

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, December 8th, 2004
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
Jack Crossman; Dick Smith; Sam Stewart; and Frank Tod.

Municipal Staff: 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 Ahmic Harbour - Croft Fire
Brigade.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-420

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 Wednesday, November 22nd, 2004; and
- 3.2 Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, November 24th, 2004.

Carried.

4. MUNICIPAL BOARDS / COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-421

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has no objections to application B043/04 as submitted to the Central Almaguin Planning Board, subject to the conditions attached hereto, as Schedule 'A'. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-422

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

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

- 4.1.1 Central Almaguin Planning Board - November 2004 Minutes;
- 4.2.1 Magnetawan Area Community Centre Committee - November 2004 Minutes.
- 4.3.1 Magnetawan Waste Disposal Committee - November 8, 2004 Minutes
- 4.3.2 Magnetawan Waste Disposal Committee - November 29, 2004 Minutes. **Carried.**

5. REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-423

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. 2004-424

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Treasurer to pay all usual accounts for December, 2004. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-425

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan will hold its' Regular Council Meetings for the year 2005, in the Magnetawan Community Centre, at 7:00 p.m., on the following dates: January 12; January 26; February 9; February 23; March 9; March 23; April 13; April 27; May 11; May 25; June 8; June 22; July 13; July 27; August 10; August 24; September 14; September 28; October 12; October 26; November 9; November 23; and December 14. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-426

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan appoints Frank Tod to represent our Municipality on the Almaguin Recycling Initiative Committee for a 2 year term, ending November, 2006. Councillor Dick Smith to be the alternate. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-427

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan appoints all Council to represent our Municipality on the South East Parry Sound District Steering Committee for a 2 year term, ending November, 2006. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-428

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Manager, Operations and Roads, to enter into an agreement with Almaguin Highlands Secondary School to participate in their Co-op program. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-429

Moved by: Frank Tod

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the Manager, Operations and Roads, to have repairs performed on the Municipal Grader in accordance with his report, attached hereto as Schedule 'A'. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-430

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan accepts the Department Reports as follows:

- 5.0 Building - October and November Reports
- 5.2 By-law Enforcement - November Report
- 5.4 Parks and Recreation - November Report
- 5.5 Roads - Co-op Student and Municipal Grader Reports

Carried.

6. DRAFT BY-LAWS

With regard to the Draft By-law to restrict the use of certain sections of roads and road allowances during winter months, Council heard presentations from: John Corney (Nelson Lake Road); Maire Carew (Spence/Croft Boundary Road); Ray Steel (Albert Street); and Charles Wager (Nelson Lake Road).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-431

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts By-law No. 2004-35 being a By-law to stop up, close and sell part of the original road allowance between Concessions 8 and 9 in front of Lot 1, geographic Township of Croft, now in the Municipality of Magnetawan, District of Parry Sound (Matthews) as being read three (3) times. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign same and affix the Corporation Seal thereto.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-432

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Jack Crossman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces By-law No. 2004-36 being a By-law to establish an unassumed public highway over a parcel of land in the geographic Township of Croft and designated as Parts 4 and 5, Plan 42R-16770 and adopts said By-law as being read three (3) times. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign same and affix the Corporation Seal thereto.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-433

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan introduces By-law No. 2004-37 being a By-law governing procurement policies and procedures and adopts said By-law as being read three (3) times. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign same and affix the Corporation Seal thereto.

Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-434

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan declares the weekend of July 8 through July 10, 2005, Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in our Municipality.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-435

Moved by: Dick Smith

Seconded by: Frank Tod

Whereas Local Services Realignment (LSR) was developed and implemented in 1998 by the Province of Ontario to change the Provincial-Municipal relationship in the delivery of services and to change the funding approaches and cost-sharing of significant Health, Education and Social Programs;

And Whereas Local Services Realignment funding changes entailed a variety of program funding models including Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Child Care, Social Housing and Land Ambulance ranging from 20% to 100% Municipal contributions;

And Whereas there was a commitment to cost-neutrality to Municipalities in these changes and the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) was developed to offset increased Municipal costs by recognizing certain program component cost increases;

And Whereas the trends in program cost-sharing between Provincial Ministries and the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board demonstrate increased shifting of program delivery and administration costs to the Municipal share, thereby reducing Ministry contributions below the commitment percentages presented in Local Services Realignment;

And Whereas Provincial Government and Ministry changes to program costs may result in very high Municipal cost increases for 2005;

And Whereas between 1998 and 2002 our Municipalities has realized deferred capital spending;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario, in the Fall Economic Statement, committed to a review of the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) for 2005 as part of an extensive and broad consultation process to determine how public services can be sustained and adequately funded in the long term;

And Whereas the last Provincial Reconciliation of the CRF, for the 2002 year end, indicated that the Province could not commit in advance to a Fall 2004 Reconciliation to recognize increased Municipal costs for Local Services Realignment Programs;

And Whereas the recent Provincial Budget did not specifically address the Government's intent with respect to the Community Reinvestment Fund and showed CRF payments relatively flat-lined;

And Whereas the CRF is a significant funding source for the Municipality of Magnetawan;

And Whereas Municipalities in Northern Ontario now receive 41 % of the total Ontario CRF allocation;

And Whereas, if the CRF is not reconciled after 2002, it will most likely result in a significant loss of revenue which will result in a higher 2005 tax levy to pay for services downloaded from the Province;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan supports the requests outlined in the letter dated November 1, 2004 from the Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayor's Caucus, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA);

And further be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan petition the Province of Ontario to continue to recognize the theme of revenue neutrality with respect to Local Services Realignment Costs by maintaining the reconciliation process for 2003 and future years;

And that the portion of the CRF that is not subject to reconciliation be increased annually to account for the effects of inflation;

And that the administrative programs funding caps for services such as Child Care, Land Ambulance and Social Services be removed;

And that the original savings targets imposed upon Municipalities be added back as costs for the 2003 and subsequent CRF reconciliations;

And further that the review and realignment of the CRF for 2005 recognize and reflect the reason that the CRF was created initially, that being to ensure revenue neutrality with respect to downloaded services. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-436

Moved by: Sam Stewart

Seconded by: Dick Smith

Whereas the Ministry of Environment has set a goal for all Municipalities in Ontario to divert sixty (60%) per cent of all waste from landfills by 2008;

And Whereas recent media reports indicate that Ontario consumers annually place on billion aluminum cans in the garbage instead of the recycling bin;

And Whereas the number of cans and bottles littering our roads and highways is significant; **And**

Whereas most other provinces in Canada and many jurisdictions in the U. S. Presently have a deposit system in place on all drink containers;

And Whereas in Alberta, a five (5) cent deposit on all beverage containers has resulted in eighty-two (82%) per cent being returned for recycling;

And Whereas the present system used by the Ontario beer stores results in ninety-one (91%) per cent of cans and ninety-eight (98%) per cent of bottles being returned;

And Whereas many European countries now insist on reusable plastic beverage containers instead of recycling these plastic containers;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan petition the Minister of Environment and the Ontario Government to implement a system of deposit returns for

all metal, glass and plastic beverage containers, and seriously consider mandating reusable plastic drink containers. **Carried.**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan shall discontinue having a Member of Council in attendance at the Municipal Office on Friday afternoons, effective January 1, 2005. **Carried.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan will donate \$1,000.00 to the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion Museum Trust to help secure a Victoria Cross medal and keep it in Canada where it belongs. Should this attempt not be successful, this donation to be forwarded to the Canadian War Museum. **Carried.**

10. ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-439

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) \$15,655.97; General Government (Invoices and Payroll) \$117,198.07; and Levies \$30,279.82; for a total of \$163,133.86.

Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-440

Moved by: Jack Crossman

Seconded by: Sam Stewart

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

Time: 9:20 p.m.

Carried.

Sam Dunnett, *Mayor*

Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk/Administrator