



**Magnetawan Community Development Committee (MCDC)  
Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2022**

The meeting of the Magnetawan Community Development Committee was held on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 3:00 pm with the following present:

**Committee members in attendance:**

Marilyn Raaflaub  
Merik Szabunio (virtually)  
Vice Chair Diane Szabunio (virtually)  
Daniel Wilson

**Regrets:**

Cathy Loree Bulych  
Councillor John Hetherington  
Chair Dan Raaflaub

**Staff members in attendance:**

Deputy Clerk Laura Brandt (Secretary)

**Opening Business**

Vice Chair Diane Szabunio assumed the position of Chair

**1.1 Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

**1.2 Adoption of the Agenda**

*RESOLUTION 2022-09 M.Raaflaub -Wilson*

*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 2022-10 Wilson-M. Szabunio*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee adopts the minutes from the meeting of March 22, 2022.*

*Carried.*

### **Items Brought Forward**

#### **2.1 Approved Budget Items 2022**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the 2022 Municipal Budget was passed at the last meeting of Council April 13, 2022.

#### **2.2 Verbal Update Community Rock Snake Naming Contest**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the first phase of the contest is complete, and the Secretary received nominations for 22 names. Currently the survey monkey is open for the public to vote for their favourite name starting with the letter M. Currently the Municipality has received 30 votes. The contest ends April 21, 2022, and the outcome will be distributed on the Municipal website, social media platforms, and posters will be distributed throughout the Municipality.

#### **2.3 Verbal Update Scavenger Hunt Year of the Garden June 18, 2022**

The Secretary advised the Committee that poster, rules, and riddles have been completed and approved. The poster will be distributed as per usual. This event is in conjunction with the Magnetawan Horticultural Society's Year of the Garden Celebrations.

#### **2.4 Update Easter Event**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Easter baskets were ordered and delivered to the Magnetawan Central Public School on Thursday April 14, 2022. The baskets were well received by Staff at the School and the children were very excited to be receiving them. There were many posts on social media thanking the Committee and the Municipality for their generosity.

#### **2.5 Verbal Update Music in the Park**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Secretary has booked six bands for the Music in the Park Event. Music in the Park will be held Saturdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The Secretary advised the Committee that a draft poster has been completed that will be sent to the artists to ensure that their information is correct or if they require any additional information to be added for example style of music. This event will be advertised by the Municipality as per usual.

#### **2.6 Verbal Update Art in the Park**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Secretary had met with the Chair of the Burk's Falls Art Club, and they have agreed to have artists from their club attend 6 out of the 10 dates available. The Secretary has also reached out to several known local artist to enquire if this event would be of interest to them. If there are available dates left available, the Secretary will put a call out for artists to ensure that all the dates are filled.

## **2.7 Verbal Update Archery**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Secretary has reached out to the former volunteers that helped run this programming. One of the certified volunteers can currently only commit to attending once a week and the other uncertified volunteer can no longer commit weekly but can attend occasionally. The Committee discussed options as it is required to have certified instructors to run the programming. The Committee agreed that the programming should run once a week on Mondays from 6pm to 8pm. The Secretary advised the Committee that she has been in contact with the Magnetawan Central Public School regarding the equipment for this programming and currently the equipment is being transported to Whitestone Public School. The equipment will be returned by the end of the school year and will be ready for pick up at the end of June.

The Secretary was asked to investigate what is required to obtain certification in order to run this programming.

## **2.8 Update Canada Day Event and Fireworks**

The Secretary advised the Committee that all the vendors had been contacted as requested last meeting. The Secretary advised that a new face painter had to be contacted as the previous one was no longer able to attend the event. Additionally, the inflatable vendor is not returning calls or emails and their one phone number has been disconnected. The Secretary is actively sourcing a new vendor to supply inflatables and/or games as well as a candy vendor for the event. The Roads Department has agreed to help close the North End of Highway 520 and volunteers will be needed for the South End by the Magnetawan Public School and the four corners by the Grill and Grocery. The Secretary advised the Committee that a call for parade floats will be circulated by the Municipality as per usual.

The Secretary was asked to reach out to the Parry Sound Friendship Centre to enquire if they would attend with a drum circle for our event. The Secretary was also asked to reach out to the Military to enquire if they would attend the event.

The Secretary asked the Committee to review the Canada Day Spreadsheet to see what each member can commit to helping with the day of the event for the next meeting.

## **2.9 Verbal Update Magnetawan Public Library Heritage Day**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Magnetawan Public Library has been contacted to advise them that Music in the Park and Art in the Park will be running on August 13, 2022, in support of their event.

## **2.10 Update Soap Box Derby**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Secretary had investigated the location of the Soap Box Cars from the 2019 Soap Box Derby. Currently there are only two Soap Box Cars sponsored by the Magnetawan Fire Department currently in the Municipality's possession. Currently it is estimated that there are approximately 20 cars unaccounted for. The Secretary also advised the Committee that the Secretary had reached out to the Magnetawan Home Hardware to investigate the cost of building a soap box derby car as due to the Pandemic there has been an increase in costs as well as supply and demand issues. The Secretary was advised that the cost currently today would

be \$600 to build a car. Home Hardware also advised that they anticipate pricing going up and that to build a car this season it could be \$600 to \$800 per car. As well they anticipate supply chain issues and cannot guarantee the supplies necessary to build a car will be available. The Committee discussed that this pricing is too high at this time to ask businesses to contribute especially after the past two years. The Secretary advised the Committee that, as they are aware, historically in the past racers charged the car expenses to individual accounts at Home Hardware and then sponsors were to pay the bill for their sponsored car. This system no longer can be utilized as some sponsors did not pay their bills.

Additionally in reviewing previous minutes and Soap Box Derby documentation there seems to be some confusion surrounding who owns the cars. Further cars were not returned to the Sponsors as they should have been, and as well there were some racers that built cars but did not show up to race. The Secretary was advised that at this time it would not be appropriate to call racers and ask for the cars to be returned. The cars may not have been stored correctly and might not even be in safe condition to run as some have been stored outside for the past 3 years. The Secretary has located the starting ramp and currently it is being stored by Mark Langford and the starting gate is in need of repair.

The Committee discussed revamping and reworking the Soap Box Derby so that it can continue to run successfully in 2023. The Secretary advised the Committee that once the Summer Events are organized and executed that this item can be added to the agenda so that the Committee can come up with viable solutions to mitigate the concerns brought forth and to ensure the future success of this event.

### **2.11 Update Grant Funding**

The Secretary advised the Committee that the Municipality was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant for our Canada Day Event and in obtaining funding under the RED Intake #2 Grant for public art projects in 2022, 2023, and 2024 if budgeting allows. The Secretary also advised the Committee that the Municipality was unsuccessful in its application to the Young Canada Works Funding.

## **Adjournment**

### **3.1 Adjournment**

*RESOLUTION 2022-11 -M.Raaflaub-Wilson*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee adjourns this meeting at 4:41 pm to meet again on Tuesday May 31, 2022, at 1:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.*

*Carried.*

**Approved by:**

*Diane Szabunio*

Chair

*Laura Brandt*

Secretary