



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2025
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 25, 2025, with the following present:

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

Regrets:
Mayor Sam Dunnett

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

OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2025-160 Kneller-Bishop

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

Carried.

1.3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Deputy Mayor John Hetherington 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 Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2025-161 Hind-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the minutes of the Council meetings on June 5, 2025, and on June 18, 2025, as copied and circulated.

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Mitchell Crown, Bakertilly – Presentation of 2024 Financial Statements

Audit Findings Report

Auditor's Report and Financial Report

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2024

RESOLUTION 2025-162 Hind-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of thanks Mitchell Crown, Bakertilly for his presentation 2024 Financial Statements and extends their appreciation to Jessica and her staff for their good work on the 2024 audit;

AND HEREBY, receives and approves the 2024 Financial Statements as presented.

Carried.

PLANNING ACT MEETING

Zoning By-law Amendment Application – Mulligan – 4601 Highway 124

RESOLUTION 2025-163 Kneller-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recesses the regular meeting to hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act to consider a Zoning By-law Amendment described as:

- *Mulligan – 4601 Highway 124*

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-164 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the report from Patrick Townes, Planner MHBC and supports the application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for CON 8 PT LOT 3 42R-12391 Part 1 – Mulligan (4944 030 00205410000) which is accessed by Highway 124 and a By-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-165 Hind-Bishop

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

Carried.

STAFF REPORTS, MOTIONS AND DISCUSSION

2.1 Request Legal Right of Way Over Unopened Road Allowance – Tot – CON 9 LOT 21

RESOLUTION 2025-166 Kneller-Hind

WHEREAS the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan passed resolution No. 2025-90 recommending the Zoning By-law Amendment applicant Jonny Tot apply for a registered Right of Way over a Municipally-owned unopened road allowance to access the subject lands at CROFT CON 9 PT LOT 21 (ROLL NUMBER 4944 030 00506901 0000); NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives and approves in principle a legal Right of Way over the Municipally owned unopened road allowance between CROFT CON 9 LOT 20 and CON 9 LOT 21 to provide access to the subject lands.

Carried.

2.2 DRAFT Motion Lock Operation Signs at Municipal Boat Launches

RESOLUTION 2025-167 Bishop-Kneller

WHEREAS the Magnetawan Economic and Tourism Committee (METC) passed Motion 2025-24 approving the purchase of additional boat lock operation signage to further inform the boating community of the boat lock operating hours to promote tourism;

AND WHEREAS the METC respectfully requests the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan permit the placement of new boat lock operation signs at all Municipal boat launches;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the request from the METC.

Carried.

2.3 EXP Preliminary Design Report Replacement of Magnetawan Bridge #4 Nipissing Road South – ON DESK

RESOLUTION 2025-168 Bishop-Hind

WHEREAS Council passed Motion 2025-10 awarding the RFP# 2024-06 Bridge #4 Nipissing Road South to supply engineering and oversight for the rehabilitation in the amount of \$116,965 plus HST to EXP;

AND WHEREAS after further investigation, it has been determined that the rehabilitation of Bridge # 4 Nipissing Road is not feasible and it is recommended to be replaced;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the proposed change order from EXP to supply engineering and oversight for replacement instead of rehabilitation in the amount of \$95,085 for a total contract value of \$218,385 plus HST.

Carried.

2.4 Noise Exemption Application – Morrow – 359 North Horn Lake Road

RESOLUTION 2025-169 Kneller-Bishop

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan passed By-law 2023-40 Noise By-law; where an exemption must be granted by Council if the noise being created shall make, create, cause or permit to be made any sound or noise which reasonably would cause a nuisance or to disturb other person(s);

AND WHEREAS Council receives the correspondence from Michael Morrow Request for Noise Exemption Wedding 359 Horn Lake Road to be held on August 16, 2025 starting at 1pm to August 17th at 1am with an anticipated attendance of 85 people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the noise exemption with the following conditions:

- That all immediate neighbours are notified of the event*

AND FURTHER Council extends their congratulations to the couple on their upcoming nuptials.

Carried.

2.5 Request for Municipally Significant Event Almaguin Pride Network Annual Pride Party Magnetawan Community Centre

RESOLUTION 2025-170 Hind-Kneller

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence from the Almaguin Pride network for Municipally Significant Event Magnetawan Annual Pride Party being held at the Magnetawan Community Centre;

AND WHEREAS it is a requirement under the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (ACGO) Liquor License Application process for a Public Event to have the Municipality in which the event is being held in to declare the event as municipally significant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan declares the Almaguin Pride Network Annual Pride Party event being held at 4304 Highway 520 (Magnetawan Community Centre) on Saturday August 16, 2025, as municipally significant as required by the ACGO.

Carried.

2.6 Correspondence from Lake Cecebe Waterways Association, Request Road Closure Chapman Drive August 2, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-171 Hind-Bishop

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 2, 2025, 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*

Carried.

2.7 DRAFT Flag Protocol Policy

RESOLUTION 2025-172 Kneller-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives and approves the Flag Protocol Policy as presented.

Carried.

2.8 DRAFT By-law Prohibit the Climbing/Diving/Jumping from Bridges and Lighthouse Landmark

RESOLUTION 2025-173 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the Prohibit the Climbing/Diving/Jumping from bridges and Lighthouse Landmark By-law as presented, and the by-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.

Carried.

2.9 Appointment of Property Standards Committee

RESOLUTION 2025-174 Bishop-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan appoints all of Council as the Property Standards Committee.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.1 **Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board Minutes May 8, 2025 & June 11, 2025**
- 3.2 **District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSAAB) Chief Administrative Officer's Report June 2025**
- 3.3 **Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHC) Minutes June 5, 2025**
- 3.4 **Magnetawan Community Centre Board (MCCB) Minutes June 11, 2025**
- 3.5 **Magnetawan Economic Tourism Committee (METC) Minutes June 11, 2025**

RESOLUTION 2025-175 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.

RESOLUTION 2025-176 Hind-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes Staff to transfer \$100,000 from the 2024 surplus to the MAHC Hospital Build Investment Account.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 **Township of Archipelago Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025**
- 4.2 **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans**
- 4.3 **Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) 2025 Municipal Policing Billing Statement Property Count**
- 4.4 **Parry Sound District Age Friendly Community Needs Assessment Final Report**
- 4.5 **Notice AGCO Special Event Permit Private Event Ahmic Lake Cottagers Activities Week**
- 4.6 **Thank You Annual Near North Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament**
- 4.7 **Thank You Magnetawan Central Public School Caterpillars**
- 4.8 **Successful Outcome of Circular Materials 2026 Recycling Calendar Grant Funding Agreement**
- 4.9 **Unsuccessful Outcome of Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Grant Funding**
- 4.10 **Unsuccessful Outcome of New Horizons for Seniors Program Grant Funding**
- 4.11 **Unsuccessful Outcome of Small Projects Enabling Accessibility Grant Funding**
- 4.12 **Request for Proposal RFP 2025-04 Winter Sand**
- 4.13 **Rock'N'Roll in the Mag Poster**
- 4.14 **Call for Submissions Chainsaw Carvings Poster**
- 4.15 **Canada Day Dunk Tank Poster**
- 4.16 **Municipal Office Canada Day Closure Poster**
- 4.17 **ICYMI Council Highlights June 4, 2025**

RESOLUTION 2025-177 Bishop-Kneller

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

AND FURTHER endorses items the following motions:

4.1 Township of Archipelago Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025

4.2 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

5.1 Accounts in the amount of \$575,582.06

RESOLUTION 2025-178 Bishop-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts in the amount of \$575,582.06 as presented.

Carried.

BY-LAWS

6.1 Zoning By-law Amendment – Mulligan – 4601 Highway 124

6.2 Prohibit the Climbing/Diving/Jumping from Bridges and Lighthouse Landmark

RESOLUTION 2025-179 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 Deputy Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book:

6.1 Zoning By-law Amendment – Mulligan -4601 Highway 124

6.2 Prohibit the Climbing/Diving/Jumping from Bridges and Lighthouse Landmark

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:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

RESOLUTION 2025-180 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan moves to a closed session at 1:55 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:

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

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-181 Hind-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan returns to open session at 3:05 pm.

Carried.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW AND ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Council and Adjourn

RESOLUTION 2025-182 Kneller-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 Deputy 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 3:07 pm to meet again on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 1:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Deputy Mayor

Clerk