



**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 06, 2024**  
**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 November 06, 2024, with the following present:

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

Staff: CAO/Clerk Kerstin Vroom, Deputy Clerk Recreation and Communications Laura Brandt and Deputy Clerk Planning and Development Erica Kellogg 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 2024-334 Bishop-Kneller*

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

*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 John Hetherington declared pecuniary interest for Agenda Item 2.10 Discussion Almaguin Community Hatchery Program Trailer Insurance for Replacement Value due to being a member of the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program.

**1.4 Adoption of the Previous Minutes**

*RESOLUTION 2024-335 Kneller-Hind*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the minutes of the Council meeting on October 16, 2024, as copied and circulated.*

*Carried.*

## **PLANNING ACT MEETING**

*RESOLUTION 2024-336 Hind-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 Applications for subject lands described as:*

- *184 Silver Lake Road (Cordua)*
- *100 Jackson's Road (Greenwood/Stewart)*

*AND the Zoning Bylaw Housekeeping Amendment.  
Carried.*

### **Temporary Zoning By-law Application – Stewart – 100 Jackson Road**

*RESOLUTION 2024-337 Kneller-Hetherington*

*WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan passed Resolution No. 2024-10 authorizing a noise exemption for S.O.S Drags to take place on subject lands located at Croft Con 7 Pt Lot 1, Municipality known as 100 Jackson Road hereby referred to as the 'subject lands';*

*AND WHEREAS Resolution No. 2024-10 required the Owner of the subject lands apply for a Temporary Use By-law prior to any future events of this nature;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the Temporary Use By-law for the subject lands with the following provisions and a By-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting:*

- 1. That Recreational Racing Events shall be permitted on the subject lands as shown in Schedule "A" of the By-law for period of three years from the January 1st, 2025, to December 31st, 2027;*
- 2. That the temporary period shall not exceed three years without the express permission of the Council for the Municipality of Magnetawan.*

*Carried.*

### **Zoning By-law Application – Cordua – 184 Silver Lake Road**

*RESOLUTION 2024-338 Hind-Hetherington*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the report from Chris Conti, Planner EcoVue and supports the application for a Zoning By-law Amendment as a condition of consent for– CON 14 PT LOT 13 – Cordua (4944 040 0071248000) which is accessed by Silver Lake Road and a By-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.*

*Carried.*

### **Zoning By-law Housekeeping Amendment**

*RESOLUTION 2024-339 Bishop-Hetherington*

*WHEREAS Council receives the report dated November 6th, 2024 regarding a draft Housekeeping amendment to Zoning By-law No. 2001-26, for all applicable lands within the Municipality;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives and approves the DRAFT Housekeeping Bylaw as amended;*

*AND the Bylaw will be passed later in the meeting.*

*Carried.*

*RESOLUTION 2024-340 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 Report from Parks and Maintenance Manager, Steve Robinson Stairs and Platform for Ahmic Harbour Beach**

*RESOLUTION 2024-341 Bishop-Kneller*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality receives the report from Parks and Maintenance Manager Steve Robinson, Stairs and Platform for Ahmic Harbour Beach and approved the recommendation contained therein to award the project to Legacy Carpentry in the amount of \$6,740.02 plus HST.*

*Carried.*

**2.2 DRAFT Establish Fees, Charges, AMPS & STA Fees and Fines for 2025**

*RESOLUTION 2024-342 Bishop-Hetherington*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the Establish Fees, Charges, AMPS & STA Fees and Fines for 2025 as amended to include the updating of Schedule A & B of By-law 2024-44 License & Regulate the Use of Short-term Rental Accommodation Properties, and Schedule B of Bylaw 2024-19 Open Air Burning Bylaw to increase item 33 hinder or obstruct to \$1,000;*

*AND FURTHER the fee for a Short Term Accommodation Licence for 2025 is to be set at \$1,000 for new applications and \$500 for renewals;*

*and the by-law on this matter will be brought forward to a future meeting for passing.*

*Carried.*

**2.3 Request Purchase Unopened Road Allowance – Sadlon – Con 5 PT Lot 16 Pt 1 to 4 – 42R-8407**

*RESOLUTION 2024-343 Hind-Kneller*

*WHEREAS in 2004 the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan denied the request from Graham Wilson & Green solicitors for the Owner (Sadlon) to purchase the area of the Unopened Road Allowance to which the boathouse, shown in the provided site sketch, encroaches on municipal lands;*

*AND WHEREAS in 2006 an Encroachment Agreement was entered into for the property legally described as Con 5 PT Lot 16 PT 1 to 4, 42R-8407, Municipally known as 410 15th/16th Sideroad to permit the encroaching structure(s);*

*AND WHEREAS the Municipality is closing out Encroachment Agreements;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan agrees in principle to sell a portion of the Municipally-owned Unopened Road Allowance surrounding the encroaching structure(s) with the following conditions:*

- Only includes the Unopened Road Allowance lands within 2 metres of the encroaching structure;*
- A reference plan depicting the subject lands to the satisfaction of the Municipality be provided;*
- 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 Owner;*

- *The price of the land shall be determined by a qualified appraiser;*
- *The lawyer to provide an undertaking to merge the encroached lands to the subject lands to Con 5 PT Lot 16 PT 1 to 4, 42R-8407 within 3 months of registration;*
- *Confirmation be provided to the Municipality that the Applicant has legal title of the subject lands.*

*Deferred.*

Direction was given to Staff to reach out to the owner of the abutting property and to notify them of the request for purchase and offer same.

#### **2.4 DRAFT Limited Services Agreement – Zhang – 597 Fords Road**

*RESOLUTION 2024-344 Hetherington-Kneller*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the Limited Services Agreement – Zhang – 597 Fords Road as presented, and the by-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting*

*Carried.*

#### **2.5 DRAFT Consent Agreement – Zhang – 597 Fords Road**

*RESOLUTION 2024-345 Kneller-Hind*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the Consent Agreement – Zhang – 597 Fords Road as presented, and the by-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.*

*Carried.*

#### **2.6 Magnetawan Economic Tourism Committee (METC) Mandate**

*RESOLUTION 2024-346 Bishop-Hind*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan adopts the Magnetawan Economic Tourism Committee (METC) Mandate as presented.*

*Carried.*

#### **2.7 Pinchin Repair Monitoring Well BH 12 at the Croft Landfill Site Quotation**

*RESOLUTION 2024-347 Hetherington-Bishop*

*WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence from Pinchin Repair Monitoring Well BH12 at the Croft Landfill Site;*

*AND WHEREAS the repair of the Monitoring Well BH12 is not included in Pinchin’s current scope of work;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan authorizes the repairs to the Monitoring Well BH12 located at the Croft Landfill Site in the amount of \$3,852 plus HST.*

*Carried.*

#### **2.8 Good Roads 2025 Annual Conference March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*RESOLUTION 2024-348 Hind-Bishop*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence Good Roads 2025 Annual Conference March 30th to April 2nd*

*AND the following Council Members will attend the Good Roads Conference in 2025: Mayor Sam Dunnett, Deputy Mayor John Hetherington, Councillor Bill Bishop, and Councillor Jon Hind.*

*Carried.*

**2.9 DRAFT Emergency Management Plan**

*RESOLUTION 2024-349 Hetherington-Kneller*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the Emergency Management Plan as presented, and the by-law on this matter will be passed later in the meeting.*

*Carried.*

**2.10 Discussion Almaguin Community Hatchery Program Trailer Insurance for Replacement Value**

\*Deputy Mayor John Hetherington declared pecuniary interest for Agenda Item 2.10 Discussion Almaguin Community Hatchery Program Trailer Insurance for Replacement Value due to being a member of the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program. Deputy Mayor John Hetherington refrained from any discussion and refrained from voting.

*RESOLUTION 2024-350 Bishop-Kneller*

*WHEREAS the trailer used by the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program is under the ownership of the Municipality of Magnetawan;*

*AND WHEREAS the current Municipal insurance only covers the replacement value of the trailer at \$9,400 and does not cover the value of the scientific equipment and contents which are valued at \$156,000 ;*

*AND WHEREAS the additional cost of insuring the contents of the trailer would be a cost of \$550 annually on the Municipal Insurance Policy;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the additional cost of insurance for the Hatchery Trailer and contents.*

*Carried.*

**2.11 Discussion on Christmas 2025**

*RESOLUTION 2024-351 Hetherington-Bishop*

*WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan appreciates its Staff and their great work throughout the year;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a Christmas Bonus of half a day paid for the 24th, a staff luncheon and a turkey or ham for each department head, contract employee, and unionized employee for 2024.*

*Carried.*

**MUNICIPAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**3.1 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Minutes September 25, 2024**

**3.2 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board Chief Administrative Officer's Report October 2024**

**3.3 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Minutes October 10, 2024**

**3.4 Magnetawan Economic Tourism Committee (METC) Minutes October 16, 2024**

**3.5 Lakeland 2024 Q3 Shareholder Update**

**3.6 Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee Minutes October 24, 2024**

*RESOLUTION 2024-352 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 **FONOM Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget**
- 4.2 **Good Roads Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**
- 4.3 **North Bay & Parry Sound Health Unit Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review**
- 4.4 **Town of Aurora Request Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST**
- 4.5 **Almaguin Housing Task Force Summary and Recommendations Fall 2024**
- 4.6 **OPP MPB Financial Services Unit 2024 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Remainder**
- 4.7 **Unsuccessful Outcome of Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Seed Grant Stream**
- 4.8 **Remembrance Day Poster**
- 4.9 **New Public Art Installation Steamship Carving Poster**
- 4.10 **ICYMI Council Highlights October 16, 2024**

*RESOLUTION 2024-353 Hetherington-Hind*

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

*Carried.*

*RESOLUTION 2024-354 Bishop-Hetherington*

*WHEREAS the Municipality of Magnetawan recognizes how vital the Forestry Industry is to the Economy in Ontario and the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;*

*AND WHEREAS the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018 and Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;*

*AND WHEREAS over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions, and*

*in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;*

*AND WHEREAS U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30% and Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;*

*AND WHEREAS Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;*

*AND WHEREAS Ontario's successful and oversubscribed Forest Biomass Program should continue post-2027;*

*AND WHEREAS Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers and Ontario's \$10 million Sawmill Chip Program, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;*

*AND WHEREAS 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are sufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and works with a certain future; AND WHEREAS the public Forest Access Roads Funding Program, which provides for public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75 million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e. roads, bridges, and water crossings).*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan supports the implementation of the Ontario Forst Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.*

*Carried.*

*RESOLUTION 2024-355 Kneller-Hind*

*WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;*

*AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintain extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;*

*AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;*

*AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;*

*AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, the Honourable King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, the Honourable Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Good Roads;*

*AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support through AMCTO, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).*

*Carried.*

*RESOLUTION 2024-356 Hetherington-Bishop*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports item 4.3 North Bay & Parry Sound Health Unit Perspectives from Northern Ontario For the Public Health Funding Review;*

*AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health, Elizabeth Walker, Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Boards of Health of Ontario, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, MPP Nipissing, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Muskoka Parry Sound, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities through AMCTO.*

*Carried.*

*RESOLUTION 2024-357 Hind-Hetherington*

*WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;*

*AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;*

*AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;*

*AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;*

*AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;*

*AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;*

*AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;*

*AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;*

*AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);*



AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario through AMCTO, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), for their endorsement and advocacy.  
Carried.

### **ACCOUNTS**

#### **5.1 Accounts in the amount of \$727,299.81**

RESOLUTION 2024-Kneller-Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan approves the accounts in the amount of \$727,299.81 as presented.

Carried.

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **6.1 Temporary Zoning By-law – Stewart – 100 Jackson Road**

#### **6.2 Zoning By-law – Cordua – 184 Silver Lake Road**

#### **6.3 Zoning By-law Housekeeping Amendment**

#### **6.4 Limited Services Agreement – Zhang – 597 Fords Road**

#### **6.5 Consent Agreement – Zhang – 597 Fords Road**

#### **6.6 Emergency Management Plan**

RESOLUTION 2024-359 Hind-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 Temporary Zoning By-law – Stewart – 100 Jackson Road**

#### **6.2 Zoning By-law – Cordua– 184 Silver Lake Road**

#### **6.3 Zoning By-law Housekeeping Amendment**

#### **6.4 Limited Services Agreement – Zhang – 597 Fords Road**

#### **6.5 Consent Agreement – Zhang – 597 Fords Road**

#### **6.6 Emergency Management Plan**

Carried.

### **CONFIRMING BY-LAW AND ADJOURNMENT**

#### **7.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Council and Adjourn**

RESOLUTION 2024-360 Bishop-Hetherington

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 2:35 pm to meet again on Wednesday December 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

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Mayor

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Clerk