



AGENDA

Magnetawan Cemetery Board (MCB)

Wednesday June 14, 2023

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Cemetery Write Ups for Municipal Website
- 2.2 Pet Cemetery - Member Campbell
- 2.3 Spence Cemetery - Trees Removed
- 2.4 Website Mapping - Cemetery - Interment information posted per active cemetery
- 2.5 General Discussion - needs, records keeping, wishlist, future projects

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3.1

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

4.1

ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1 Confirm the Proceedings of Committee and Adjourn
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Magnetawan Cemetery Board (MCB)

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2023

The meeting of the MCB was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 4:30 pm with the following present:

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

OPENING BUSINESS

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

1.2 Appoint Chair and Vice Chair

1.3 Appoint Secretary

RESOLUTION 2023-01 Crossman-Campbell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board appoint:

Garfield Robertson as Chair;

Doris Langford as Vice Chair;

And Erica Kellogg as Secretary, until successors are appointed.

Carried.

The meeting was turned over to Chair Garfield Robertson.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION 2023-02 Campbell – Crossman

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

Carried.

1.5 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The Chair stated that should anyone have a disclosure of pecuniary interest that they could declare the nature thereof now or any time during the meeting.

None disclosed.

1.6 Adoption of Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2023-03 Lewis – Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board approves and accepts the Cemetery Board Minutes from November 22nd, 2022, as presented. *Carried.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1 Introductions

With the appointment of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, Board members were welcome and asked to introduce themselves. Members shared their interest and/or experience with Cemetery administration while the Secretary provided a brief history of her Cemetery administration experience.

2.2 Magnetawan Cemetery Board Mandate

The Committee received and acknowledge the Mandate.

2.3 Cemetery By-law 2021-41 Administration of Cemeteries within Municipality

The Committee received and acknowledge By-law 2021-41

2.4 By-law 2020-29 Govern Proceedings of Council and Committees

The Committee received and acknowledge By-law 2020-29

2.5 Committee Information and Declaration Form

The Committee received and acknowledge the Information and Declaration Form

2.6 Cemetery Write Ups for Municipal Website

The Secretary requested members write summaries for each cemetery in an effort to provide more information, historical background or photos that may add value to existing writeups on the municipal website.

2.7 Chapman Cemetery Memorial Sanctuary and Columbarium – update

Information was provided to help inform new and returning members on the Chapman Memorial Sanctuary project as the project will have shovels in the ground in 2023.

2.8 General Discussion – needs, records keeping, wish list, future projects

Members were informed that should they have suggestions on future projects, identified needs or wish lists to bring them forward to future meetings.

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3.1 Request for Spence Cemetery Map

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

4.1 Estate of the late Ethel Sawdon - trust funds

The Chair provided feedback on the trust funds and the intended return of these funds.

ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2023-04 Bishop - Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board adjourns this meeting at 5:39 pm to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Chair, Robertson

Secretary, Kellogg

Ahmic Harbour Cemetery (currently has no write up)

Nestled amongst tall whispering pine trees, the Ahmic Harbour Cemetery can be found just before reaching the by-pass for the road leading into the Hamlet of Ahmic Harbour, just off Highway 124. The historical cemetery dates back to the mid 1800's with one of the first known burials taking place in 1898. The cemetery itself was donated by the Paul Family.

Still utilized as an active Cemetery whereas the remaining plots can be purchased, and interments can be arranged through the Municipality of Magnetawan municipal office.

Chapman Cemetery (currently has no write up)

One of the largest active Cemeteries for the Municipality of Magnetawan, Chapman Cemetery can be found amongst a mature untouched forest where the trees provide a serene and peaceful place of rest for loved ones. This active Cemetery has ample space for future generations since the Municipality has created a Memorial Sanctuary which will also house a columbarium for cremated interments. The Sanctuary, once open, will provide a quiet walking path where visitors can walk amongst memorial benches and trees, giving remembrance to those that have passed.

Dufferin Methodist Cemetery

The Dufferin Methodist Cemetery once boasted a small church but its position is not so well defined. Here lies the remains of six young children of James and Janey Morden who died within a few days of each other when a virus hit their home on Muskrat Valley Road in January of 1902. They ranged in age from a year and a half to twelve. Only their oldest daughter survived this epidemic, which swept through the area taking others as well.

There were several Morden families in this settlement one of who was buried here; Joseph, his wife Amelia Vigrass and their son Ernest E. Morden. Others who rest here: Alvin's parents John Alexander and Olive Cooper Farrow; John Brown, his wife Susan and infant son Thomas; Wm. Robinson who had lived out the Rock Hill Road died 1905, age 92; Elias and Laura Ashton lost four young children, baby Charles in 1882, 15 year old Elias in 1900, 10 year old Laura in January 1902 and Emily at 6 years old in February 1902, probably from the same sickness that hit the Morden family; John Vickers, son of Thomas and Lotties; Mary Anne Battlin, 72, wife of Wm. Adams 85, and their son Wm. E. Adams aged 28. Mr. Adams was a native of Cornwallis, England.

Port Carmen Old Lutheran Cemetery

The Port Carmen Old Lutheran Cemetery can be seen south off Hwy #520 about 2 miles from Magnetawan. The cemetery is rather difficult to zero in on so it is recommended you ask for local assistance once you get in the general area.

Rock Hill Cemetery

The Rock Hill Cemetery can be seen about 8 miles south of Magnetawan on the Old Nipissing Trail. The cemetery trail is East off the Old Nipissing Trail and is 4-wheeler access. Note: if you travel to the cemetery from Magnetawan you should know the Cemetery turnoff is about a mile before you hit the Orange Valley Road.

St. John's Anglican Cemetery Dufferin Bridge
(Vigrass Cemetery)

Near the Muskrat Valley Road once stood a small St. John's Anglican Church where now all that remains is the outline of the stone foundation, guarded by a comparatively young pine tree. Around it lays the lonely cemetery beckoning the traveler to stop and visit.

Wm. Beasley lies here with two wives, one who died at 19 years, 7 months, probably in childbirth; Ruth Ellen Downing Vigrass, most likely from the same cause at age 18 years, 2 months; three other members of the Downing family, Laura, Richard, and Jean; James Burn's wife Mary; Annabelle McDonald wife of Garfield Phillips; James and Thomas Hughes 25 and 30; children of James and Martha Vigrass, Lilla Jane 14 and Edwin Paul 22 both drowned in separate accidents; the parents James and Martha Beckett Vigrass, who headstone has been vandalized; Anne E. Granger infant daughter of Wm. And Elizabeth; John Robert Moring's wife Katherine Mary Stevens; Morley David and Madeline M. Sawdon; Raymond M. and Audrey E. Burns Sawdon; and David Shelswell and his wife Hannah M. Holmes.

Seguin Cemetery

To the west of the Nipissing Road on the old side road, lies a small unkempt cemetery whose markers bear many pioneer names, gone and almost forgotten. Peter Losch and his wife Mary rest there. Thomas and Charlotte Watkinson Vickers and their son Walter are buried here; John and Harriet Sawdon and daughter Marjorie; members of the Fleming family; Cpl. Hall 1949; Mckinnon, Scott; Marian Irene Vigrass 1896; Annie J. Heydon wife of Henry Good and their son Henry; Margaret wife of Joseph Studholme 1886 and their two young daughters who died on April 13, 1880. Elizabeth Anne 13, and Hannah Matilda 11; John Chisholm; and Joseph P. Stevenson.

Orange Valley (Currently no write up)

Erica Kellogg

From: Gil Glover <Gillian.Glover@thebao.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2023 10:02 AM
To: Erica Kellogg
Subject: RE: New submission from Contact Page

Good morning Erica,

Thank you for your email regarding a potential pet cemetery within a municipally owned cemetery. Please note, the BAO is currently reviewing and developing cemetery by-law considerations for the interment of pet and human remains *together* – this is a very new practice within Ontario only offered at three sites that I'm aware of. In regards to the burials of pets alone, that technically isn't under the purview of the BAO but activity within a licensed cemetery site still is.

Typically, we would strongly suggest against using any land that has been licensed and designated for the interment of human remains to allow interments of pets in their own lots – the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002* is unfortunately silent on the specifics for this so we have treated each case individually and with plenty of caution. If possible, we would suggest the creation of a pet only cemetery outside of any currently licensed cemeteries, the regulations for such would fall mostly under the municipality itself for zoning and business by-laws.

If you are considering using land within one of licensed cemeteries, or introducing a new section for both human and pet remains please let me know – I can involve our Manager of Policy and Procedure Development to ensure that we're all on the same page.

Please let me know if you have any questions, happy to help.

Take care,

Gil Glover (*they/them/hers*)

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Message

Good morning. The municipality of Magnetawan operates three cemeteries. I had a resident inquiry about pet cemeteries and if we can operate one within an active cemetery. I'm wondering what the regulations would be to offer a small section within an active cemetery that would be designated specifically for pets. Any guidance would be appreciated.

