

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the special meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on June 8, 2008 at 12:30 PM at the Gillies Fire Hall (Emergency Operations Centre).

Present:	Reeve -	John Vanlenthe
	Councillors -	William Groenheide
		David Smelow
		Rick Kieri
		Linda Turk
	Administration -	Karen Caren, Clerk/Treasurer
	Roads -	Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance Coordinator
	VFD -	Scott Hole, Fire Chief
	Visitor -	Dale Smyk, Emergency Management Ontario

1. Call to Order

Resolution 08/149:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies for the purpose of following up on the flooding situation and giving direction to employees with respect to road repairs and funding, be called to order at 12:30 PM.

CARRIED

2. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Groenheide declared a pecuniary interest with respect to any discussion of monetary reimbursement of emergency response personnel as he is a member of Gillies Emergency Services.

3. Update on Status of Roads

The Roads Maintenance Coordinator provided an update as to which roads were still closed.

Without objection, Council directed the Roads Maintenance Coordinator to keep Dave's Road closed pending investigation of its structural integrity by Cooke Engineering.

The Roads Maintenance Coordinator indicated that people were stealing the emergency pylons and moving the barricades.

Since the barricades were being ignored by some motorists, council directed the Roads Maintenance Coordinator to put physical barriers, such as piles of dirt, in front of the Leeper Road washout and Dave's Road Bridge.

Resolution 08/150:
Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Roads Maintenance Coordinator is authorized to hire and coordinate the equipment and manpower necessary to repair the damage caused by the recent flooding and erosion.

CARRIED

4. Hymers Evacuees

Without objection, Emergency Services Personnel were directed to immediately check on the status of evacuees and report back to Council.

Later in the meeting, the Fire Chief updated that all evacuees were now at home.

5. Update on Status of Emergency Services

The Fire Chief indicated that the emergency services of O'Connor and Gillies will be covering each other until all roads in the area are passable. He reported that a full team is ready to respond to emergencies and that there is no immediate threat to life.

6. Funding

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), as well as Bill Mauro, MPP, indicated that they are looking into provincial funding to aid in recovery efforts. Staff at MMAH directed the municipality to keep track of all invoices and costs related to the emergency.

Dale Smyk informed council about the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program.

Resolution 08/151:
Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be directed to work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Bill Mauro's office to investigate the sources of funding available to aid in the repair and preventive maintenance of the local roads in order to mitigate the impact of similar future events.

CARRIED

7. Emergency Personnel – Manning of Palisades Road Blockade

Resolution 08/152:
Moved by Rick Kieri
Seconded by Dave Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the emergency service personnel who manned the Palisades Road Blockade on June 7, 2008, be paid the hourly casual labour rate for their time.

CARRIED

8. Information from Emergency Management Ontario

Dale Smyk with Emergency Management Ontario indicated the importance of holding a debriefing meeting after the emergency to reflect on what went well, what could have been improved and to make recommendations for improvements on both the municipal and provincial level.

He also indicated the importance of acknowledging the volunteers and key personnel who managed and participated in the emergency.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 08/153:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 1:40 PM, we do now adjourn the special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____