

The Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, November 23rd, 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. 2005-402

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 Thursday, November 3rd, 2005;
- 3.2 Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, November 8th, 2005; and
- 3.3 Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, November 9th, 2005.

Carried.

4. **DELEGATES**

4.1 **Bill Riley, President, Municipal Insurance Services Ltd.**

Mr. Riley offered a brief overview of the 2006 Municipal Insurance program being offered to the Municipality of Magnetawan, explaining the administration change in our servicing broker and the reasons for the 3.5% increase.

4.2 **Sid Larson, MNR**

Mr. Larson, a bear technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources offered information to Council with regard to fencing, with electrical fence, the Municipal Land fill Sites, to discourage bears from accessing these Sites, for food. Mr. Larson listed the advantages and disadvantages of bears being at the Land Fills as well as a brief overview of bear biology.

4.3 **Walter Winger, Magnetawan Community Development Committee**

On behalf of the MCDC, Mr. Winger provided a report to Council which included the Committee response to Council comments regarding the MCDC Terms of Reference and a summary of the Economic Development meeting attended by Walter Winger and Phil Raaflaub.

4.4 **Rob Rainey, DunAhmic Snow Riders Snowmobile Club**

Mr. Rainey forwarded regrets.

5. **BY-LAWS**

None

6. **MOTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-403

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes a Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$100.00 for Full Time Staff and in the amount of \$50.00 for Part Time Staff.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-404

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the request for the Municipal Office to be closed from December 22, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. until January 3, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., for the Christmas Season.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-405

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Whereas Canadian consumers have witnessed skyrocketing gas prices in recent weeks;

And Whereas many have attributed the increases to recent natural disasters in the United States;

And Whereas despite recent natural disasters in the United States, Canada did not face a shortage in gasoline or an increase in costs;

And Whereas experts, economists and analysts have attributed the increases to a dearth of competition in the wholesale gasoline sector;

And Whereas the wholesale gasoline sector is dominated by a handful of refining companies who exclusively share infrastructure, such as pipelines and terminals;

And Whereas it is speculated that the recent increase in gas prices meant pure profit for gasoline wholesalers;

And Whereas without a sufficient number of competitors, price competition does not exist;

And Whereas supply and demand economics only exist when there are numerous competitors;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan supports the Canadian Independent Petroleum Marketers Associations's (C. I. P. M. A.) idea of asking the Federal Government to intervene in the wholesale gasoline sector to restore the free market system of competition.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-406

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Whereas the cancellation of the spring bear hunt several years ago has resulted in an over abundant black bear population;

And Whereas the black bear population is becoming increasingly bold, and there are increased incidents of nuisance bears and bear attacks in urban and rural areas;

And Whereas the spring bear hunt was a viable management tool and a way of controlling the black bear population;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan petition the Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources, to immediately move to reinstate the spring bear hunt.

Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-407

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan supports the Ministry of Natural Resources' proposal to expand Sunday gun hunting opportunities in Ontario, south of the French and Mattawa rivers.

Defeated.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-408

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the attendance of Frank Tod, Dick Smith and Jack Crossman and Sam Dunnett at the 2006 FONOM / MMAH Municipal Conference on May 10, 11 & 12, 2006, in the Town of Blind River. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-409

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk to affix their signatures to the 'Agreement made between The Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan and Dun-Ahmic Snow Riders Snowmobile Club' following

inclusion of the amendments discussed by Council.
Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-410

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan accepts the Municipal Insurance proposal from Municipal Insurance Services Ltd. for the year 2006, in the amount of \$37,354.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-411

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan, in response to the request from the Magnetawan Recreation Committee, authorizes payment in the amount of \$1,065.75, for the Committee's New Years Eve Family Celebration. Monies to be drawn from the Parks and Recreation Account.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-412

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the attendance of the Clerk and Treasurer at the Municipal Connect Focus Group on November 30th, 2005, at the Township of The Archipelago. All regular expenses to be paid.

Carried.

10. ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-413

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) \$13,773.42; Levies \$246,255.45; and General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$56,191.92; for a total of \$316,220.79.

Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-414

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

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

Time:

8:50

p.m.

Carried.

Sam Dunnett, *Mayor*

Brenda J. Fraser, *Clerk/Administrator*