

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on March 10, 2008 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present: Reeve - John Vanlenthe
Councillors - William Groenheide
Rick Kieri
David Smelow
Linda Turk
Administration - Sylvia Smith, Administrative Assistant
Roads - Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance
Coordinator

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

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes February 25, 2008

Resolution 08/69:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on February 25, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

2.2 Adoption of Public Meeting Minutes February 25, 2008

Resolution 08/70:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting of Gillies Council held on February 25, 2008, for the purpose of presenting the Official Plan review amendments, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 08/71:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts for the period from February 12, 2008 through March 10, 2008 as per schedule 08/02 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 08/72:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 08/02 for the period from February 1 through February 28, 2008 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

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

Clerk-Treasurer Report

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

Strategic Planning Committee Report

There was no report as the meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 City of Woodstock – Tax Capping

6.2 Town of Milton – Rehabilitation of Pits and Quarries

6.3 Niagara Region – Bill C-22

6.4 Political Action Committee – Trans Canada Highway

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 25th, 2008.

7. Unfinished Business

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

Resolution 08/73:

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 Township of Machar and Village of South River respecting increased funding for rural schools to keep them open and in operational repair.

CARRIED

7.2 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus – Farm Tax Rebate

Resolution 08/74:

Moved by: Rick Kieri

Seconded by: David Smelow

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario moved from the Farm Tax Rebate Program to a 75% reduction in the agricultural property tax rate reduction program in 1998, at a cost in excess of 100 million dollars annually to the municipalities of the Province; and

WHEREAS the Province agreed to maintain municipal agriculture property tax revenue when they moved from the rebate program to the reduced tax rate program; and

WHEREAS municipalities have not received equivalent agricultural property tax revenue compensation from the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS this failure of the Province of Ontario to provide equivalent compensation has negatively impacted the financial position of all municipalities in Ontario with an agricultural tax base, at the above-noted cost in excess of 100 million dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be petitioned to provide compensating revenue to the municipalities of Ontario that have been negatively impacted by the transition from the Farm Tax Rebate Program to the agricultural property tax rate reduction program.

CARRIED

7.3 Building Permit Fee Schedule – Amendment

Resolution 08/75:

Moved by: David Smelow

Seconded by: William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Chief Building Official consultation fee for non-permit holders be added to Schedule 'A' of By-law #574 in the following manner:

<u>Consultation Fees for Non-Permit Holders</u>	
On-site visit/consultation:	\$60 up to 1 hour (minimum charge) \$15 each additional ½ hour
Telephone consultation:	no charge for up to 10 minutes for general inquiries

A resident, after paying a consultation fee, subsequently obtains a building permit, any consultation fees shall be applied to the applicable building permit fee.

DEFEATED

7.4 Official Plan Five Year Review Amendments – Correspondence

Council requested that the information received from the Conservation Authority regarding the Official Plan be forwarded to the Planner.

7.5 Enlargement of Community Centre Parking Lot

7.6 Community Safety Zone

7.7 Temporary Recycling Facilities

7.8 Town Hall Meeting – Trends and Opportunities

Resolution 08/76:

Moved by: Rick Kieri

Seconded by: Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a public town hall meeting – Trends and Opportunities - be held on April 10, 2008 at 7:45 PM at the Gillies Community Centre for the purpose of presenting the results of the Community Profile and Investment Training projects; and

FURTHER that the Clerk shall provide public notice of this meeting.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Training and Travel Expenses – Draft Policy

Resolution 08/77:

Moved by: David Smelow

Seconded by: William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Travel and Training Expenses Policy be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

8.2 NOMA Annual General Meeting

Resolution 08/78:

Moved by: Rick Kieri

Seconded by: Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ are authorized to attend the NOMA Annual General Meeting to be held April 16 to 19, 2008 in Thunder Bay.

DEFERRED

8.3 Municipal Policy Writing Workshop

Resolution 08/79:

Moved by: David Smelow

Seconded by: William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to enroll in the Municipal Policy Writing Workshop hosted by AMCTO, to be held on April 17, 2008 in Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

7.9 Wage Package Agreement 2008

Resolution 08/80:

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 employee negotiations for the 2008 Wage Package Agreement.

CARRIED

Resolution 08/81:

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

Resolution 08/82:

Moved by: Linda Turk

Seconded by: Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wage Package Agreement for 2008 be approved.

DEFERRED

9. Upcoming Matters

No upcoming matters were identified.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 08/83:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

The time being 9:10 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve_____

Clerk_____