



AGENDA

Magnetawan Cemetery Board (MCB)

Wednesday July 31, 2024

4:30 PM

Magnetawan - Community Centre

OPENING BUSINESS

- 1.1 Call to Order by the Chair
- 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda
- 1.3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- 1.4 Adoption of Previous Minutes

MOIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Chapman Columbarium Update - Discussion Item
- 2.2 Legion Veteran Crosses Update - Discussion Item
- 2.3 Cemetery Historical Information Sign - sample included
- 2.4 Spence cemetery Fence Report
- 2.5 General Discussion - needs, records keeping, wish list, future projects

INFORMATION ONLY (NOT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES)

3.1

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

4.1

ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Committee and Adjourn



**Magnetawan Cemetery Board (MCB)
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2024**

The meeting of the MCB was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 4:30pm at the Magnetawan Community Centre with the following present:

Garfield Robertson (Chair)
Doris Langford (Vice Chair)
Jack Crossman
Bill Bishop
MaryJane Campbell
Brad Lewis
Wayne Smith
Erica Kellogg (Secretary)
Regrets
Keith Miller

OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:30 pm.

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2024-01 Lewis - Langford

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board adopts the agenda as presented.

Carried.

1.4 Adoption of Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2024-02 Campbell - Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board approves and accepts the Cemetery Board Minutes from September 26th, 2023, as presented.

Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1 Chapman Cemetery – Memorial Sanctuary and Columbarium – verbal update

The Secretary informed the Committee the Columbarium is to be installed Wednesday June 12th. Arrangements have been made with the Columbarium company to have a representative on site to oversee the installation.

2.2 BAO Confirmation of Columbarium Approval

The Secretary informed the Committee the BAO has provided confirmation the columbarium project has been approved.

2.3 John Nicholson – Interment Request - Chapman

RESOLUTION 2024-03 Smith- Crossman

WHEREAS the Magnetawan Cemetery Board Secretary received correspondence from John Ross Nicholson dated January 23rd, 2024 seeking permission to be laid to rest within the Nicholson family plots located at the Chapman Cemetery;

AND WHEREAS the Secretary has reviewed existing Cemetery records and has discussed findings with Mr. Nicholson and therefore the recommendation is to allow Mr. Nicholson's cremated remains be laid to rest with his father Edwin Fitzroy Nicholson in Plot B-45-7;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board approves the recommendation from the Magnetawan Cemetery Board Secretary and grants permission to John Ross Nicholson to have his cremated remains laid to rest within the Chapman Cemetery Plot B-45-7 with his father Edwin Fitzroy Nicholson.

Carried.

2.4 Cemetery Historical information signs

Late 2023 the Cemetery Secretary provided Members with 2024 project suggestions for 2024. One suggestion brought forward was the creation of historical sign boards that would be placed at approved cemeteries. Boards would showcase historical information and photos when available. Members discussed visiting specific cemeteries prior to deciding which Cemetery would be the approved location for the first board.

2.5 New Cremation Contractor

The Secretary provided an update on the new Cremation Contractor (Ferrante) and opening/closing fees have increased to \$335.00 not including tax.

2.6 General Discussions – needs, records keeping, wish list, future project

- Memorial Crosses for Veterans, Spence Cemetery Fence Repair.

ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2024-05 Crossman - Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board adjourns this meeting at 5:21 pm to meet again on July 31st, 2024.

Carried.

Approved by:

Chair, Garfield Robertson

Secretary, Erica Kellogg

Erica Kellogg

Subject: FW: FW: Veteran crosses for our Cemetery burials

From: Erica Kellogg
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 1:44 PM
To: Kelvin Hill <rclbranch394@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: FW: Veteran crosses for our Cemetery burials

Kelvin,

That is amazing news and thanks so much for sharing!!

The Board here will be happy to hear of the Legions progress as this too is important to us. If we can help ease the burden of placement or help with putting them together, we certainly are willing to pitch in.

Keep us posted if there is anything we can do to ensure our Veterans continue to be honoured at their graves.

Thanks,
Erica

From: Kelvin Hill <rclbranch394@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 1:16 PM
To: Erica Kellogg <ekellogg@magnetawan.com>
Subject: Re: FW: Veteran crosses for our Cemetery burials

Thanks for following up. We had a gentleman in Ardbeg step up and build the crosses for us at no cost. Our bottleneck right now is having the poppies produced to go on the crosses. This is being done by 3D printer at no cost. The young ladies grand-mother is footing the bill out of respect for her fathers service. The poppies are coming in dribs and drabs as she gets time to work on them. We plan to consolidate what we have in September and replace as many as possible during Legion Week (15-21 Sept).

I was by the Cenotaph today and noticed the crosses there were missing. I'll try to get replacements over in the near future.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

On Fri, 7 Jun 2024 at 11:30, Erica Kellogg <ekellogg@magnetawan.com> wrote:

Hi Kelvin,

Hope you have been keeping well, it's been two years since we corresponded, time goes far too fast!!

I was hopeful to have an update on the Legion Crosses for veterans. Since we last emailed, you were looking to find someone to start making them, have you had any luck?

I have a Board meeting end of July and I'd like to bring the Board an update.

Much appreciated.

Erica

From: Erica Kellogg
Sent: September 14, 2022 9:51 AM
To: Kelvin Hill <rclbranch394@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Veteran crosses for our Cemetery burials

Thanks for the clarity, Kelvin,

When I said 'received' I was indicating that we receive "from the Legion crosses which are placed on our veterans' graves" it was not an indication that our staff does the placement, but glad to confirm it is solely at your disclosure.

I look forward to hearing when the replacements have been created and placed.

Have a great day,

Erica

From: Kelvin Hill <rclbranch394@gmail.com>
Sent: September 14, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Erica Kellogg <ekellogg@magnetawan.com>
Subject: Re: Veteran crosses for our Cemetery burials

Hello Erica,

Your information is incorrect. The municipality does not put the crosses on the Veteran's graves, the Legion does as part of our graves decoration ritual.

We are in the midst of finding someone to make new ones for us but with over 300 to make it takes time. The hardest part is making the poppies that are attached. The other big problem we have is the damage caused by your whippersnippers. Your people don't take the care needed to lift the crosses high enough to hit the metal spike instead of the cross itself.

As soon as we start getting new ones we will start replacing the crosses in all five cemeteries in our area.

Thank you for your interest.

Kelvin J Hill

2nd Vice

Branch 394

On Wed, 14 Sept 2022 at 08:52, Erica Kellogg <ekellogg@magnetawan.com> wrote:

Good morning Kelvin,

My colleague Laura Brandt, Deputy Clerk, provided me with your contact information as I seek guidance regarding our three active cemeteries and acknowledgement of buried veterans.

I understand in the past, we have received from the Legion crosses which are placed on our veterans graves, these crosses are now needing to be replaced. Are you able to connect me with the right person to advise on how I can obtain replacement crosses to ensure our veterans continue to be recognized?

Kind regards,

Erica

FULL STEAM AHEAD

THE ARMOUR



The Armour, a passenger boat, was the best known of all the boats that operated the Magalloway River. Easily identified by its wheelhouse on the top deck, the Armour was 108 long and one of the largest boats on the river in its day. The Armour travelled the Magalloway River until the late 1920s when it burnt.

THE MIKE



Known as "the best buy", the Mike was built in Burk's Falls in 1889 for the Knight Brothers Company Inc. The Mike was sold in 1934 and marked the end of the riverboat era.

WANTITA



Wantita was a passenger boat along the river until 1911 when it burned in Burk's Falls. Rebuilt as a tugboat in 1918 it was then sent to the Knight Brothers Company Inc. Its destruction is known as the last steamer on the river when it burned again in Ahme Harbour in the early 1930s.

WENONAH



The Wenonah was the largest boat on the Magalloway River at 100ft long and was equipped with 16 stoves and paddle wheel propellers making the boat unique. It burned in 1916 (October 1916).

GLENADA



The Glenada, only 60ft long, was one of the most powerful boats on the river. It travelled the Magalloway River until 1930 and was the last passenger boat to operate on the river.

THE BURK'S FALLS RIVERBOAT ERA

A century ago, up to about 1928, before the many roads and highways were built, the scattered settlements along the Magalloway River were almost inaccessible except by riverboats.

During the riverboat era the boats would carry mail, food, supplies, and passengers to the many farms and settlements along the way.


One of the most popular functions of the riverboats in the early 1900s, was the social get-togethers and picnics. Every summer there would be hundreds of people using the boats for luncheons, dinners, teas, picnics, or just as transportation to one of the picnic grounds along the route between Burk's Falls and Ahme Harbour.



The tugboats were the real workers on the river. Many of them were used to bring logs up the river to the Knight Brothers factory. Eventually, automobile and rail transportation became the main modes of transportation throughout the region and the riverboat era faded away.



VILLAGE OF
BURK'S FALLS

 <p data-bbox="203 262 389 325">Municipality of Magnetawan</p>	<p data-bbox="560 199 844 241">REPORT TO COUNCIL</p>
To:	Magnetawan Cemetery Board
From:	Erica Kellogg - Secretary
Date of Meeting:	July 31 st , 2024
Report Title:	Spence Fence

Recommendation: THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board receives and approves this report.

Background:

At the intersection of Nipissing Road and Midlothian Road, winter road maintenance has resulted in an approximately 100ft (10 - 10ft sections non-consecutive) of damage to the existing chain link fence on the Midlothian Road side. The Parks and Maintenance Staff temporarily repaired the fence while seeking out contractors to make permanent repair. Through discussions with fence contractors Staff have learned green chain link fence is ‘difficult’ to locate; galvanized steel or black are the options available for new fencing.

Evaluation:

The existing fence has been in place for a number of years and with the years the age and deterioration of the fence is showing. Posts, caps and other hardware as seen in the attached photos are not in ideal condition. The option to replace only the damaged chain link fence will leave the posts, caps and hardware in place, resulting in an unappealing blend of old and new.

In speaking with the Parks and Maintenance Manager, the chain link fence creates maintenance challenges as it is difficult to trim grass around and under the existing fence without contentiously damaging trimmers. Removal of the fence in its entirety would address the challenges of maintenance. To this effect, the Parks and Maintenance Manager suggests the fence be removed entirely.

Financial Implications:

Within the 2024 budget, Council approved \$7000 to repair the damaged portions of the fence.

Staff has learned from a fence installation company that a reasonable replacement price, including material and labour for chain link fence, is \$70.00 per foot. The option to replace the 100ft of non-consecutive fencing is estimated at \$1000+, however a small section such as this may be difficult to acquire a contractor. This option would incorporate new and old fencing.

Alternately, the replacement of the entire 430ft of fencing on Midlothian Road would be estimated at \$30,000+, which is not captured in the 2024 approved budget. Should this be the preferred option, the Board could consider making a recommendation to Council that the required funds be included in the 2025 budget deliberations.

An additional option for consideration is the removal of the existing fence along Midlothian Road as an initial step. The gaps within the natural pine tree boarder could be planted with native shrubs or perennials, that would provide a visual continuation of a natural board.

Options:

- 1) Remain status quo;
- 2) Replace the damaged existing fence sections (non-continuous) with new chain link fence in either galvanised steel or black;
- 3) Replace approximately 430 feet of fencing on Midlothian Road in 2025 (if approved by Council);
- 4) Remove existing fence on Midlothian Road in its entirety adding in specific areas additional shrubs or perennials to continue the existing natural boarder while adhering to the approved 2024 budget;
- 5) Remove existing fence.

Conclusion:

Under legislation there is no requirement known to Staff that dictates the requirement of a barrier around cemeteries. Traditionally, fences were erected around cemeteries to deter wandering livestock that could damage headstones and/or graves. Staff is unaware of any intentional damage caused by livestock or persons to headstones or grave.

Spence Cemetery currently has a natural board around the cemetery consisting of mature pine trees with a few sections that would benefit from additional complementary planting. Removing the fence entirely will eliminate ongoing maintenance of the fence while also eliminating damage to Parks and Maintenance equipment. For these reasons Staff recommend removing the Midlothian Road fence in its entirety adding complementary planting to fill any gaps within the existing natural boarder.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Kellogg

Secretary – Cemetery Board





