sustainable communities across Canada;

And Whereas Canada, which was once considered ‘the breadbasket of the world’, is now in actual risk of losing our safe domestic food supply and becoming dependent upon imported food;

And Whereas Canadian farmers are currently experiencing an unprecedented financial crisis which jeopardizes the future of family farms and the greater related agricultural industry throughout the country;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan requests that the Provincial and Federal governments:

- take immediate action to address the current, unprecedented farm income crisis;
- provide immediate and sufficient financial support to ensure the planting of this year’s crops and a fair return from this year’s farm commodities; and,

That all levels of government across Canada meet with farm organizations to develop long term strategies to resolve farm issues, including but not necessarily limited to: supply management support, income stabilization and orderly marketing. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-166

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Whereas there is severe financial crisis facing the Agricultural Industry;

And Whereas there is financial impact to Municipalities re: road and bridge infrastructure, as a result of non-taxed and highly subsidized U.S. corn imported as fuel source for the ethanol plants;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recommends that any and all ethanol plants funded by all levels of government be supplied by Canadian Grains produced by Canadian Farmers only;

And further that farm organizations and groups be consulted in setting a fair and profitable price for the grain, along with the ability to produce the quantity required. **Carried.**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-167

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

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)\$6,338.39; Levies \$0.00; and General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$37,188.32; for a total of \$43,526.71.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-168

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby now enter into a 'Closed Session' as per Section 239 (2) (f) of *The Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

Time: 8:50 p.m.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-169

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby now return to 'Open Session'.

Time: 9:55 p.m.

Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-170

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

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

Time: 9:57 p.m. **Carried.**

Sam Dunnett, *Mayor*

Brenda J. Fraser, *Clerk/Administrator*