



**Magnetawan Community Development Committee (MCDC)
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022**

The meeting of the Magnetawan Community Development Committee was held on Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 3:30 pm with the following present:

Committee members in attendance:

Councillor John Hetherington

Chair Dan Raaflaub

Marilyn Raaflaub (virtually)

Merik Szabunio (virtually)

Vice Chair Diane Szabunio (virtually)

Regrets:

Cathy Loree Bulych

Daniel Wilson

Staff members in attendance:

Deputy Clerk Laura Brandt (Secretary)

Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm.

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2022-06 M. Szabunio -D. Szabunio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee adopts the agenda as presented and circulated.

Carried.

1.3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The Chair stated that should anyone have a disclosure of pecuniary interest that they could declare the nature thereof now or any time during the meeting.

1.4 Adoption of Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2022-07 M. Szabunio-M.Raaflaub

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee adopts the minutes from the meeting of February 15, 2022.

Carried.

Items Brought Forward

2.1 Verbal Update Current Recreational Programming under COVID-19 Protocols

The Secretary advised the Committee that provincial restrictions have now been lifted. Participants no longer need to sign a COVID agreement, screen, or wear masks when attending programming.

2.2 Verbal Update Digital Photo Frame Heritage Centre

Committee Member Merik Szabunio updated the Committee that he will be moving on to the scanning and loading phase with an anticipated completion date before the Heritage Museum Centre opening.

2.3 The Great Northern Ontario Roadshow

The Secretary advised the Committee that the event was very well attended and that thank you emails had been sent to Science North and all community groups that attended the event. Feedback provided by the community groups was very positive. Moving forward including a food booth could be considered but at the planning stage for this event COVID protocols did not allow for this. It should be noted that food was not offered at the other two events in neighbouring communities.

2.4 Update Community Rocksnake Project Naming Contest

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Community Rock Snake Contest is now open and has been distributed on all municipal social media platforms. The response has been very positive, and the Secretary has received several submissions. Once the March 31st deadline is up the Secretary will create a poll in survey monkey to be distributed so that residents can vote on the name submissions. The resident who submitted the winning name will receive a \$50 gift certificate from a business located within the Municipality. If more than one resident has submitted the same winning name, a draw will be performed to establish the winner.

2.5 Verbal Update Scavenger Hunt Year of the Garden Event

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Secretary is currently working on 10 pun like riddles for participants to solve. Participants will solve ten riddles and take a selfie at the destination to submit so that they can prove that they correctly solved the riddle. This will ensure that volunteers will not be needed at each of the destination points and additionally the event will be able to move forward even if restrictions are once again put in place for COVID.

The Secretary requested the Committee to send in any ideas for riddles to the Secretary.

New Business

3.1 Easter Event

The Secretary asked if anyone on the Committee would be able to attend an Easter Event the day of or assist with planning. At this time no one is available as they have prior commitments. The Secretary advised that in anticipation of the lack of available volunteers that she had reached out to JH Farms the same local business that made the treats in 2021 that were distributed to the treats and reached out to the Magnetawan Central Public School to see if they were agreeable to receive the treats again this year.

The Secretary was asked to order the same treats as previously ordered in 2021.

3.2 May Long Weekend

The Secretary advised the Committee that she was asked to put this on the agenda by a member of the Committee that is not at the meeting today. The Committee did discuss that typically an event is not held this weekend as most residents are doing spring clean up and opening up their cottages. Additionally, an event for May Long Weekend was not included in the budget for 2022. The Committee agreed that there would be no event on the May long weekend.

3.3 Music in the Park Series

The Secretary advised the Committee that with the opening of the restrictions that the Municipality would like to restart the Music in the Park Series. The Secretary has reached out to several local artists to hopefully fill nine Saturdays in July and August. Music in the Park has in the past run Saturday evenings in the evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Magnetawan Centennial Park. Additionally, students and parks staff will be able to support this event.

The Committee asked the Secretary to reach out to the Burks Falls Legion regarding potential artists.

3.4 Summer Art in the Park Series

The Secretary advised the Committee that she had reached out to Lois Cookman, Chair of the Burks Falls Arts and Crafts Club to ask if there was any interest in club members to participate in an event such as this. The club was very receptive to this idea as they have recently lost their gallery space. The Committee discussed how this could be a positive event for the Municipality building upon the Beautification Project and how it could run every Saturday in the greenspace where the apple trees are for a few hours in the afternoon or complementing the Saturday market hours.

The Secretary was asked to meet with Lois Cookman to discuss and confirm details of this event.

3.5 Archery

The Secretary advised the Committee that with the opening of the restrictions that the free summer archery program will be able to run. Currently the archery equipment is stored at the Magnetawan Central Public School. The Committee discussed what volunteers had assisted with running the program in the past in hopes they would be agreeable to volunteering for 2022 and additionally this event could be supported with students and parks staff for set up and tear down.

The Committee asked the Secretary to reach out to the volunteers that assisted with this programming in the past to see if they would be interested in assisting for 2022.

3.6 Canada Day Event and Fireworks

The Secretary advised the Committee that with the opening of the restrictions the Municipality would be able to plan a Canada Day Event on Friday July 1, 2022. The Secretary provided the Committee a spreadsheet of tasks to be completed for planning and events. The Secretary has reached out to several vendors to obtain quotes for discussion today and it should be noted that many vendors have changed professions and/or are still not comfortable in attending events. The Committee discussed the events that typically have been conducted on Canada Day along with the quotes that had been provided thus far.

The Secretary asked Committee Members to review the spreadsheet in its entirety to ensure that there is a clear direction moving forward and that no detail has been overlooked.

The Committee asked the Secretary to book the Steel Drum Band, Ken the Balloon Dude, AB Creations for face painting services, Northern Bounce for an obstacle course, and the Reptile Camp. The Committee also asked the Secretary to obtain a quote for horse wagon rides.

3.7 Magnetawan Public Library Heritage Day

The Committee discussed the letter that was received by The Magnetawan Public Library. The Committee discussed several events that could help support Heritage Day.

The Committee asked the Secretary to respond to the library informing them that the Committee will hopefully be able to support by having Art in the Park and Music in the Park on Saturday August 13, 2022.

3.8 Soap Box Derby

The Secretary advised the Committee that with the opening with the restrictions the Municipality may be able to facilitate planning the Soap Box Derby Event. The Secretary provided the Committee a spreadsheet of tasks to be completed for planning and events. The Committee discussed the feasibility of planning this event as it has not run for two years due to COVID.

The Committee asked the Secretary attempt to locate the derby cars that were used in the 2019 Soap Box Derby and to bring back the outcome to the next meeting.

3.9 Public Call for Art Submission

The Committee discussed the Public Call for Art Submission for 2022 that the Secretary developed. The Secretary advised the Committee that the call had been distributed on all social media platforms and to three local art clubs to be distributed to their membership.

For Information Only

4.1 Survey Results Almaguin Community Safety and Well Being Plan Survey 202

Adjournment

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RESOLUTION 2022-08 -M.Raaflaub-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee adjourns this meeting at 5:13 pm to meet again on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 3:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Diane Szabunio

Chair

Laura Brandt

Secretary