



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 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

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.

OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2026-231 Kneller-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the agenda as amended to include as item 2.10 Pinchin Chapman Midden Site.

Carried.

1.3 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2026-232 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the minutes of the Council meeting on August 19, 2026 and the Planning Meeting Minutes of 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.

DEPUTATION

Teresa Tilson - Maintenance of Private Road known as Tilson Creek Road

RESOLUTION 2026-233 Hetherington-Hind

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan thanks Teresa Tilson for her deputation regarding a request to continue Municipal maintenance of Tilson Creek Road;

AND WHEREAS during a 2026 road maintenance evaluation the Municipality of Magnetawan has examined municipally maintained roads and maintenance levels resulting in correspondence being provided to property owners of 'trespass roads' informing such owners that municipal maintenance of such trespass roads would cease, of which includes Tilson Creek Road which located south of Highway 124;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Solicitor has confirmed that Tilson Creek Road is a Trespass Road with a 5 metre width and the Municipality is legally permitted to Stop Up and Close Tilson Creek Road wherein maintenance by the Municipality would cease;

AND WHEREAS Tilson Creek Road provides vehicular access to two properties of which are in owned by one property owner and are assessed as having seasonal access;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan directs Staff to prepare a Stop Up and Close By-law for a future meeting of Council ceasing Municipal maintenance of Tilson Creek Road.

Direction was given to Staff to access if winter maintenance by the Municipality can be provided to driveway "loop" permitting winter maintenance of the 'loop' until the property known as 5403 Highway 124 transfers property owners.

Recorded Vote Called by Councillor Jon Hind

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

STAFF REPORTS, MOTIONS AND DISCUSSION

2.1 Motion to Reconsider Brought Forth by Councillor Bishop Catherine White, American Flag

RESOLUTION 2026-234 Hind-Bishop

WHEREAS Council passed Motion 2026-217 Catherine White, Canadian Flag at the August 19th, 2026, meeting of Council affirming the continued display of the American flag at the Lions Pavillion 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 WHEREAS in accordance with Procedural By-law 2025-54 Section 13.5 Councillor Bishop has brought forth a Motion to Reconsider;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality Reaffirms Motion 2026-217 to stand as written.

Recorded Vote Called by Councillor Bill Bishop

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

Carried.

2.2 Pinchin Expansion Feasibility Memo Chapman Waste Disposal Site

RESOLUTION 2026-235 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of receives the report from Pinchin Engineering for Expansion Feasibility Memo Chapman Waste Disposal Site.
Carried.

2.3 DRAFT Motion Donation Magnetawan Community Pantry

RESOLUTION 2026-236 Bishop-Hind

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan recognizes that rising food costs continue to place financial pressures on individuals and families, contributing to increased food insecurity and a growing need for food assistance throughout our community;

AND WHEREAS Council acknowledges and greatly appreciates the efforts of Trinity United Church and the dedicated volunteers who operate the Magnetawan Community Pantry, providing an important resource to individuals and families in need and helping to ensure that no member of our community goes without access to food;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$500 in support of the Magnetawan Community Pantry and its continued efforts to address food insecurity within the Magnetawan community.

Carried.

2.4 Magnetawan Ridge Runners - Land Use Permit Renewal

RESOLUTION 2026-237 Kneller-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the CAO/Clerk to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club as presented.

Carried.

2.5 Dun-Ahmic Snowriders Snow Club - Memorandum of Understanding

RESOLUTION 2026-238 Hetherington-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the CAO/Clerk to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dun-Ahmic Snowriders Snowmobile Club as presented.

Carried.

2.6 Correspondence from Magnetawan Phragmites Working Group Representative Vicky Short - Invasive Species Magnetawan Mapping

RESOLUTION 2026-239 Hetherington-Kneller

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan thanks Vicky Short for information and mapping regarding the presence and spread of invasive species and noxious weeds within the Municipality of Magnetawan;

AND WHEREAS Council acknowledges and greatly appreciates the efforts of the dedicated volunteers who operate the "No Phrag in the Mag" Magnetawan Phragmites Working Group and the Lake Bernard Phragmites Working Group;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan directs Staff to establish, where appropriate, educational information on the Municipality's website and social media channels relating to the identification, prevention, mitigation, and management of noxious weeds and invasive species;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff actively investigate and pursue available grant funding opportunities that may assist with the identification, treatment, control and eradication of invasive species on municipal property:

AND FURTHER THAT Staff reach out to the property owners on Deer Run Road to provide them with educational material on how to deal with Phragmites.

Carried.

2.7 DRAFT By-law Authorize Execution of a Live Fire Training Unit Agreement

RESOLUTION 2026-240 Hind-Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the draft By-law to Authorize Execution of a Live Fire Training Unit Agreement and a by-law will be passed later in the meeting.

Carried.

2.8 DRAFT By-law Regulate Use and Operation of Municipally Owned Public Spaces

RESOLUTION 2026-241 Hetherington-Kneller

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan deems it appropriate, in the interest of public safety, risk mitigation, and the reduction of municipal liability, to establish a regulatory framework governing the hours of use and operation of

municipally owned public spaces, including parks, trails, boat launches, and other municipal recreational properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan hereby approves the By-law to Regulate the Use and Operation of Municipally owned Public Spaces, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT the By-law be brought forward to a future meeting of Council for passing.

Carried.

2.9 District of Parry Sound Municipal Association 2026 Fall Meeting September 25, 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-242 Hind-Bishop

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association's Fall 2026 meeting agenda;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Members of Council wishing to attend on behalf of the Municipality will advise Staff no later than September 11th for registration purposes.

Carried.

2.10 Pinchin Chapman Drive Midden Site

RESOLUTION 2026-243 Hetherington-Kneller

WHEREAS the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan receives and approves the report from Pinchin Engineering for Chapman Drive Midden Site;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes Pinchin Engineering to conduct Environmental Consulting Services for the Chapman Drive Midden Site as requested by the Ministry of Environmental, Conservation and Parks estimated at a cost of \$9,495.00 (exclusive of HST);

AND FURTHER the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the CAO/Clerk to execute the Limitation of Liability and Terms of Engagement with Pinchin Engineering.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.1 Magnetawan Cemetery Board (MCB) Minutes August 5, 2026

3.2 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSAAB) Chief Administrative Officer's Report August 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-244 Bishop-Hetherington

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 Township of Armour Request for Public Library Funding Increases

4.2 FONOM, Prescription Diversion Project

4.3 MMAH, Ontario Announces Disaster Recovery Funding For Parry Sound District

4.4 FONOM News Release, Cooperation on Bail Reform

4.5 FONOM News Release, Regional Impact of Ryam Temiscaming Shutdown

4.6 FONOM News Release, Statement on U.S Tariffs and Canada - U.S. Trade

4.7 FONOM News Release, Celebrates Municipal Service and Those Stepping Forward in 2026

4.8 FONOM News Release, Advances Northern Ontario Priorities at 2026 AMO Conference

4.9 Ontario Provincial Police 2027 Policing Costs

4.10 Unsuccessful Outcome Wheelchair Swing Croft Park

4.11 Dinner and a Drive-In Movie Event

4.12 ICYMI Council Highlights August 19, 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-245 Bishop-Hetherington

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 Township of Armour Request for Public Library Funding Increases

4.2 FONOM, Prescription Diversion Project

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

5.1 Accounts in the amount of \$ \$723,504.92

RESOLUTION 2026-246 Hetherington-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts in the amount of \$ \$723,504.92as presented.

Carried.

BY-LAWS

6.1 Authorize Execution of a Live Fire Training Unit Agreement

RESOLUTION 2026-247 Hind-Bishop

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 Authorize Execution of a Live Fire Training Unit Agreement

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 2026-248 Kneller-Hind

BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan moves to a closed session at 2:00 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*

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-249 Bishop-Kneller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan returns to open session at 2:25 pm.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-250 Hetherington-Bishop

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan passed Resolution #2026-32 wherein lands legally described as Part 1, 2, 6 and 7 of Plan 42R-22763 Municipally known as 4855 Highway 520 (Employment Lands) as surplus with a sale price of \$5,000 per acre;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan has advertised the Employment Lands for light industrial businesses since February 2026 receiving a total of five proposals for three, three acre parcels;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approved the sale of Part 1 and 2 of Plan 42R-22763 (approx. 3 acres) to Shaun Brear who is in partnership with one of the five applicants (Vito-Bascrete);

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan in the interest of community development and economic growth directed Staff to prepare a new survey that would create an additional lot to accommodate the proposals by creating three 2 acre lots;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the offers to purchase a two acre lot from 2599518 Ontario Inc (D & A Towing and Storage), 2676061 Ontario Inc (small manufacturing), and Ahmic Roofing Systems Ltd for lots legally described as Parts 1, 2 and 3 of draft plan prepared by EJ Williams dated August 31st, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following by-law to authorize the Purchase and Sale Agreements is now read a first, second and a third time, passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk/CAO, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW AND ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Council and Adjourn

RESOLUTION 2026-251 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 2:55 pm to meet again on Wednesday October 7, 2026, at 1:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Mayor

Clerk