



Magnetawan Community Development Committee (MCDC) Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2020

The meeting of the Magnetawan Community Development Committee was held by video conference via GoToMeeting on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 at 10:00am with the following present:

Chair Merik Szabunio
Vice Chair Marilyn Raaflaub
Diane Szabunio
Erin Murphy (Secretary)

Regrets:

Councillor John Hetherington
Angela Hoffman

1. Call to Order by Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 10:06am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2020-18 M. Szabunio – D. Szabunio

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

3. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

RESOLUTION 2020-19 D. Szabunio - Raaflaub

WHEREAS the Municipal Procedural By-Law 2020-29 outlines that Committees of Council must appoint a Chair and Vice Chair;

AND WHEREAS the Magnetawan Community Development Committee is an active committee or board of Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee appoints Merik Szabunio as Chair for the remainder of 2020 and the 2021 calendar year (Carried).

Chair Szabunio assumed the position of Chair and the Secretary handed the meeting over to the Chair.

RESOLUTION 2020-20 D. Szabunio – M. Szabunio

WHEREAS the Municipal Procedural By-Law 2020-29 outlines that Committees of Council must appoint a Chair and Vice Chair;

AND WHEREAS the Magnetawan Community Development Committee is an active committee or board of Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee appoints Marilyn Raaflaub as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2020 and the 2021 calendar year (Carried).

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

No member of the committee has any disclosures of conflict of interest.

5. Adoption of the meeting minutes from previous meeting

RESOLUTION 2020-21 M. Szabunio – D. Szabunio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee adopts the minutes from the meeting of June 22, 2020 (Carried).

6. New Business

6.1 Resignation of Committee Member

The Committee was in agreement with recruiting more Committee members. The Committee welcomes residents of Magnetawan to apply. If someone with an educational background joins the Committee, they would be a great resource to provide insight into the school system. Even a senior student would be welcome to sit on the Committee or in an advisory role.

Direction was given to the Secretary to market that the Committee is looking for new volunteers and to advertise on social media channels, community bulletin boards, library, and the website.

RESOLUTION. 2020-22 M. Szabunio - Raaflaub

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee regrettably accepts the resignation of Emily Bolduc and thanks her for her dedicated years of service to the community of Magnetawan and the Committee (Carried).

6.2 Magnetawan Community Development Committee Mandate

The Committee reviewed the current mandate and had no additional comments.

6.3 Museum Assistance Program, COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund Spending Recommendations Report

The Committee discussed the various spending recommendations and agreed that priority needs to go to upgrading the existing display cases in the Heritage Centre and adding additional display cases. If there are funds remaining, they can be allocated to purchasing a quilt rack.

RESOLUTION 2020-23 Raaflaub – M. Szabunio

WHEREAS the Magnetawan Community Development Committee happily accepts the \$5,000 grant from the Museum Assistance Program, COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund, and thanks the Minister of Canadian Heritage for their support;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has reviewed the Museum Assistance Program, COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund Spending Recommendations Report as presented;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Magnetawan Community Development Committee respectfully requests that Council consider utilizing the grant for the following initiatives: giving priority to installing an additional display case and improving existing display cases (Carried).

6.4 Heritage Centre Revitalization Report (sample of Heritage Centre Mural designed by Lily DiGiacomo, Heritage Centre Kids Activity Booklet, and QR Codes)

The Committee was impressed with Lily DiGiacomo's tremendous work on the Heritage Centre mural and it is a great addition to the community.

The Committee discussed other ideas for the Heritage Centre including putting a call out on the Municipal website that donations are being accepted for the Heritage Centre. Another idea that was suggested was to have a digital photo frame on the wall in the Heritage Centre, which would display historical photos and videos in a slideshow format on a loop with music playing in the background. There could be various SD cards that have different historical themes and content on them. When the digital photo frame is up and running, the Committee discussed expanding this initiative to show content from local businesses if they wish to advertise their events and activities. A one pager could be created to market to businesses that lists the benefits and what they will get out of advertising on the photo frame. A large database would need to be created of photographs and videos. In the future, an electronic version could potentially be offered for anyone who requests it.

Chair Szabunio and the Secretary are going to further discuss the specifics of this initiative.

Direction was given to the Secretary to investigate costs and bring back a report to the Committee.

RESOLUTION 2020-24 D. Szabunio – M. Szabunio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee sends a special thank you to Lily DiGiacomo, Heritage Centre Attendant, for her outstanding creativity, dedication and numerous hours spent designing and painting the Heritage Centre mural (Carried).

7. Upcoming Events

7.1 COVID-19 Ideas for Recreational Programming (Fitness Classes, Pickleball and Nordic Pole Walking)

Fitness classes are running smoothly outside in the Pavilion and are expected to run till the end of October. The Community Centre is not open; therefore, fitness classes will not be offered in-person during the winter months. The Committee discussed having pre-recorded classes be made available online for participants to do from home.

Direction was given to the Secretary to discuss with Fitness Instructor Cindy Leggett on what she needs to offer pre-recorded classes.

The Committee discussed Nordic Pole Walking and agrees if the proper safety measures are put in place for physical distancing and sanitization, that this program would be able to run.

Direction was given to the Secretary to contact the previous volunteers of this program and determine if this program is feasible.

The Committee would like to devote their energy into offering activities in the Pavilion and make that a drawing point for the community. With the Community Centre closed, it would be beneficial to have more activities available in the Pavilion and enhancing the pavilion to be able to offer more recreational activities.

The Committee also suggests creating a skating path for residents. It is very popular in other areas such as Huntsville and North Bay, and the Committee believes it could be a great addition to our area.

Direction was given to the Secretary to discuss with Parks and Maintenance Manager, Steve Robinson, on possible trails or paths that could be used for skating and determine approximate costs.

7.2 Halloween

With the Horticultural Society holding a Thanksgiving decorating contest, the Committee will not be holding a separate event. For Halloween, the Committee would like to give students at the Magnetawan Central School Halloween candy and ask that the teachers hand it out on the Committee's behalf.

Direction was given to the Secretary to contact Magnetawan Central School to determine feasibility and what protocols need to be followed.

7.3 Other Ideas for 2021

Given the current COVID-19 situation, the Committee does not want to plan too far ahead until they know what the current protocols are and what would be allowed. They are abiding by the protocols and procedures given by the Ontario Premier, and do not want to advertise events or programs that would draw a large crowd that could potentially endanger our residents. The Committee would like to take things one or two months at a time when it comes to events and look at what the protocols are at that given time.

8. Information Items

8.1 Magnetawan Lock System Brochure

The Committee suggests contacting various marinas and associations in the area that would advertise and distribute the locks brochure.

Direction was given to the Secretary to contact the Almaguin Community Economic Development's Director of Economic Development, Dave Gray, for input on marketing locations and tactics. The Secretary will also reach out to various marinas and associations in town and assemble a master distribution list for future marketing materials.

8.2 Items for Future Meetings

Broadband Grant

9. Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2020-25 D. Szabunio - Raaflaub

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Development Committee adjourns this meeting at 11:27am on October 6, 2020, to meet again at the call of the Chair (Carried).

Approved by:

Merik Szabunio

Chair

Erin Murphy

Secretary