

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on December 8, 2008 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present:	Deputy Reeve -	Rick Kieri
	Councillors -	William Groenheide
		David Smelow
		Linda Turk
	Administration -	Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
	Roads –	Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance Coordinator
	VFD -	Scott Hole, Fire Chief
	Visitor-	JoAnn M ^c Quaid, Resident

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

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on November 24, 2008

Resolution 08/295:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on November 24, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

3.1 JoAnn M^cQuaid – Dog Issues

Mrs. M^cQuaid spoke to council about an issue she has been having with dogs wandering onto her property. It has been ongoing now for 1½ years. The actions taken by the Dog By-law Enforcement Officer to resolve the issue have not been to her satisfaction. She had pictures of one of the dogs on her property which she gave to the Clerk-Treasurer for the file.

The Clerk-Treasurer offered that if the dogs are being aggressive toward her and her family and that they feel threatened, to call the police as the enforcement of aggressive dogs falls under the Provincial *Dog Owner's Liability Act*.

The Deputy Reeve explained that it is costly to enforce wandering dogs, unless the offending dog is immediately caught wandering off of their own property. He indicated that wandering and barking dogs are becoming increasingly problematic within the Township and that the Township is looking for ways to help alleviate the problem. However, all rural municipalities have issues with dogs and enforcing their dog control by-laws. He assured Mrs. M^cQuaid that the Township would follow up with the Dog By-law Enforcement Officer to see how to best resolve the issue.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 08/296:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 08/11 for the period from November 11, 2008 through December 8, 2008, including cheque numbers 1552 to 1610, for a total of \$49,080.66; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$1,891.58 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 08/297:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 08/11 for the period from November 1 through November 30, 2008, including cheque numbers 1562 to 1567, for a total of \$6689.35 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of revenue received in November 2008 was received and filed.

5. Reports

VFD Report

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

Road's Department Report

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

Fire Protection Committee Report

There will be no Fire Protection Committee meeting in December 2008.

There was discussion about finding an area on the river during the winter to fill the pumper truck. It was stated that for the sake of safety and insurance regulations, that having firefighters on the ice in the winter would not be a good idea. It is recommended that a water tank be installed at PeeDee Park, as well as the possible utilization of the water tank at the school.

General Advisory Committee Report

The minutes of the December 1, 2008 General Advisory Committee were received and filed.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

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

6. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were received, the contents noted and action taken if and as indicated.

6.1 City of Cambridge - Property Tax Assessment

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of January 12, 2009.

6.2 Thunder Bay Ventures – Program Information

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to contact Thunder Bay Ventures to have a representative speak to council about their program.

6.3 Pic Mobert First Nation – Pic Mobert Hydro Power Joint Venture

Resolution 08/298:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS the Pic Mobert First Nation is an Ojibway community located in the District of Thunder Bay near White River; and

WHEREAS representatives of the Pic Mobert First Nation, on the invitation of the Thunder Bay District Municipal League, made a presentation on its proposed water power developments on the White River, to the Municipal League at its meeting held in Thunder Bay on November 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS the Pic Mobert First Nation's water power developments, being undertaken through the Pic Mobert Hydro Power Joint Venture, would result in a timely and urgently needed new investment of some \$85 million in the District economy, make an important contribution towards the health and development of the Pic Mobert First Nation and Ontario and Canada's commitments to achieving significant new investment in alternative, renewable and non-polluting alternatives to coal generation, and provide short-term economic relief to the Township of White River;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies confirm its support of the Pic Mobert First Nation's proposed developments on the White River; and

FURTHER THAT the Township of Gillies strongly encourage the Minister of Natural Resources to conclude the necessary reviews and approvals for the project so that it can proceed to construction as soon as possible in 2009.

CARRIED

6.4 Harry Sitch – Community Safety Zones

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to amend the Community Safety Zone for Hymers to include a stretch of Highway 595 from the Hymers intersection, east toward the top of the hill going toward Kakabeka. It was the consensus of the members that the Clerk-Treasurer also investigate what is required to include a part of Main Street into the Community Safety Zone.

6.5 Township of Conmee – MPAC

6.6 Kelly Schmid, MTO – Provincial Highway Issues

The letter from Kelly Schmid regarding the maintenance of local provincial highways and signage was received and filed.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Dog Issues

A report from the Dog By-law Enforcement Officer was received and filed. Without objection, the Dog By-law enforcement Officer was directed to drive by Mrs. M^cQuaid's house, to document the dates and times he drives by and if the dogs are seen on the road, to capture them and bring them into Animal Services.

7.2 Mill Grant

Without objection, the remainder of the Mill grant money will be used toward re-gravelling the Landfill's Driveway and preparing the site to relocate the pit, the recycling centre and the Good Neighbour Shack.

7.3 Grader RFPs

The Roads Maintenance Coordinator will review and compare the RFP's received and report back to Council with a recommendation in January 2009.

7.4 CACC Contract

Council had no further comment or discussion on the upcoming CACC contract.

8. New Business

8.1 Appointment of Deputy Reeve 2009

Resolution 08/299:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS Section 242 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 provides that a municipality may by by-law or resolution appoint a member of council to act in the place of the head of council when the head of council is absent or refuses to act or the office is vacant and while so acting such member has all the powers and duties of the head of council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints David Smelow as Deputy Reeve for 2009.

DEFERRED

8.2 Appointment of Municipal Representatives – By-law #637

Resolution 08/300:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #637 being a by-law to appoint township representatives to local boards and committees and to appoint individuals to carry out duties in the affairs of the Municipality for 2009 and 2010 be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 8th day of December 2008; and

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

CARRIED

8.3 Reallocation of VFD Expenditures

Resolution 08/301:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS in 2005 the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office granted the Township of Gillies \$50,000 toward expenditures for Fire Protection Services; and

WHEREAS Council at the time allocated the money to be spent in the following categories: Training \$5,000; Equipment \$5,000 and Vehicles \$40,000; and

WHEREAS the Fire Chief is requesting that the remaining \$1,950.07 left in the portion allocated to Vehicles after the purchases of the pumper, pump and rescue vehicle, be allocated to Equipment, in order to purchase a larger size fire suit for a new member.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$1,950.07 be allocated from the Vehicle expenditure account to the Equipment expenditure account.

CARRIED

8.4 Transfers to/from Reserve Funds

Resolution: 08/302:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer the following funds via Internet Banking using Electronic Fund Transfer:

\$165 from the Cemetery Trust Account to the General Account, which represents the interest earned on the Cemetery Trust Account in 2008 that can be used to offset the cost of cemetery maintenance;

\$9,710 from the VFD allocation of the Reserve Account to the General Account, as per the Budget, to fund the purchase of a Rescue Vehicle;

\$6,000 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the Roads Reserve Fund, as per the Budget;

\$1,000 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the Landfill Reserve Fund, as per the Budget;

\$1,500 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the Sick Leave Reserve Fund, as per the Budget;

\$1,000 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the VFD Reserve Fund, as per the Budget;

\$17,169 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund, as per the Budget, which represents the unexpended Federal Gas Tax funds earned (\$208 - 2007 and \$16,961 - 2008);

\$5,913 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the Roads Reserve Fund, as per the Budget, which represents the unexpended funds from the 2006 Move Ontario Grant; and

\$250.00 from the General Account to the Cemetery Trust Account for monument maintenance fees collected in 2008.

CARRIED

8.5 Clerk's Correspondence Course – Municipal Finance & Accounting

Resolution 08/303:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk is authorized to enroll in Unit 1 of the Municipal Accounting and Finance Program, effective for January 2009.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Smelow indicated that a new season of Community Sports Night will begin in January. The Clerk-Treasurer will make the necessary insurance arrangements with the school.

Councillor Turk indicated that a grant called *Celebrate Ontario* is available for organizations to hold tourism events and festivals. The website to obtain more information is <http://www.tourism.gov.on.ca/english/festivals/>.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 08/304:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:19 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____