



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2026
1:00 pm

The meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan was held at the Magnetawan Community Centre on Wednesday April 15, 2026, with the following present:

Mayor Sam Dunnett
Deputy Mayor John Hetherington
Councillor Bill Bishop
Councillor Brad Kneller
Councillor Jon Hind

Staff: CAO/Clerk Kerstin Vroom, Deputy Clerk Planning and Development Erica Kellogg, and Deputy Clerk Recreation Communications Laura Brandt were present for the entire meeting. Treasurer Stephanie Lewin, and Public Works Superintendent Scott Edwards were present for their respective section in the meeting.

OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2026-85 Bishop-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan amends the agenda to defer the Planning Act meeting Zoning By-law Amendment – Blyth – 112 Moonwing Drive to a Planning Act Meeting during the next regular meeting of Council on May 6, 2026.

Carried.

1.3 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2026-86 Hetherington-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council on March 25, 2026 and Regular Council meeting on March 25, 2026, as copied and circulated.

Carried.

1.3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Sam Dunnett 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.

DEPUTATION

Austin Toth – Huntsville Cancer Clinic

RESOLUTION 2026-87 Hetherington-Bishop

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan thanks Austin Toth for his Deputation Huntsville Cancer Clinic;

AND WHEREAS the Huntsville Cancer Clinic currently provides vital oncology services to residents of Huntsville and surrounding communities, including residents of the Municipality of Magnetawan;

AND WHEREAS cancer patients often require frequent visits for treatment, making proximity to care a critical factor in patient well-being, treatment adherence, and overall outcomes and relocating these services to Bracebridge would require significantly farther distances for treatment, increasing hardship for individuals already facing serious health challenges;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern residents already experience barriers to accessing healthcare, including transportation limitations, weather conditions, and financial constraints and maintaining equitable access to healthcare services across the region is essential to supporting healthy communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan strongly opposes the relocation of the Huntsville Cancer Clinic to Bracebridge and Council calls upon the Government of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, and Ontario Health to retain cancer care services in Huntsville;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Magnetawan urges other municipalities and stakeholders to join in advocating for the preservation of this critical healthcare service;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Honourable Graydon Smith MPP Muskoka Parry Sound, the Honourable Scott Aitchison MP Muskoka Parry Sound, FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and all affected Municipalities including Armour, Burk's Falls, Callander, Joly, Kearney, Machar, Magnetawan, McMurrich-Monteith Nipissing, Perry, Powassan, Ryerson, South River, Strong, Sundridge, Whitestone, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Lake of Bays, and Muskoka Lakes.

Carried.

Direction to Staff was given to circulate the motion to the Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHHC).

PRESENTATION

Tim McBride & Alana Valle, Pinchin Ltd. – Annual Monitoring Report Update

2025 Annual Monitoring Report, Croft Waste Disposal Site

2025 Annual Monitoring Report, Chapman Waste Disposal Site

2026 Waste Fill Plan, Croft Waste Disposal Site

2026 Waste Fill Plan, Chapman Waste Disposal Site

2026 Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Care Liability Estimates

****Full Pinchin reports are available on the Recycling and Landfill Page on our website at www.magnetawan.com under Annual Reports**

RESOLUTION 2026-88 Hind-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan thanks Tim McBride and Alana Valle, Pinchin Limited, for the 2025 Annual Monitoring Reports, 2026 Waste Fill Plans, and Landfill Closure and Post – Closure Care Liability Estimates on the Chapman and Croft Landfills and receives the reports as presented.

Carried.

PLANNING ACT MEETING

Zoning By-law Amendment – Blyth – 112 Moonwing Drive

STAFF QUARTERLY REPORTS

Report from Fire Chief Derek Young

Report from By-law Enforcement Officer Jason Newman

Report from Chief Building Official Tyler Irwin

Report from Public Works Superintendent Scott Edwards

Report from Parks and Maintenance Manager Steve Robinson

Report from Deputy Clerk Erica Kellogg

Report from Deputy Clerk Laura Brandt

RESOLUTION 2026-89 Bishop-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the Staff Quarterly Reports from the Department Heads as presented for information only.

Carried.

STAFF REPORTS, MOTIONS AND DISCUSSION

2.1 Memo from Treasurer Stephanie Lewin, 2026 DRAFT Budget

DRAFT Set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes and Levy the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2026

Provisional Budget Report Operating and Capital

Reserves and Reserves Funds

RESOLUTION 2026-90 Kneller-Bishop

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the Memo from Treasurer Stephanie Lewin 2026 DRAFT Budget, the DRAFT Set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes and Levy the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2026 By-law, Provisional Budget Report Operating and Capital and Reserves and Reserves Funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes and Levy the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2026 By-law as presented, and the by-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting;

AND FURTHER Council thanks Staff for their good work on preparing the 2026 budget.

Carried.

2.2 DRAFT Entrance By-law

RESOLUTION 2026-91 Bishop-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the DRAFT Entrance By-law as presented, and the by-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.

Carried.

2.3 DRAFT Consent Agreement (Limited Services Agreement) – Blyth – 112 Moonwing Drive

RESOLUTION 2026-92 Kneller-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the DRAFT Limited Services Agreement substantially in the format attached as a condition of consent – CON 9 PT LOT 15 - (BYLTH 030 00220100), and the by-law on this matter will be passed later on in the meeting.

Carried.

2.4 Correspondence from Patti Paul, Farmers Market Rent Reduction Request

RESOLUTION 2026-93 Bishop-Hind

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence from Patti Paul Farmers Market Rent Reduction Request;

AND WHEREAS the Magnetawan Farmers Market supports our local economy in drawing visitors to Magnetawan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the rental of the Magnetawan Lions' Pavilion for the Farmers Market at a reduced rate of \$0 from the regular rate of \$110 per weekend for 2026 if requested with the following conditions:

- The Magnetawan Lions' Pavilion be left clean and tidy after the close of market each Saturday and it is the responsibility of the renter to ensure its cleanliness*

- That liability insurance in the amount of \$5 million dollars is purchased by the renter and a copy of same provided to the Municipality.*

Carried.

2.5 Donation Request, Almaguin Minor Softball Association

RESOLUTION 2026-94 Bishop-Hetherington

WHEREAS Council passed Resolution 2023-07 and 2023-78 supporting the concept of a baseball team, supplying baseball equipment (baseballs, bats, helmets, gloves etc.) and covering the cost of insurance for Kid's Baseball;

AND WHEREAS due to the growing success of the local league baseball as well as in neighbouring communities an Almaguin Minor Softball Association has been formed;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence Donation Request from the Almaguin Minor Softball Association;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes a donation of \$250 for the cost of insurance and BBQ food items for the year end event as well as authorizes the 'in kind' donation of the Croft Recreational Park's Baseball field (dependent on the revitalization project), baseball equipment, access to the storage shed, and Community Centre for the year end event;

AND FURTHER THAT Council extends their good wishes to all the teams for a successful Baseball Season.

Carried.

2.6 Donation Request, Near North Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament

RESOLUTION 2026-95 Hind-Kneller

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence Donation Request Near North Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament and thanks the near North Crime Stoppers for all their good work in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes a donation of \$175 as a Tournament Sponsor for the 28th Annual Golf Tournament at Highview Golf Course on Friday, June 19, 2026.

Carried.

2.7 DRAFT Establish Fees, Charges and AMPS

RESOLUTION 2026-96 Hetherington-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the DRAFT Establish Fees and Charges and AMPS as presented, and the by-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.1 Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Committee (MAHC) Political Leaders Forum Minutes October 9, 2025

3.2 Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHC) Minutes December 4, 2025, January 8, 2026 & February 5, 2026

3.3 Magnetawan Economic Tourism Committee (METC) Meeting Minutes March 27, 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-97 Hetherington-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the Municipal Boards and Committee Minutes as copied and circulated.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands, Ministry of Environment Reconsideration Use of Lighter Grade of Oil

4.2 Town of Cobourg "Elbows Up for Climate Action"

4.3 City of Sarnia Strengthening Municipality Accountability and Public Trust (Bill 9)

4.4 FONOM News Releases, Board Advances Northern Priorities at Meeting in Kirkland Lake, Supports Provincial Highway 11/17 Safety Measures While Calling for Continues Progress, Calls for Fair Housing Funding as Development Charge Changes Risk Leaving Northern Communities Behind & Urges Ontario to Act as Manitoba Advances Compassionate Intervention Legislation

4.5 OPP GHQ Municipal Policing (OPP) 2026 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Update

4.6 Thank You Certificate and Magazine Ad MADD Canada

4.7 OACAO Spring 2026 Newsletter featuring Municipality of Magnetawan Senior's Programming

4.8 Successful Outcome of NOHFC Workforce Development Grant Funding - Deputy Chief/Fire Prevention Officer

4.9 Successful Outcome of NOHFC Community Enhancement Program Grant Funding - Leekfest

- 4.10 **Successful Outcome of Canadian Heritage Grant Funding - Canada Day**
- 4.11 **2026 Music in the Park Poster**
- 4.12 **Celebrate Leekfest in the Mag! 2nd Annual Magnetawan Leekfest Poster**
- 4.13 **ICYMI Council Highlights March 25, 2026**

RESOLUTION 2026-98 Kneller-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence items as copied and circulated;

AND FURTHER endorses the following motions:

- 4.1 *Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands, Ministry of Environment Reconsideration Use of Lighter Grade of Oil*
 - 4.2 *Town of Cobourg "Elbows Up for Climate Action"*
 - 4.3 *City of Sarnia Strengthening Municipality Accountability and Public Trust (Bill 9)*
- Carried.*

ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 **Accounts in the amount of \$1,176,519.93**

RESOLUTION 2026-99 Bishop-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts in the amount of \$1,176,519.93 as presented.

Carried.

BY-LAWS

- 6.2 **Set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes and Levy the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2026**
- 6.3 **Entrance By-law**
- 6.4 **Consent Agreement (Limited Services Agreement) - Blyth - 112 Moonwing Drive**
- 6.5 **Establish Fees, Charges and AMPS**

RESOLUTION 2026-100 Hetherington-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan that the following by-laws are now read a first, second and a third time, passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book:

- 6.2 *Set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes and Levy the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2026*
- 6.3 *Entrance By-law*
- 6.4 *Consent Agreement (Limited Services Agreement) - Blyth - 112 Moonwing Drive*
- 6.5 *Establish Fees, Charges and AMPS*

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, Council shall proceed into Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees**

RESOLUTION 2026-101 Bishop-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan moves to a closed session at 3:10 pm pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, Council shall proceed into Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-102 Hind-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan returns to open session at 3:25 pm.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-103 Kneller-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality thanks all of those who have sent in their letter of interest and appoints the following member(s) to be part of the Magnetawan Library Board: Andrew Czernik

Carried

CONFIRMING BY-LAW AND ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Council and Adjourn

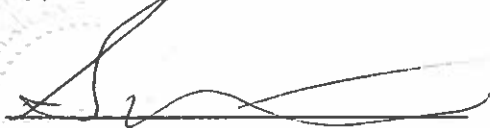
RESOLUTION 2026-104 Hetherington-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan that the Confirming By-law is now read a first, second and a third time, passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the by-law book;

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 3:25 pm to meet again on Wednesday May 6, 2026, at 1:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

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Mayor

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Clerk