



## **AGENDA**

**Magnetawan Community Centre Board (MCCB)**

**Monday August 9, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**Magnetawan Community Centre**

### **OPENING BUSINESS**

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Appoint Chair and Vice Chair 2021
- 2.3 Adoption of the Agenda
- 1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- 1.5 Adoption of Previous Minutes

### **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

- 2.1 Pavilion Curtains
- 2.2 Verbal Update on Front Steps, Sidewalk and Roof Magnetawan Community Centre
- 2.3 Pine Trees beside Magnetawan Community Centre
- 2.4 Verbal Update Grant Outcomes and Potential Grant Funding
- 2.5 Verbal Update Lion's Pavilion Boards

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 3.1 Community Rock Snake

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- 4.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Committee and Adjourn



**Magnetawan Community Centre Board (MCCB)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

**10:00 am**

**Magnetawan Community Centre  
4304 Highway 520, Magnetawan**

**Committee members in attendance:**

Chair Garry Johnston  
Vice Chair Garfield Robertson  
Councillor Brad Kneller  
Harvey Sohm  
Maria Dunnett  
Mark Langford

**Regrets:**

Charlie Gray

**Staff members in attendance:**

Acting Deputy Clerk Laura Brandt (Secretary)  
Parks & Maintenance Manager Steve Robinson

**OPENING BUSINESS**

- 1.1 Call to order  
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM
- 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda  
*RESOLUTION 2021-01 Langford-Robertson*  
*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Centre Board adopts the agenda for this regular meeting of March 24, 2021.*  
*Carried.*
- 1.3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest  
Chair Johnston stated that should anyone have a disclosure of pecuniary interest that they could declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.
- 1.4 Adoption of the meeting minutes from previous meeting  
*RESOLUTION 2021-02 Sohm-Kneller*  
*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Centre Board adopts the minutes from the regular committee meeting of November 18, 2020 as copied and circulated.*  
*Carried.*

## **Items Brought Forward**

- 2.1 **Community Centre Items (shelving on stage and kitchen inventory)**  
Inventory was completed which does reflect that the Community Centre does have a low level of big spoons. The Committee discussed the inventory levels reflected and they feel having less soup spoons should not be an issue and that there is no need to order additional inventory at this time.
- 2.2 **Update Curtains**  
Parks and Maintenance Supervisor Steve Robinson gave a verbal update on the curtains for the Pavilion. The curtains have been picked up from Almaguin Custom Canvas and Mark Langford and crew will be installing them this week.
- Direction was given to the Secretary once they are installed to post on Social Media thanking the Magnetawan Lion's Club for their current contribution and ongoing support of the Pavilion.*
- 2.3 **Update on Front Steps**  
Park and Maintenance Supervisor Steve Robinson gave a verbal update on the Front Steps. The Municipality is sourcing two more longer steps as what we currently have is a little short of being able to complete the repair. The railings are complete. Once the frost is out the ground the project will be able to move forward and be completed.
- 2.4 **Update PA System**  
The secretary gave a verbal update that Cripple Creek Music located in Huntsville is no longer in business. The Secretary reached out Long and McQuade located in North Bay to enquire if they perform consultations. Long and McQuade do not provide this service but they did provide the Secretary with Dan Belanger's contact information as they recommend his services for consultations. The Secretary reached out to Dan Belanger and for him to come into the Community Centre and perform a consultation in regard to the PA system would be \$400.
- RESOLUTION 2021-03 Kneller-Sohm  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Centre Board receives the verbal update from Acting Deputy Clerk Laura Brandt regarding the PA System;  
AND HEREBY, asks Staff to wait until the Community Centre is open to see if a consultation is needed.  
Carried.*
- 2.5 **Update Pavilion Use COVID-19 Restrictions**  
The secretary gave a verbal update on the COVID-19 Restrictions that were in place for the use of the Pavilion to ensure the Committee was aware that we were in compliance with the North Bay and Parry Sound Health Units mandated restrictions.
- 2.6 **Update COVID funding and Grant Opportunities**  
The secretary updated the Committee as to the status of the grants that have been applied and submitted. Currently Staff are waiting for approvals on three grants that would affect the Community Centre and Ahmic Harbour Community Centre. Staff are currently investigating new grant opportunities.

2.7 Update Budget

The secretary updated the Committee that Council passed Draft #3 of the Budget on March 17, 2021 and that Staff anticipates that the 2021 Budget will be passed in April.

*Direction was given to the Secretary to bring back any relevant sections of the passed budget to a future meeting.*

**New Business**

3.1 Update Pine Trees beside Community Centre

Park and Maintenance Supervisor Steve Robinson gave a verbal update on the pine trees located on the side of the Municipal Building closest to the parking lot. Several trees have fallen due to a windstorm. The Committee was asked as to which type of trees, they feel would be a suitable replacement for the pine trees.

**RESOLUTION 2021-04 Dunnnett-Langford**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Centre Board receives the verbal update from Acting Deputy Clerk Laura Brandt regarding the Pine Trees at the side of the Community Centre/Municipal Office;**

**AND HEREBY, asks Staff to consult with John Hetherington to see what trees may be suitable as a replacement and bring back to a future meeting.**

**Carried.**

**Items for Future Meeting**

Replacement of Pavilion Outdoor Rink Boards

**RESOLUTION 2021-05 Kneller-Robertson**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Centre Board asks Staff to investigate the cost of replacing the Pavilion Outdoor Rink boards and bring back to a future meeting.**

**Carried.**

Use of the Ahmic Harbour Community Centre

**RESOLUTION 2021-06 Sohm-Dunnnett**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Centre Board asks Staff to investigate the previous use of the Ahmic Community Centre and bring back to a future meeting.**

**Carried.**

**Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION 2021-07 Dunnnett-Sohm**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Community Centre Board adjourns this meeting at 10:55 am to meet again on Wednesday May 12, 2021 at 10:00am or the call of the chair.**

**Carried.**

Approved by:

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Chair

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Secretary



# A BIG thank you to the Magnetawan Lion's Club!

for their generous donation of sunblock curtains for our Municipality's outdoor rink.

Special thanks to Mark Langford and Crew for the awesome installation job!

These curtains will help prevent ice melt during the winter months and will help prevent rain and rays during the summer months.



## Laura Brandt

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**From:** John Hetherington <john.s.hetherington@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** March 24, 2021 6:43 PM  
**To:** Laura Brandt  
**Subject:** Re: Question regarding Trees at Municipal Office  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Laura, I will give you my thoughts for discussion.

First...what is the purpose of the trees....windbreak, shade, physical barrier..., all three?

Oaks are beautiful trees but dont provide the canopy in winter to windbreak. Their limbs tend to be heavy and somewhat brittle....not good over a public space.

Fruit trees are a different problem not tall enough and too messy...not a good choice in a municipal parking lot.

The best choice is the evergreens, conifers. Spruce...Pine...Fir...Hemlock. Of these, the Hemlock is a tremendous "canopy" tree. It has very strong durable trunk with a wide, dense canopy up top. This growth makes this tree very important to wildlife managers....the tree puts a roof over the forest protecting overwintering deer and moose.

It is my opinion that providing shade and shelter (wind protection) is best accomplished with Hemlocks. They rarely shed or drop top branches and are generally well anchored trees. I have planted over 6000 Hemlock seedlings on my property over the last 5 years.

I would not plant seedlings in this situation as they take 2 years after planting to "get going" due to transplant shock. The best bet would be a balled root 5 or more year old tree. These are available from the larger nurseries and can be truck shipped.

I can check with the nurseries I deal with for pricing and availability for fall planting or next spring if you wish. I expect you will need time to remove stumps etc and prepare the area.

Just let me know how I can help. John

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021, 1:10 PM Laura Brandt <[deputyclerk@magnetawan.com](mailto:deputyclerk@magnetawan.com)> wrote:

Hi John

Hope you are doing well. I had a Community Centre Board Meeting this morning and we spoke about the trees on the side of the Municipal Office building and what we could possibly replace them with. The Committee asked Steve and I to reach out to you to see if you have any suggestions that you think would be suitable for that location 😊

Any input would be much appreciated.

Thanks so much

**Laura Brandt, Acting Deputy Clerk**

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**From:** John Hetherington <john.s.hetherington@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** March 24, 2021 11:04 PM  
**To:** Laura Brandt  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: Question regarding Trees at Municipal Office

Hi Laura, an interesting alternative to Hemlock and much faster growing might be Arborvitae "Green Giant" which is a hybrid of eastern red cedar which grows 40 to 60 ft and can be planted to create a very dense hedge requiring very little to no maintenance. These trees are capable of 2 to 4 ft of annual growth. This would create a much denser wind break as well as look good. Hemlock are VERY slow growing!! John ps a fall back would be white pine.....a bit of a "gagger" they really don't do well planted as seedlings or caliper trees out by themselves.

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021, 6:46 PM Laura Brandt <[deputyclerk@magnetawan.com](mailto:deputyclerk@magnetawan.com)> wrote:

Thank you for your e-mail. I will be away from the office March 24, 2021 returning March 25, 2021

If your matter is urgent, please contact the Municipal Office at 705-387-3947 or [accountspayable@magnetawan.com](mailto:accountspayable@magnetawan.com).

Be safe and Healthy

Laura



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**From:** John Hetherington <john.s.hetherington@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** March 25, 2021 9:50 AM  
**To:** Laura Brandt  
**Subject:** Re: Question regarding Trees at Municipal Office  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Hi, caliper size hemlocks are very hard to find because they are so slow to grow from seedlings. I found some last nite in the 6 to 10 ft size....\$250 to \$2500 EACH.....so I dont think thats feasible. Although a beautiful mature tree, I dont think hemlock seedlings are right for this project.

The **GREEN GIANTS** would really look good and grow very fast and cost much less. Take a look on the internet for green giant arborvitae and see what you think....maybe print off a color photocopy to take to meetings.

I buy my evergreens from Pinetree Wholesale and their catalogue does not go past 2-2 transplants for hemlock....but I can buy caliper trees of other evergreens up to 8 ft including spruce and white pine. They do not grow Green Giant. 2-2 transplants are 2 yr seedlings transplanted to the field for 2 more years....both are the same size! If I buy 10 x 6ft white pine here they cost \$125 each and 10 6ft white spruce are \$110 each. I will check out a couple of other nurseries for the best G.G. prices

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021, 8:58 AM Laura Brandt <[deputyclerk@magnetawan.com](mailto:deputyclerk@magnetawan.com)> wrote:

Good Morning John

Thank you so much for both of your emails. I will most definitely take your suggestions back to the Community Centre Board. It would be fantastic if you could check with the nurseries in regard to pricing and availability for the hemlocks and the green giants 😊

Have a great day

Laura

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## Laura Brandt

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**From:** John Hetherington <john.s.hetherington@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** March 30, 2021 3:33 PM  
**To:** Laura Brandt  
**Subject:** Re: Trees  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Thanks, that will let me reserve an appropriate number of trees at the nursery. They have 36 to 42 inch seedlings for \$35 with 30% off for orders over 20 trees. They have to be picked up at the nursery outside Kitchener and the order prepaid...I can help you set that up when required.

The technical part of preparing the site does need to be addressed. John

On Tue, Mar 30, 2021, 3:22 PM Laura Brandt <[deputyclerk@magnetawan.com](mailto:deputyclerk@magnetawan.com)> wrote:

Hi John

Just wanted to reach out and let you know Steve had a chance to measure and he said it is 200 ft 😊

Hope this helps

Laura

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## 7-year-old's 'rock snake' embraced by Toronto's Beaches community



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TORONTO – On a grey day, there's no missing the long and colourful line of painted rocks that stretches along the boardwalk on Kew Beach.

"It's a snake made out of rocks," is how Lucas Walker describes it—and he should know. The 7-year-old started it last week, an idea born from boredom.

"He's just been stuck in the house with the pandemic and everything going on," Lucas's father Nick told CTV News Toronto. "He came up with an idea to get his mom and his brother and some of his friends involved."

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The snake started simply: with just four rocks and a hand painted sign. The sign reads, "I'm just a rock snake, here to make you smile. Paint a rock, add it to my body, help me grow a mile."

And grow is something the rock snake hasn't stopped doing. Dozens and dozens of brightly coloured rocks now line the boardwalk at the foot of Lee Avenue.





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Surveying the ever-expanding snake. Lucas exclaims, "I feel it's like awesome!"

Even on a rainy afternoon, the rock snake stops those passing by.



Some look, others take photos. The rock snake has its own Instagram account featuring photos of the rocks people have left. Several kids arrive with painted rocks to add, and just about everyone who notices it smiles.

"The people over there, it's bringing joy to them," Lucas says. His father agrees. "Everyone likes to see art, everyone likes to smile and I think it's good for the community too."

Lucas says he's excited to watch his pandemic project grow, one rock, and one smile at a time.

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Lucas Walker, 7, created a "rock snake" along the Beach boardwalk. It has now reached more than 600 metres in length. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE PHOTOS TORONTO STAR

# 'Rock snakes' keep the good vibes flowing

Kids in Toronto, Bowmanville and Lindsay start their own public art projects to alleviate boredom and bring smiles

DENIS GRIGNON  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

From the boardwalk at Toronto's Kew Beach, standing on the sand next to a long series of painted rocks, Lucas Walker announces to his more than 3,500 Instagram followers, "This is Rocky Smiles the Rock Snake. Now at a THOUSAND feet!" He pauses, bounces the way only a seven-year-old can bounce and beams. "Pretty crazy, right?"

Even crazier, still, when a short time after that post, "Rocky" reached more than 600 metres and more than 8,000 rocks to unofficially become the world's largest ever rock snake.

Rocky Smiles didn't start out with a goal to set a record. Lucas's mother, Sema Sali said, "We were just looking for something fun and creative."

So they painted four rocks at the beach, intended to take them home and instead left them in a neat line in



the sand.

"A mother and son spending time together ... trying to keep him busy." The following day, the line had grown. And then grew some more. "Other people had started adding to it and we thought, 'Hey! Wait a minute!'" she said. "It all started very organically."

Some stones near Kew Beach, part of Walker's 8,000-rock "snake." His mother, Sema Sali, says it started organically as a mother-and-son art project.

About 80 kilometres east, Weston Hodge, age four, is adamant the series of painted rocks he and his family started on a walking path near his Bowmanville home, is most definitely not a rock snake.

SNAKES continued on E14

## How to handle Father's Day if you've lost a loved one

Grief is highly individual, and while some will enjoy company, others may want to be left alone

BRANDIE WEIKLE  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Holidays and other occasions

down the aisle.

Before we've had a chance to get our bearings in a world without the person we so desperately miss, these occasions arrive, inconvenient reminders festooned with marketing messages about how to make it special with the gift of a



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# Rock snakes 'an act of random

SNAKES from E1

"Don't call it that," he insists. "It's a rock worm."

That's the beauty of this kind of communal art — call it what you want, since there's no rule here that's carved in you-know-what. Neither is there an expected level of artistic skill. Paint it all one colour. Or two. Or with stripes or polka dots. Or make that rock your canvas for an image.

"It's a way to show your creativity as a non-artist," explains Mallory Warren, a graphic designer and artist who answered the call to create a professional sign at the site of Lucas's rock snake. "People think art has to be professional, some great masterpiece. But it doesn't ... even a little flower on a rock brings a smile to someone's face." There are plenty of video game and movie characters. And more than a few sports team logos. "But after the (Leafs) lost," said Sali, "the guy that started that section disassembled it."

Blame the boredom that comes with Lockdowns One, Two and Three for these snakes' surge in popularity.

"Instead of suggesting 'let's go for a walk' it was, 'let's go check out the worm.' It made our home a bit more exciting and happy and gave us something to talk about afterwards," said Weston's mother, Alyssa.

"A rock snake," adds Weston's father, James, before his son jumps in to correct him, "I mean a rock worm is a good excuse to get outside." Another pause, then dad adds with a sigh, "Weston doesn't engage so much in online schooling ... it's tough to look at an iPad for a long (time)."

While not as long as Lucas's, Weston's worm, at almost 500 rocks and growing, does embody the same keen community spirit. Alyssa often leaves unpainted rocks, which they collect at nearby beaches, for would-be artists. "But," she said, "we can't keep up with the demand."

About an hour north of Bowmanville, in Lindsay, Nena Bovie is equally astounded at the literal growth of the rock snake she and her son started in late May with four rocks, along a paved public trail that follows the Scugog River. "I'm surprised that it even made it to 10 rocks, to be honest with you," she admits. Last count had hers at 600, including Nena's favourites: two rocks painted to resemble a pair of lips with the number 61 in bold, created by a



Lucas Walker, 7, and his mother, Sema Sali, with their rock snake on Toronto's Kew Beach boardwalk.



Nena Bovie and son Rafael started a rock snake in late May along a paved public trail that follows the Scugog River.

couple marking that many years of marriage. "That gave me a big smile," said Bovie. "The littlest things have huge stories. And huge meanings."

Bovie, like her rock snake counterparts, is busy — and shocked — that what they started has never been sabotaged, musing that vandals seem to give these creations a pass. (Though Sali admits that some of the finer pieces of rock art

have, um, gone missing.)

But Andy Cleghorn, a Toronto registered psychotherapist who specializes in art therapy, isn't surprised. She points to the many messages of hope and positivity painted on the rocks that galvanize and uplift everyone who sees them. "(The installations) are an act of random kindness," said Cleghorn. "And you can't help but get a little smile on your face. Espe-

cially during COVID."

"When you see graffiti that said (an expletive), it kind of rattles you." She continues, "But when you see a cute little rock that said 'We're all in this together' or 'Don't give up' or 'You're special,' it's a feel good moment. It's literally a message of hope ... that we've got this."

"There's a reason why art has always been around. It activates (positive) things in our brain."