



**Municipality of
Magnetawan**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 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 August 19, 2026, with the following present:

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

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

OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2026-212 Kneller-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the agenda as amended to include as item 2.8 Motino to Reconsider Brought Forth by Councillor Kneller Zoning By-law Amendment – Pickeral Point LLC- 195 10th and 11th Side Road Carried.

1.3 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2026-213 Hind-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the minutes of the Council meeting on July 29, 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.

PRESENTATION

Jessica Dion, Bakertilly – Presentation of 2025 Financial Statements

RESOLUTION 2026-214 Bishop-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of thanks Jessica Dion, Bakertilly for his presentation 2025 Financial Statements and extends their appreciation to Jessica and her staff for their good work on the 2025 audit;

AND HEREBY receives and approves the 2025 Financial Statements as presented.

Carried.

STAFF REPORTS, MOTIONS AND DISCUSSION

2.1 Report from Public Works Superintendent Scott Edwards, Tandem Snowplow Replacement

RESOLUTION 2026-215 Hind-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the report Tandem Snowplow Replacement from Public Works Superintendent Scott Edwards and approves the recommendations contained therein to direct the Public Works Superintendent to replace the Tandem Snowplow Truck #27 with a new Tandem Snowplow through the Canoe Purchasing Program in the amount of \$428,136 plus HST.
Carried.

2.2 Correspondence from Tim Brunton, Lake Cecebe Boat Launch

RESOLUTION 2026-216 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence from Tim Brunton, Lake Cecebe Boat Launch and directs Staff to bring back a report to a future meeting of Council after consultation with the Ministry Natural Resources and Forestry.

Carried.

2.3 Correspondence from Catherine White, American Flag

RESOLUTION 2026-217 Hind-Bishop

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence from Catherine White, American Flag;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Magnetawan is a Canadian municipality and proudly recognizes and celebrates its Canadian identity, heritage, and values;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality is home to both permanent and seasonal residents, including a longstanding community of American property owners who contribute socially, culturally, and economically to the community;

AND WHEREAS members of the American seasonal community have supported the Municipality and its community facilities, including significant contributions toward the construction and development of the Lions Pavilion along side the Magnetawan Lions Club including commemorative donations given in memorial of loved ones;

AND WHEREAS the display of the United States flag, as well as the Magnetawan Lions Club Flag at the Lions Pavilion has served as a gesture of friendship, and appreciation for the generous donations that helped build the Magnetawan Lions Pavilion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council affirms that the continued display of the American flag at the Lions Pavilion in accordance with applicable flag etiquette is intended as a symbol of friendship, community partnership, and appreciation for the

contributions of American seasonal residents and property owners to the Municipality of Magnetawan;

AND FURTHER THAT Council remains committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community that recognizes the contributions of all residents, seasonal residents, property owners, and visitors while proudly maintaining Magnetawan's Canadian identity.

Carried.

2.4 Sponsorship Request Unite For Good gathering, Rotary Revival Club of Parry Sound

RESOLUTION 2026-218 Bishop-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence Sponsorship Request Unite for Good Gathering, Rotary Revival Club of Parry Sound and approves the community supporter sponsorship in the amount of \$550.

Carried.

2.5 Donation Request MADD Message Yearbook Advertising

RESOLUTION 2026-219 Kneller-Bishop

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Message Yearbook Advertising and appreciates their good work;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan approves a business card size ad for \$329 plus HST.

Carried.

2.6 Donation Request Burk's Falls and District Food Bank

RESOLUTION 2026-220 Hetherington-Hind

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence Donation Request Burk's Falls and District Food Bank and appreciates the great work that that they do serving the Almaguin South communities;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan approves a donation of \$2,500

Carried.

Direction was given to Staff to include a draft motion regarding a donation to the Community Pantry on the agenda for consideration at the next regular meeting of Council.

2.7 Donation Request Christmas Event Ahmic Harbour Recreation Committee

RESOLUTION 2026-221 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves a donation request of up to \$500 for the Ahmic Harbour Recreation Committee's Christmas Event with the presentation of receipts.

Carried.

2.8 Motion to Reconsider Brought Forth by Councillor Kneller Zoning By-law Amendment – Pickeral Point LLC – 195 10th and 11th Side Road

RESOLUTION 2026-222 Hetherington-Bishop

WHEREAS Council passed Motion 2026-189 Zoning By-law Amendment, 195 10th and 11th Side Road - Pickerel Point LLC. (4944 030 004 06600) at the July 29th meeting of Council approving the Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a two storey boathouse with an increased permitted width and to permit a Guest Cabin on the second storey of the boathouse with a size of 103 square meters (1,101 sq ft) and to include washroom facilities; and with the requirement that the proposed mainland guest cabin with an overall size of 52 square meters (560 sq ft) including the balcony and to permit washroom facilities complies with the required setbacks of the Residential Shoreline (RS) and that a Limited-Service Agreement be entered into;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Procedural By-law 2025-54 Section 13.5 Council Kneller has brought forth a Motion to Reconsider;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality Reaffirms Motion 2026-189 to stand as written

Recorded Vote Called by Councillor Brad Kneller

Bill Bishop

Nay

Deputy Mayor John Hetherington

Yea

Jon Hind

Nay

Brad Kneller

Yea

Mayor Sam Dunnett

Yea

Carried.

MUNICIPAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.1 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHC) Minutes June 4, 2026

3.2 Lakeland Holding Ltd 026 Q2 Shareholder Update

3.3 Magnetawan Economic Tourism Committee 9METC) Minutes July 27, 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-223 Hind-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 Whitby Review of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

4.2 Tudor & Cashel Request for Review of Extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders

4.3 Unsuccessful Outcome FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF)

4.4 Unsuccessful Outcome Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program - Community Development Stream Business Retention and Expansion Plan

- 4.5 Unsuccessful Outcome Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program - Community Development Stream Croft Recreational Park Accessibility Enhancement Project
- 4.6 Unsuccessful Outcome Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program - Community Development Stream Employment Lands Readiness Project
- 4.7 Unsuccessful Outcome Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program - Community Development Stream Ongoing Beautification of Magnetawan Initiative
- 4.8 Unsuccessful Outcome Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program - Community Development Stream Heritage Centre Museum and Pavilion
- 4.9 Municipal Office & Chapman Landfill Labour Day Office Closure
- 4.10 Notice of Road Closure Saturday September 5, 2026 Fall Fair Parade
- 4.11 ICYMI Council Highlights July 29, 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-224 Hind-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 Town of Whitby Review of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions
- 4.2 Tudor & Cashel Request for Review of Extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 **Accounts in the amount of \$1,293,254.53**

RESOLUTION 2026-225 Bishop-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts in the amount of \$1,293,254.53 as presented.

Carried.

BY-LAWS

- 6.1 **Assume Public Roads Into Employment Lands and to Name the Highway "4855" Side Road"**

- 6.2 **Delegate Authority to the Assessment Review Board Section 357 (1) (d.1)**

RESOLUTION 2026-226 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:

- 6.1 Zoning By-law Amendment - Pickerel Point LLC - 195 10th and 11th Side Road
- 6.2 Limited Services Agreement - Pickerel Point LLC - 195 10th and 11th Side Road

Carried.

Recorded Vote Called by Councillor Bill Bishop

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2026-227 Hetherington-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan moves to a closed session at 2:10 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:

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

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

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-228 Hind-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan returns to open session at 2:50 pm.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-229 Hetherington-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan affirms that it shall not interfere with, direct, or attempt to influence the provincially legislated authority of the Chief Building Official in the exercise of their statutory powers and duties to independently enforce the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23, and the Building Code made under that Act, in accordance with Section 1.1(6)(d) of the Building Code Act, 1992 and applicable case law;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges that enforcement decisions made by the Chief Building Official in the exercise of their statutory powers and duties, including proceedings commenced pursuant to Section 38 of the Building Code Act, 1992, are to be dealt with in accordance with the Act and the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Justice, without direction or interference from Council.

Carried.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW AND ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Council and Adjourn

RESOLUTION 2026-230 Kneller-Hind

*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 2:55 pm to meet again on Wednesday September 9, 2026, at 1:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.
Carried.*

Approved by:

Mayor

Clerk

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