

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on August 11, 2008 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present:	Reeve -	John Vanlenthe (7:10 PM)
	Councillors -	William Groenheide
		Rick Kieri
		David Smelow
		Linda Turk
	Administration -	Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
	Roads -	Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance Coordinator
	VFD -	Scott Hole, Fire Chief
	Waste Site -	John Kashuba, Waste Site Attendant

Deputy Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

A letter from the Hymers Museum was added to the agenda as item 6.9.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on July 14, 2008

Resolution 08/218:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on July 14, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 08/219:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 08/07 for the period from July 15, 2008 through August 11, 2008, including cheque numbers 1388 to 1422, for a total of \$97,095.51; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$17,740.88 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 08/220:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 08/07 for the period from July 1 through July 31, 2008, including cheque numbers 1401 to 1407, for a total of \$9,339.23 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of revenue received in July 2008 was received and noted.

5. Reports

VFD Report

The VFD Report for the month of July 2008 as submitted by the Fire Chief was received and noted.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to draft a letter to the Ministry of Transportation respecting the repair work to the Hymers Bridge which blocked the municipality's fire lane access to the Whitefish River, as well as parking access to the Hymers Museum. Council would like to see the MTO rectify this situation.

Gillies Emergency Services – Annual Report 2007

The 2007 Annual Report for Gillies Emergency Services as submitted by the Fire Chief was received and noted. The Fire Chief requested that the Clerk-Treasurer forward a copy to the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office.

Waste Site Attendant Report

A verbal report of the issues and concerns at the Waste Disposal Site were received and noted. Issues noted were the height of the burn pile, the clean-up of the recycling, the new recycling centre and the Good Neighbour Shack.

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of July 2008 as submitted by the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was received and noted.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

The Clerk-Treasurer Report on the status of ongoing matters was received and noted.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Township of Muskoka – MPAC

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of September 8, 2008.

6.2 Nolalu Emergency Services Team – Rescue Vehicle

The letter was accepted with gratitude.

6.3 Nolalu Emergency Services Team - Raffle

Resolution 08/221:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Nolalu Emergency Services Team is permitted to sell raffle tickets within the municipality.

CARRIED

6.4 Weiler, Maloney, Nelson - Integrated Power System Plan

Due to the missed deadline of submissions for this proposal, this item was presented for information only.

6.5 Township of Hilliard – “Zenn” Electric Cars

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of September 8, 2008.

6.6 TBDSSAB – NODA General Meeting

The Clerk-Treasurer informed the members that 60 municipal brochures would be delivered for the attendees of this conference.

6.7 Gillies Waste Site Attendants – Alternate Attendant

Without objection, this item was deferred for discussion later in the meeting.

6.8 Township of O’Connor – O’Connor Day

6.9 Hymers Museum – Parking at PD Park

Resolution 08/222:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hymers Museum volunteers be permitted to use P.D. Park as a venue for their fundraising booth during the Hymers Fair on August 31 and September 1, 2008.

CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Township of Manitouwadge – TBRHSC

Resolution 08/223:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Manitouwadge respecting the Minister of Health and Long Term Care providing the necessary funding to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre to ensure that adequate staff and beds are available to the citizens residing in the communities surrounding Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

7.2 Town of Caledon – Tax Exempt Allowances

Resolution 08/224:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Caledon respecting an increase to the deduction limit of tax exempt allowance paid by employers to employees using their personal vehicle for business purposes.

CARRIED

7.3 Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Postal Deregulation

Resolution 08/225:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's exclusive privilege on letters); and

WHEREAS it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service – the exclusive privilege; and

WHEREAS postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closure, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small business; and

WHEREAS the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office – the public.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Gillies send a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post – the public.

CARRIED

7.4 Recommendations to Update Emergency Plan and Procedures

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to inquire who from the Lakehead Public School Board is planning to attend a practical emergency training exercise to be tentatively held on September 23, 2008, prior to scheduling it.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to contact the Gillies Community Centre Board, to obtain their consent to install telephone lines at the Community Centre.

Resolution 08/226:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to contact TBaytel to install additional phone lines in the Municipal Office, Fire Hall and Gillies Community Centre, pending their consent, for a temporary period of one month, in order to prepare these buildings with the necessary communications infrastructure for use in the event of a future state of emergency.

CARRIED

7.5 Fire Protection Advisory Committee –By-law #630

Resolution 08/227:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #630 being a by-law to provide for an advisory committee to be struck with a mandate to address fire protection services for the Township and to repeal by-law #455, be given third reading and finally passed this 11th day of August 2008; and

FURTHER THAT this by-law be dated, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed

and embedded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

7.6 General Advisory Committee –By-law #631

Resolution 08/228:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #631 being a by-law to provide for a general advisory committee to be struck with the mandate to provide background research and to prepare recommendations to council on any matter referred by council and to repeal by-law #515, be given third reading and finally passed this 11th day of August 2008; and

FURTHER THAT this by-law be dated, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed and embedded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

7.7 Roads Advisory Committee –By-law #632

Resolution 08/229:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #632 being a by-law to provide for an advisory committee to be struck with the mandate of addressing the service delivery of roads construction and maintenance for the Township and to repeal by-law #514, be given third reading and finally passed this 11th day of August 2008; and

FURTHER THAT this by-law be dated, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed and embedded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

7.8 Appointment of Committee Members Policy –By-law #633

Resolution 08/230:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #633 being a by-law to set up a procedure to appoint members to advisory committees and to repeal by-law #560, be given third reading this 11th day of August 2008; and

FURTHER THAT this by-law be dated, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed and embedded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

7.9 Community Profiles and Investment Readiness Projects – Final Report

Without objection, this item was deferred to the council meeting of September 8, 2008.

7.10 Dave's Road Bridge

Resolution 08/231:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS on June 6, 2008 a severe rainstorm caused damage to the abutments of the Dave's Road Bridge and washed out a portion of Dave's Road and the fire access lane; and

WHEREAS Dave's Road and the bridge have been closed to traffic since June 6th, pending their repair; and

WHEREAS according to Ministry of Natural Resources' regulations, all in-water and shoreline work must be completed between June 15th and September 1st of any given year; and

WHEREAS it is deemed by Council to repair Dave's Road, the fire access lane and the bridge, so that they can be reopened as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS to expedite the repair, Council has determined that the receipt of two estimates for the repairs is sufficient, given the short time frame to have the work completed before next year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the repair of Dave's Road Bridge be offered to LH North General Contractors LTD. at an estimated cost of \$43,500.00; and

FURTHER THAT this same company be hired to repair Dave's Road and the fire access lane based on time and materials used.

CARRIED

Resolution 08/232:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cook Engineering be contracted to oversee the work being performed at the Dave's Road Bridge to ensure that the repairs to the cribbing and the abutments are done properly.

CARRIED

7.11 Utility Right-of-Ways

Resolution 08/233:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT [Administrative Report 2008/04](#) - Utility Right of Ways on Municipal Road Allowance - has been received and filed for information purposes.

CARRIED

7.12 South Gillies Speed Zone/Community Safety Zone Updates

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to contact the MTO about the status of the Speed Zone, since no response has been heard back since the public meeting held on April 30, 2008. Council also would like to know why the "hidden intersection" sign, which was apparently an "illegal" sign, was reposted.

8. New Business

8.1 Amendment to Councillor Honourarium By-law – Draft By-law #634

Resolution 08/234:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #634 being a by-law to amend By-law #591, a by-law to establish remuneration and expenses for members of council, be given first and second reading this 11th day of August 2008.

CARRIED

8.2 Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference

No councillors or staff are planning to attend the conference.

8.3 ODRAP Funding – By-law #635

Resolution 08/235:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #635 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a funding agreement for ODRAP funding, be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 11th day of August 2008; and

FURTHER THAT this by-law be dated, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed and embedded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

Resolution 08/236:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to transfer funds from the reserve account to the chequing account, if necessary, in order to cover expenditures prior to receiving payment from the ODRAP funding; and

FURTHER THAT any monies transferred shall be transferred back to the reserve account upon receipt of the ODRAP funding.

CARRIED

Reeve Vanlenthe suggested that council go into an in-camera session to discuss the Waste Site Attendants' request to hire a casual attendant.

Resolution 08/237:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies will close the next portion of the meeting to the public pursuant to section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 to consider labour relations and employee negotiations with respect to the potential creation of a new municipal position and to adopt the closed meeting minutes of June 17, 2008.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:	Y	N
Reeve Vanlenthe	X	
Councillor Groenheide	X	
Councillor Kieri	X	
Councillor Smelow	X	
Councillor Turk		X

The closed session began at 9:30 PM and finished at 10:05 PM.

Resolution 08/238:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies has finished with the portion of the meeting closed to the public, under section 239 (2) (d) of the *Municipal Act* and returns to the portion of the meeting open to the public.

CARRIED

Resolution 08/239:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council meet with the Roads Maintenance Coordinator to discuss Waste Disposal Site personnel issues in a closed session on September 8, 2008 at 6:30 PM.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Smelow requested that a letter be drafted to the Municipality of Neebing requesting their help to lobby the Ministry of Transportation to repair Highway 608 from its current deplorable condition.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to draft such a letter for Council consideration at the council meeting of September 8, 2008.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 08/240:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:10 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve_____

Clerk_____