

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the special meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on June 17, 2008 at 6PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present: Reeve - John Vanlenthe
Councillors - Rick Kieri
William Groenheide
David Smelow
Linda Turk
Administration - Karen Caren, Clerk/Treasurer
Roads - Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance
Coordinator (6:30 PM)

1. Call to Order

Resolution 08/176:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies, called by the Reeve, for the purposes of requesting the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to declare the municipality a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP); and

FURTHER to assess the current state of the roads and the repairs being done as a result of the flooding, be called to order at 6 PM.

CARRIED

2. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Flood – Declaration of Disaster Area to MMAH

Resolution 08/177:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS on June 6, 2008, within a 24 hour period, over 100 millimeters of rain fell on the westerly region of the district of Thunder Bay; and

WHEREAS this intense rainfall event caused local rivers, streams and ponds to overflow their banks to flood and wash out many municipal and provincial roadways in the area; and

WHEREAS this event prompted the Township of Gillies, as well as our neighbouring communities, the Township of O'Connor, the Township of Conmee and the unincorporated area of Nolalu, to declare a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS the flooding and road washouts affected the entire municipality of Gillies with every road, culvert and bridge sustaining damage, with an estimated cost in excess of \$250,000 to repair this extensively impaired public infrastructure, with additional costs to be accrued if the bridge requires extensive repair or reconstruction; and

WHEREAS this cost to repair the damaged infrastructure is beyond the physical and financial capabilities of the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Gillies hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to declare the

entire jurisdiction of the Township of Gillies a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) or any other special funding that may be available from the province, to aid in public infrastructure recovery.

CARRIED

4. Assessment of Road Repairs ~ Closed Session

Resolution 08/178:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

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) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001 - personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees* - with respect to the assessment of the current conditions of the roads due to flooding, progress of the repairs and barriers to repairs and how municipal staff are coping with the excess workload.

CARRIED

Resolution 08/179:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

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)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and returns to the portion of the meeting open to the public.

CARRIED

Resolution 08/180:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the Roads Advisory Committee, together with the Roads Department, to assess the condition of the roads due to the flooding damage, to determine the progress of the repairs and to make recommendations to the Roads Maintenance Coordinator as to the most efficient and cost effective manner to expedite the repairs; and

FURTHER for the Roads Advisory Committee to provide road repair updates to Council at each regular council meeting until such time that the roads are deemed to be fully repaired.

CARRIED

5. Adjournment

Resolution 08/181:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 6:55 PM, we do now adjourn the special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____