

The Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, July 13th, 2005
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'

Councillor Jack Crossman declared a 'Pecuniary Interest' with the Ahmic Harbour Croft Fire Brigade and the Land Fill Site Contract.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-254

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 Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2005;
- 3.3 Public Meeting of Council on Monday, June 27th, 2005; and
- 3.4 Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, June 29th, 2005.

Carried.

4. MUNICIPAL BOARDS / COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-255

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has no objections to application B014/05 as submitted to the Central Almaguin Planning Board, subject to the conditions attached hereto, as Schedule 'A'.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-256

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has no objections to application B020/05 as submitted to the Central Almaguin Planning Board, subject to the conditions attached hereto, as Schedule 'A'. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-257

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has no objections to application B021/05 as submitted to the Central Almaguin Planning Board, subject to the conditions attached hereto, as Schedule 'A'. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-258

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan, as recommended by the Magnetawan Community Development Committee, will form a committee to promote the 140th Anniversary of the Village of Magnetawan and the Hamlet of Ahmic Harbour. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-259

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the purchase of new signs for the two Municipal Land Fill Sites. Signs to be as follows:

- 1) Chapman Waste Management Site; and
- 2) Croft Waste Management Site.

Signs to also include the hours of operation and notice of the penalty for depositing refuse at the Land Fill Site entrances/gates, and the slogan "Partner with us in Recycling". **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-260

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Frank Tod

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 - June 2005
- 4.2 Joint Building Committee Minutes - June 2005
- 4.3 Magnetawan Community Development Committee - July 2005
- 4.4 Magnetawan Waste Management Committee - June 6 and June 13, 2005 **Carried.**

5. MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-261

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Clerk/Administrator to formally withdraw the appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, Case No. PL050247, Official Plan for the Municipality of Magnetawan. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-262

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan accepts Dylan Jarvis, on a six (6) month probationary period, as a volunteer for the Magnetawan Fire Department.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-263

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan accepts the Tender submitted by Fowler Construction Company Limited in the amount of \$161,645.10 for the application of High Float Surface Treatment.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-264

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan shall retain the services of TSH, as the engineering firm for the COMRIF funding for the River Road Bridge replacement, as per the letter attached hereto as Schedule 'A'.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-265

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

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

By-law Enforcement - June 2005

Parks and Maintenance - July 2005

Carried.

6. BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-266

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces By-law No. 2005-19 being a By-law to Set and Levy the Rates of Taxation 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.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-267

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the draft 'Intermunicipal Service Agreement' between 'The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound' and 'The Parry Sound Catchment Area Partners', as presented and attached hereto as Schedule 'A'.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-268

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has no objection to the request from Robert Franklin Brown and Elizabeth Jane Brown, to have Lot 22 Plan 253 and Lot 23 Plan 253 joined as one lot. All costs with regard to this request, will be the responsibility of the owners of the lots.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-269

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Whereas the Near North District School Board has indicated that it will either refurbish or replace Almaguin Highlands Secondary School;

And Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan is concerned that the students attending this High School continue to receive the best possible education without having to travel out of the Almaguin Area;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan does hereby support the Village of Burks Falls in their petition to the Near North District School Board to set up a committee comprised of members of Municipal representatives and the public, i.e. students, parents, staff and residents of the Almaguin area, to review: the options available for rebuilding or refurbishing Almaguin Highlands Secondary School; the methods of increasing enrollment at the High School; and increasing community involvement in keeping the school a viable entity.

And that this Resolution be directed to the Chairman of the Near North District School Board.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-270

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Whereas the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has called on the Provincial and Federal Governments to act in order to solve the problem of farm viability;

And Whereas many issues that promote farm financial uncertainty are as a result of arbitrary changes to farm safety net programs by the Provincial and Federal Governments;

And Whereas many more as yet unclear regulatory and administrative rules and requirements have the potential to be cost prohibitive and unworkable;

And Whereas programs supporting long standing rural infrastructure have been eliminated or reduced;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recognizes the real threat to the long-term viability of Ontario farmers and requests the Governments of Ontario and Canada to:

- Ensure that the implementation and application of nutrient management rules are done in a way that addresses the concerns the farm community has repeatedly raised;
- Recognize that environmental benefits provided by farmers offset any need for administrative changes on water taking permits;
- Restore confidence of the Government/farmer partnership by maintaining long-term investment in drainage infrastructure; and
- Immediately implement an action plan to address the farm income crisis.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-271

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Whereas certain groups and organizations are exempt from Municipal taxation through Section 3 (10) of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990;

And Whereas these groups and organizations enjoy the benefits of the significant infrastructure and services provided by the Municipalities in which they are located, at no cost to them;

And Whereas we feel that this system is unfair to the taxpayers of the Municipality who must subsidize the users of these organizations for these services, who are not from the Municipality, but from all over Ontario;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario review the pertinent legislation and consider implementing an appropriate system which will make monies available from the Province to the Municipality that would be equivalent to the property tax dollar amount that would normally be payable using the current assessed values. **Carried.**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Sam Dunnett read the letter received in the Municipal Office from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, notifying the Municipality that the 'Grant Review Team', did "not recommend (our) request for funding".

11. ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-272

Moved by: Frank Tod

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)\$75,424.63; General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$60,973.79; and Levies \$98,220.00; for a total of \$234,618.42. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-273

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) (b) (f) of *The Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

Time: 9:15 p.m.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-274

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: 9:40 p.m. **Carried.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-275

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

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

Time: 9:45 p.m.

Carried.

Sam Dunnett, *Mayor*

Brenda J. Fraser, *Clerk/Administrator*