



Magnetawan Cemetery Board (MCB)

Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2024

The meeting of the MCB was held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024, 4:30pm at the Magnetawan Community Centre with the following present:

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

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 2024-11 Langford - Smith

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

Carried.

1.4 Adoption of Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 2024-12 Campbell - Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board approves and accepts the Cemetery Board Minutes from July 31st, 2024, as amended.

Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1 Chapman Cemetery – Memorial Sanctuary and Columbarium – verbal update

The Secretary informed the Committee the Columbarium beautification project started in August and will be completed summer 2025 after a culvert is rerouted. Members discussed how the columbarium can be 'advertised' to showcase to the public that the niches are available for sale. The Board Secretary informed Members there is a publication poster being presented in the September 25th Council agenda.

2.2 Legion Veteran Crosses Update – verbal update

The Secretary informed members that the Magnetawan/Dunchurch Legion along with Members of the Cemetery Board placed replacement veteran crosses at all three active cemeteries. In total 101 crosses were placed. There were some veterans not found and work is being done to identify and mark these veterans graves. Additionally, some monuments of service were found that were not on the Legion provided veteran list, in partnership with the Legion these presumed veterans are being further examined.

2.3 Cemetery Historical Information Signs

RESOLUTION 2024-13 Miller - Lewis

WHEREAS the Magnetawan Cemetery Board Secretary provided members with recommendations for future projects in 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Cemetery Board received and approved recommendations which included new historical sign boards showcasing historical photos and information specific to the cemeteries;

AND WHEREAS a total amount of \$1,500 was included in the 2024 Municipal budget for the historical sign project;

AND WHEREAS during the regular meeting of the Board on June 5th, 2024, Members deferred a decision on the historical sign boards until Members had an opportunity to visit specific cemeteries;

AND WHEREAS during the regular meeting of the Board on July 31st, 2024, Members deferred a decision on the historical sign boards until a revised quote was obtained costing out the replacement of existing historical sign boards as an option for new signs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board approves the following Cemeteries in the order identified and the preferred replacement option for the historical sign board project based on information available to the Municipality:

Which was Option #2: Working within the 2024 budget replace existing historical signs with a like for like sign understanding existing photos may not be available.

- 1 Ahmic Harbour Cemetery
- 2 Chapman Cemetery
- 3 Spence Cemetery
- 4 Dufferin Methodist Cemetery
- 5 Orange Valley Cemetery
- 6 St. John's Anglican Cemetery Dufferin Bridge (Vigrass Cemetery)
- 7 Port Carmen Old Lutheran Cemetery
- 8 Rock Hill Cemetery

Carried.

2.4 Chapman Cemetery Interment Request – Ila McLachlan

RESOLUTION 2024-14 Bishop - Campbell

WHEREAS the Magnetawan Cemetery Board Secretary received correspondence from Ila McLachlan dated August 23rd, 2024 seeking permission to be laid to rest within the McLachlan family plots located at the Chapman Cemetery;

AND WHEREAS the Secretary has reviewed existing Cemetery records and has discussed findings with Ms. McLachlan the recommendation is to allow Ms. McLachlan's cremated remains be laid to rest with her grandparents Guy Henry and Julia Ann McLachlan in Plot E-40-1 or 2;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board approves the recommendation from the Magnetawan Cemetery Board Secretary and grants permission to Ila McLachlan to have her cremated remains laid to rest within the Chapman Cemetery Plot E-40-1 or 2 with her grandparents Guy Henry and Julia Ann McLachlan.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2024-15 Lewis - Miller

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Magnetawan Cemetery Board adjourns this meeting at 5:45 pm to meet again on October 30th at 4:30pm.

Carried.

Approved by:


Chair, Garfield Robertson


Secretary, Erica Kellogg

