

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on February 25, 2008 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present: Reeve - John Vanlenthe
Councillors - Rick Kieri
David Smelow
Linda Turk
Administration - Karen Caren, Clerk/Treasurer
VFD - Scott Hole, Fire Chief

Reeve Vanlenthe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Smelow declared a conflict with item 5.4 since he is employed at a rural school.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes February 11, 2008

Resolution 08/50:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by Linda Turk

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on February 11, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Reports

VFD Report

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

Resolution 08/51:

Moved by Rick Kieri
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT due to a timing conflict with VFD training, the Liaison Committee shall be rescheduled to meet the third Wednesday of each month for the remainder of 2008, starting with the meeting in April.

CARRIED

Liaison Committee Report

The minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held on February 6, 2008 were received and noted.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

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

5. Correspondence

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

5.1 NOMA – NWO Immigration Portal

Resolution 08/52:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies supports the application being made by the City of Thunder Bay for a Northwestern Ontario Immigration Portal to provide information and to attract immigrants to the communities of the region; and

FURTHER THAT this endorsement be sent to the Thunder Bay Economic Development Commission.

CARRIED

5.2 Oliver Agricultural Society – Murillo Fair Prize Book Donation

Resloution: 08/53

Moved by: David Smelow
Seconded by: Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a half page size ad at a cost of \$25.00 be forwarded to the Oliver Agricultural Society Council for insertion into the 2008 Murillo Fair Prize Book.

CARRIED

5.3 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands – Drinking Water Systems

5.4 Township of Machar and Village of South River – Funding for Rural Schools

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 10, 2008

5.5 Gillies Community Centre – Enlargement of Parking Lot

Resolution: 08/54

Moved by: Linda Turk
Seconded by: Rick Kieri

WHEREAS the Gillies Community Centre is requesting that the Road's Department complete the work required to enlarge the Community Centre's parking;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rick Kieri will contact the Gillies Community Centre Board to inspect the site and obtain more details on the work to be done.

CARRIED

5.6 NOMA – Nominations for Vice President

5.7 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus – Farm Tax Rebate

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 10, 2008

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Official Plan Five Year Review Amendments – Draft By-law #621

Resolution: 08/55

Moved by: David Smelow

Seconded by: Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #621 being a by-law to adopt Amendment Number 2008-01 to the Official Plan for the Township of Gillies as a result of a five year review, be given first and second reading this 25th day February 2008.

CARRIED

6.2 Township of Greater Madawaska – Logging on Crown Lands

Resolution: 08/56

Moved by: Linda Turk

Seconded by: Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Greater Madawaska respecting logging on Crown Lands and the resulting damage to municipal roads.

CARRIED

6.3 South Gillies Speed Zone

Resolution: 08/57

Moved by: Rick Kieri

Seconded by: David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Sergeant Mantey of the OPP be asked to forward information on the Community Safety Zone: and

FURTHER THAT a public meeting on the South Gillies speed zone issue be held on April 30, 2008 at 7 PM at the Gillies Community Centre: and

FURTHER THAT representatives from the OPP, the MTO, the community and Bill Mauro MPP be invited to attend.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Tax Deferral and Financial Hardship By-law – By-law #620

Resolution: 08/58

Moved by: Rick Kieri

Seconded by: Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #620 being a by-law to defer, cancel or otherwise provide relief with respect to increase in taxes resulting from an increase in the levy and in the assessed value of property in the residential class in 2008, be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 25th day of February 2008; and

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

CARRIED

7.2 Oliver Paipoonge Public Library – 2008 Contract

Resolution: 08/59

Moved by: David Smelow

Seconded by: Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies wishes to continue its agreement with the Oliver Paipoonge Library for the provision of library services to Gillies residents for 2008; and

THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to sign the agreement renewal on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

7.3 By-law Enforcement Officer Position Competition

Resolution: 08/60

Moved by: David Smelow

Seconded by: Rick Kieri

WHEREAS the Township of Gillies has requested to share a By-law Enforcement Officer position with the neighbouring rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Township of Dorion has declined to participate; and

WHEREAS the Township of O'Connor wishes to share only advertising costs and not the position;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies shall jointly recruit an individual to fulfill the position of By-law Enforcement Officer together with the Township of Conmee and the Municipality of Neebing; and

FURTHER THAT advertising costs and the hiring process shall be shared amongst the three participating municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT Paul Barten is appointed to sit on the hiring committee for this competition.

CARRIED

7.4 Planning for Non Planners – Workshop

Resolution: 08/61

Moved by: Linda Turk

Seconded by: Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to enroll in the "Planning for Non-Planners" workshop to be held in Thunder Bay on April 18, 2008.

CARRIED

7.5 E&E Fund – Intent to Apply

Resolution: 08/62

Moved by: Rick Kieri

Seconded by: Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies supports the submission of an E&E Fund Intent to Apply Application to Stewardship Ontario for the purpose of developing a cooperative recycling planning and program development project for municipalities in rural Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

7.6 Community Development and Training

Resolution: 08/63

Moved by: David Smelow

Seconded by: Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Community Profile Team be established to receive training in economic development and community investment; and

FURTHER THAT this Team be mandated with the responsibilities of maintaining the Community Profile and other tools used for economic development and investment, as well as dealing with investors and the business community; and

FURTHER THAT this Team be comprised of the following individuals:

David Smelow	- Council Representation
Linda Turk	- Council Representation
Karen Caren	- Administrative/Business Representation
Margaret Mapley-Jackson	- Community Representation
Beth Stewart	- Community Representation
Deborah Poole-Hofmann	- Business Community Representation
Rebecca Crawford-Bell	- Business Community Representation and;

FURTHER that the community and business community representatives be remunerated as set out in By-law #591.

CARRIED

7.7 Wage Package Agreement – 2008

Resolution: 08/64

Moved by: David Smelow

Seconded by: Linda Turk

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 employee negotiations for the 2008 Wage Package Agreement.

CARRIED

The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to draft the 2008 Wage Package Agreement as discussed and noted in the Clerk's notes. The Clerk-Treasurer undertook to provide the updated Wage Package Agreement, along with the financial impact on the 2008 Budget, for council consideration at the meeting of March 10, 2008.

Resolution: 08/65

Moved by: Rick Kieri

Seconded by: Linda Turk

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, 2001* and returns to the portion of the meeting open to the public.

CARRIED

8. Upcoming Matters

No upcoming matters were identified.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 08/66:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

The time being 9:40 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____