



RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 333

DECEMBER 10, 2025

Moved by:



Seconded by:



**WHEREAS** staff submitted an application for Invest Ready–Certified Site Designation, which was denied due to the absence of water, wastewater, and natural gas infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** staff subsequently met with representatives of the associated grant funding program, who advised that additional funding opportunities for rural communities would be forthcoming;

**AND WHEREAS** the Site Readiness Program for Industrial Properties has since been launched, with eligibility requirements stipulating that any missing infrastructure must be in place and serviceable within two years of acceptance into the grant funding program;

**AND WHEREAS** it is not financially feasible nor in the best interest of our ratepayers to install full municipal water, wastewater, and natural gas services, as the associated capital and operating costs would impose an undue financial burden on the Municipality’s ratepayers;

**AND WHEREAS** alternative servicing solutions commonly used in rural and northern Ontario—such as properly designed and maintained septic systems for wastewater, drilled wells for drinking water, and propane or hydro for heat—are proven, reliable, and effective forms of infrastructure that can safely and efficiently support industrial and commercial development;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan urges the Province of Ontario to revise its grant funding criteria to recognize and accept these alternative servicing methods as eligible infrastructure, and to ensure that rural and northern municipalities lacking municipal gas, water, and wastewater systems are not excluded from support;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP for Parry Sound–Muskoka; the Honourable Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound–Muskoka; FONOM; AMO; NOMA; and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried  Defeated  Deferred

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
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Hind, Jon			
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RE: 6.12 Municipality of Magnetawan Council Resolution regarding Invest Ready Certified Site Designation

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on January 21, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-004:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.12 regarding Municipality of Magnetawan Council Resolution regarding Invest Ready Certified Site Designation be received for information; and,

That Council directs staff to send a draft a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Honourable Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry-Sound Muskoka; FONOM; AMO; NOMA; and all Ontario Municipalities