



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 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 June 3, 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. Public Works Superintendent Scott Edwards was present for his 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 2026-131 Bishop-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the agenda as presented.

Carried.

1.3 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2026-132 Hetherington-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the minutes of the Council and Planning Meeting on May 6, 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.

*Deputy Mayor Hetherington and Mayor Dunnett declared pecuniary interest for the Agenda Item 2.9 Correspondence from the Magnetawan Lions Club, Request to Place Drink Vending Machine at the Magnetawan Lions Pavillion

DEPUTATION

Juanita Bueschleb – National Drowning Prevention Week and World Drowning Prevention Day

RESOLUTION 2026-133 Bishop-Hetherington

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan thanks Juanita Bueschleb for her efforts in educating the community on drowning prevention and for working with the Magnetawan Lions Club to host events and activities to further the awareness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan declares July 19th through to July 25th, 2026 as National Drowning Prevention Week and July 25th, 2026 as World Drowning Prevention Day within the Municipality;

AND FURTHER the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recognizes National Drowning Prevention Week and World Drowning Prevention Day annually.

Carried.

PLANNING ACT MEETING

Zoning By-law Housekeeping Amendment Entire Municipality

RESOLUTION 2026-134 Hind-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recesses the regular meeting to hold a public meeting pursuant to Sections 34 of the Planning Act to consider the Municipality's Housekeeping Zoning Amendment.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-135 Bishop-Hetherington

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives with thanks the report from Erica Kellogg, Deputy Clerk Planning and Development of Proposed Zoning Housekeeping Amendments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives and approves the Draft Housekeeping Bylaw amendment as presented and a By-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-136 Hetherington-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Magnetawan adjourns the Planning Act public meeting and returns to the regular meeting.

Carried.

PUBLIC MEETING

Stop Up Close & Sell Unopened Road Allowance - Part 2 and 3 42-R22812 (Goede) Stop Up Close & Sell Unopened Road Allowance - Parts 1 and 3 42R-22684 (Echo Beach Cottage Resort Inc.)

RESOLUTION 2026-137 Hetherington-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recesses the regular meeting to hold a public meeting to consider two Stop Up, Close and Sell Applications known as;

- *Goede – 3 Robinson Road 4944 030 00504122; and*
- *Echo Beach Cottage Resort Inc. – 3 Woodland Lane 4944 030 00108500.*

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-138 Hind-Hetherington

WHEREAS the Municipality of Magnetawan passed Resolution 2025-237 supporting in principle the sale of an Unopened Road Allowance application abutting lands between Con 8 & 9 Lot 16 & 17 Plan and M208 Lot 22 (Goede 030 00504122);

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Magnetawan has surveyed the subject Unopened Road Allowance resulting in Part 2 and 3 of a deposited plan known as 42R-22812;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Magnetawan has received correspondence from abutting owners of Lot 21 Plan M208 (Longwell 030 00504121) expressing no interest in participating in the sale provided a registered easement is given over Part 3 of 42R-22812;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan, after holding its public meeting regarding the Stop Up, Close and Sell Road Allowance, agrees to pass the by-law later in the meeting with the understanding that Part 2 and 3 of Plan 42R-22812 are merged on title at the time of transfer with the purchaser's lot (Goede 030 00504122) abutting the road allowance, that was specified in the application and in the letter from the Municipal.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-139 Hind-Hetherington

WHEREAS the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan passed resolution 2024-234 supporting in principle the sale of the Unopened Road Allowance within 2 metres of the encroaching structures with conditions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan, after holding its public meeting regarding the Stop Up, Close and Sell Road Allowance, agrees to pass the by-law later in the meeting with the understanding that Part 1 and 2 of Plan 42R-22684 are merged on title at the time of transfer with the purchaser's lot (Echo Beach Cottage Resort Inc. 030 00108500) abutting the road allowance, that was specified in the application and in the letter from the Municipal.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-140 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adjourns the public meeting and returns to the regular meeting.

Carried.

STAFF REPORTS, MOTIONS AND DISCUSSION

2.1 Request Stop Up Close & Sell Unopened Road Allowance - 20 Mary Street Ahmic Harbour (Havrylyuk)

RESOLUTION 2026-141 Hetherington-Bishop

WHEREAS during a 2026 road maintenance evaluation the Municipality determined that the remnant portion of Mary Street which dead ends at 60 Mary Street and singularly provides access to 60 Mary Street is not winter maintained by the Roads department due to the narrowness and lack of turn around;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Magnetawan received a Stop Up and Close application along with the non-refundable fee from Yuriy Havrylyuk and Viktoriya Zhurybida of 60 Mary Street Ahmic Harbour, (030 00708800) to purchase the maintained portion of Mary Street which dead ends at the applicants' property and provides vehicular access to the applicants' property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of Magnetawan supports in principle the selling of the remnant portion of Mary Street which provide singular access to 60 Mary Street with the following conditions;

- The applicant provides the required deposit as per the current fees and charges by-law;*
- All costs incurred by and/or imposed by the Municipality arising from and in consequence of the application and the proposed closure and sale be borne by the applicant;*
- The applicant be responsible for obtaining a reference plan depicting the subject lands to the satisfaction of the Municipality;*
- The applicant be required to take all steps required for the subject lands to merge with the applicant's lands on title;*
- The price of the land shall be at no charge as this piece is for the sole purpose of access to their property only and does not lead to water.*

Carried.

2.2 Bay Street Bridge #10 Report from Tulloch Engineering

RESOLUTION 2026-142 Kneller-Hind

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives with thanks the Report from Tulloch Engineering Inc. dated March 26, 2026 – Detour Options Analysis– Bay Street Bridge Replacement;

AND WHEREAS Lessard Bridges, are a modular steel structure manufactured by Lessard Welding that have an average service life of 50 years or more provided they undergo regular maintenance and corrosion control requiring a minimal road closure of approximately 8 hours as opposed to months – which would have required the use of private property and payment for such use;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan is in favour of the installation of a Lessard Modular bridge over the existing Bay Street Bridge to address the immediate need to maintain traffic at the Bay Street Bridge;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan is in favour of Tulloch Engineering preparing and evaluating a tender for the purchase and installation of a Lessard Bridge over Bridge #10 Bay Street bridge.

Carried.

2.3 DRAFT Appoint a Deputy Fire Chief - Paul Lydan

RESOLUTION 2026-143 Bishop-Hetherington

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan welcomes Paul Lydan to the Magnetawan Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the DRAFT Appoint a Deputy Fire Chief Paul Lydan as presented, and the by-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.

Carried.

2.4 DRAFT Motion Dun-Ahmic Snowriders Donation of 20x20 Building

RESOLUTION 2026-144 Heatherington-Bishop

WHEREAS the Municipality of Magnetawan is in receipt of correspondence from the Dun-Ahmic Snowriders offering a 20x20 building located at the Croft Recreation Park to the Municipality in exchange for a donation to their non-profit organization;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan receives with thanks the offer of the 20x20 building from the Dun-Ahmic Snowriders; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes a donation of \$_____ to the Dun-Ahmic Snowriders.

Deferred.

Direction was given to Staff to confirm the structural integrity of the building.

2.5 Request Donation for Magnetawan Central Public School Emily Langford Graduation Award for Citizenship

RESOLUTION 2026-145 Bishop-Hetherington

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan is supportive of our community school and students and congratulates all our graduates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes a donation of \$100.00 for the Magnetawan Central Public School Emily Ross Langford Award for Citizenship.

Carried.

2.6 Request Use of Centennial Park - Cecebe Waterways Association Annual Regatta

RESOLUTION 2026-146 Kneller-Hetherington

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence from Cecebe Waterways Association for the "45th annual Regatta" on Sunday August 2nd from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Centennial Park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the request for the use of the Centennial Park with the following conditions:

- *A qualified First Aid Attendant be onsite for the event;*
- *A qualified Lifeguard be onsite for the event;*
- *A Public Health Permit be obtained if required.*

Carried.

2.7 Request Permit for Road Occupation - Cecebe Waterways Association Annual Regatta

RESOLUTION 2026-147 Kneller-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence from Cecebe Waterways Association, Request for Road Closure Chapman Drive August 1, 2026, and approves the request with the following conditions:

- *Signage posted at both entrances to Chapman Drive at Highway 520;*
- *A Safety Vehicle at the front of the first runner and following the last runner;*
- *Notice of the closure delivered to all properties along the route at least one week prior to the closure;*
- *Insurance in the amount of \$5 Million Dollars Liability indemnifying the Municipality of Magnetawan be provided to the Municipality;*
- *Event must abide by the Permit for Road Occupation as signed by the Public Works Superintendent.*

Carried.

2.8 Report from Deputy Clerk Recreation and Communication - Outcome of Leekfest

RESOLUTION 2026-148 Kneller-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan receives and approves the report Outcome of Leekfest from Deputy Clerk Laura Brandt;

AND FURTHER the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan directs Staff to organize the 3rd Annual Magnetawan Leekfest on Saturday May 8, 2027, setting aside in the 2027 budget line 1-4-2600-2015 (Events) \$15,000 for the event.

Carried.

2.9 Report from Deputy Clerk Recreation and Communication - Cashless Beverage Vending Machine

RESOLUTION 2026-149 Hind-Kneller

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the motion from the Magnetawan Community Centre Board endorsing a request from the Magnetawan Lions Club to place a Vending Machine at the Magnetawan Lions Pavilion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan supports the request with the following conditions:

- *An agreement be entered into between the Municipality and the Magnetawan Lions Club whereby the Lions Club takes full responsibility for the machine, any and all damages because of the machine and/or its users and the responsibility for the installation and moving of the machine as needed as well as the cost to install electrical outlets and any further items as deemed necessary by the Municipal Solicitor;*
- *The Magnetawan Lions Club will acquire insurance in the amount of \$5 Million Dollars Liability indemnifying the Municipality of Magnetawan.*

AND FURTHER the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan supports option 1 Corner by Doors/shop;

AND FURTHER the vending machine will provide the following non-alcoholic drinks such as: Soft drinks, Water and Juice.

Carried.

**Deputy Mayor Hetherington and Mayor Dunnett returned to the meeting.*

2.10 Report from Public Works Superintendent - Award RFP 2026-03 Roadside Brushing

RESOLUTION 2026-150 Hetherington-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the report Award of RFP 2026-03 Roadside Mowing from Public Works Superintendent Scott Edwards and approves the recommendations contained therein to award the project to D-ROC Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$58,000 plus HST.

Carried.

2.11 Report from Public Works Superintendent - Award of Tender 2026-01 – Gravel (A+B)

RESOLUTION 2026-151 Bishop-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the report Award of Tender 2026-01 Gravel (A+B) from Public Works Superintendent Scott Edwards and approves the recommendations contained therein to award the project to Fowlers Construction Company Ltd. in the amount of \$767,637.63 plus HST.

Carried.

2.12 DRAFT Motion Insurance Almaguin Community Hatchery Program

RESOLUTION 2026-152 Kneller-Bishop

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan is appreciative of the important work that the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program has done and continues to do within Magnetawan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan agrees to pay the additional Liability Insurance for this event, which is \$1,362.74 for 2026 and directs Staff to include this amount in the budget.

Carried.

2.13 DRAFT Motion POA Court Services - Advocacy for Set Fines & Cost Review

RESOLUTION 2026-153 Hind-Kneller

WHEREAS the delivery of Court Services is governed by Transfer Agreements entered into with the Province (MOU & Local Side Agreement); and the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) entered into between The Town of Parry Sound and the Corporation of the Township of Armour, Township of Seguin, Township of Carling, Township of Perry, Town of Kearney, Village of Burk's Falls, Village of South River, Village of Sundridge, Township of Hagerman, Municipality of Whitestone, Township of Joly, Township of Joly, Township of Machar, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Township of McMurrich/Monteith, Municipality of Magnetawan, Township of Ryerson, Township of Strong and Township of the Archipelago, as amended, in addition to applicable legislation, including the Provincial Offences Act (POA);

AND WHEREAS The POA Advisory Committee, on May 28, 2026, recommended that the Town of Parry Sound Council, along with the Councils of the 18 municipalities within the Parry Sound Catchment Area support the POA Advisory Committee Report – Advocacy for Set Fines & Costs Payable Under the POA and call upon the Attorney General of Ontario requesting a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in Ontario Regulation 915 under the Provincial Offences Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan call upon the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario to request a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in Ontario Regulation 915 under the Provincial Offences Act;
AND FURTHER THAT that the Province of Ontario be urged to modernize set fines as necessary to ensure penalties remain meaningful as a deterrent and as a community safety device, in addition to ensuring the sustainability of administering POA court services at the municipal level;
AND FURTHER THAT that the Province of Ontario regularly review and adjust set fines to keep pace with inflation and maintain their effectiveness as a deterrent;
AND FURTHER THAT that copies of this resolution be forwarded the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, OMTRA and ROMA.
Carried.

MUNICIPAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.1 Regional Fire Services Committee Minutes November 6, 2025 and April 23, 2026**
- 3.2 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Minutes February 25, 2026, Finance and Property Committee Minutes February 25, 2026 and Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board of Health April 2026 Highlights**
- 3.3 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Audited Financial Statements, Financial Information Return - 2025**
- 3.4 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Minutes April 2, 2026**
- 3.5 District of Parry Sound Social Services - April 2026 and May 2026 CAO Quarterly Reports**
- 3.6 Provincial Offences Act Minutes and Distribution November 20, 2025**
RESOLUTION 2026-154 Kneller-Hind
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 Motion The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines - Bill 97 Budget Measures**
- 4.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Official Plan Notice of Decision**
- 4.3 Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth (NORDS) Funding Announcement**
- 4.4 Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response - 2025 Compliance with O. Reg. 380/04**
- 4.5 2027 Municipal Policing Billing Statement - Property Count**
- 4.6 Ministry of Transportation - Highway 11 and 17 Widening**
- 4.7 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) - Press Release, Opportunity to Strengthen Northern Highway Safety**
- 4.8 Resolution 2026-124 Guaranteed Basic Income - Acknowledgement from MP Scott Aitchison Office**
- 4.9 Participaction Community Challenge**
- 4.10 Magnetawan Free Swim Lessons**

- 4.11 **Successful Outcome Kickin' It In the Mag - Canada Day Celebrations**
- 4.12 **Successful Outcome CPRA Green Jobs Initiative - Parks Maintenance Student**
- 4.13 **Unsuccessful Outcome Canada Summer Jobs**
- 4.14 **Business Park Naming Contest Poster**
- 4.15 **Community Rock Snake Poster - Magneto the Rock Snake - Winner Kryssi**
- 4.16 **Landfill Poster - Summer Hours**
- 4.17 **Art in the Park Poster - Call for Artists**
- 4.18 **Call for Concession Stand Operators Poster**
- 4.19 **ICYMI Council Highlights May 6,2026**

RESOLUTION 2026-155 Bishop-Kneller

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 *Motion The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines - Bill 97 Budget Measures Carried.*

ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 **Accounts in the amount of \$450,907.28**

RESOLUTION 2026-156 Hind-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts in the amount of \$450,907.28 as presented.

Carried.

BY-LAWS

- 6.1 **Housekeeping By-law**
- 6.2 **Stop Up Close & Sell Unopened Road Allowance - Part 2 and 3 42-R22812 (Goede)**
- 6.3 **Stop Up Close & Sell Unopened Road Allowance - Parts 1 and 3 42R-22684 (Echo Beach Cottage Resort Inc.)**
- 6.4 **Appoint a Deputy Fire Chief - Paul Lydan**

RESOLUTION 2026-157 Kneller-Hind

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:

- 6.1 *Housekeeping By-law*
- 6.2 *Stop Up Close & Sell Unopened Road Allowance - Part 2 and 3 42-R22812 (Goede)*
- 6.3 *Stop Up Close & Sell Unopened Road Allowance - Parts 1 and 3 42R-22684 (Echo Beach Cottage Resort Inc.)*
- 6.4 *Appoint a Deputy Fire Chief - Paul Lydan*

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

RESOLUTION 2026-158 Bishop-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan moves to a closed session at 2:45 pm pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, as the subject matter being considered consists of:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-159 Hind-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan returns to open session at 3:00 pm.

Carried.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW AND ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Council and Adjourn

RESOLUTION 2026-160 Bishop-Kneller

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 3:00 pm to meet again on Wednesday July 8, 2026, at 1:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Mayor

Clerk