

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on June 9, 2008 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

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

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

Item 7.6 - Weed Cutting Tenders
Item 8.9 - Funding for Flooding Event

1. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Groenheide declared a pecuniary interest with item 6.2 as he has put a bid in for the roof replacement job at the Gillies Community Centre.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of Special Meeting held on May 26, 2008

Resolution 08/154:

Moved by Rick Kieri
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of Gillies Council held for the purposes of the Spring Roads Inspection on May 26, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

2.2 Adoption of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 26, 2008

Resolution 08/155:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on May 26, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 08/156:

Moved by Rick Kieri
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts for the period from May 13, 2008 through June 9, 2008, including cheque numbers 1284 to 1324 for a total of \$26,180.54; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$1,918.72 be passed for payment.
CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 08/157:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 08/05 for the period from May 1 through May 31, 2008, including cheque numbers 1295 to 1300, for a total of \$7,212.71 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

4.4 Taxes Receivable – Report

A report of taxes receivable as of June 1, 2008 was received and noted. The Clerk-Treasurer notified council as to what action is being taken on arrears accounts.

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of May 2008 as submitted by the Roads 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

A verbal report from the June 2, 2008 Strategic Planning Committee meeting was given by Reeve Vanlenthe.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 Gillies Community Centre – Advertising Fees

Without objection, the Community Centre's request for free advertising in *Gillies Community News* was denied, as council wishes to make no exceptions to the advertising policy.

6.2 Gillies Community Centre – Funding Partnership

Resolution 08/158:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS the Gillies Community Centre wishes to apply for a grant from Farm Credit Canada to finance the replacement of the leaking shingled roof with a metal roof on the Community Centre at an estimated cost of \$13,500;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies is agreeable to partnering with the Gillies Community Centre on this application in order to receive the money contributed, control the expenditures and issue official tax receipts in the municipality's name.

CARRIED

6.3 Hymers Museum – Funding Partnership

Resolution 08/159:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS the Hymers Museum wishes to apply for a grant from Farm Credit Canada to finance the refurbishing and renovation of the Museum building;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies is agreeable to partnering with the Hymers Museum on this application in order to receive the money contributed, control the expenditures and issue official tax receipts in the municipality's name.

CARRIED

6.4 Ontario Medical Association – Nurse-only Clinics

6.5 City of Belleville – Carbon Taxes

6.6 Canadian Auto Workers Union – Harassment and Workplace Violence

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Township of Nipigon – Code Gridlock

Resolution 08/160:

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 Nipigon respecting Code Gridlock at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

CARRIED

7.2 By-law Enforcement Officer – Services and Fees

Resolution 08/161:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the terms of reference and list of fees for services provided by TP Public Health Consulting to fulfill the position of By-law Enforcement Officer have been received; and

FURTHER THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to meet with Mr. Pacifico and the Township of Conmee and the Municipality of Neebing, as indicated in his letter, to discuss his services so as to ensure that they meet the needs of Gillies Township.

CARRIED

7.3 Recycling Bin Decking

Resolution 08/162:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT as long as the cost to fabricate the metal decking for the recycling bins is under \$2,500, the Roads Maintenance Coordinator is directed to approach a metal fabrication company of choice to have the decking fabricated as per the specifications discussed.

CARRIED

7.4 Landfill Capacity Project – Draft Proposal Letter to MOE

Resolution 08/163:

Moved by Rick Kieri
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT TBT Engineering is directed to submit the Landfill Capacity Proposal letter to the Ministry of Environment as written.

CARRIED

7.5 Budget Revision – By-law #627

Resolution 08/164:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #627 being a by-law to amend By-law #624, a by-law adopting the estimates of all sums required during the year 2008 for the Township of Gillies be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 9th day of June 2008; and

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

CARRIED

7.6 Weed Cutting Tenders

Motion 08/165:

Moved by Rick Kieri
Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS there were no quotes submitted for cutting the weeds along municipal roads for 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to contact the neighbouring municipalities to obtain the name of the person who they contract with in order to approach this person about cutting the weeds in Gillies Township.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Surplus Declaration of Fire Rescue

Resolution 08/166:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the old VFD Fire Rescue be declared surplus and offered to the Nolalu Emergency Services Team for their donation of \$100 to the Rural Food Cupboard.

CARRIED

8.2 Spring Roads Inspection Costs

Motion 08/167:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spring Roads Inspection in 2009 be carried out by the Roads Advisory Committee who will report back to council with any recommendations.

CARRIED

8.3 Remuneration of Deputy Reeve

Resolution 08/168:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT when the Deputy Reeve is chairing a council meeting in the absence of the Reeve, that he/she receive \$ _____ extra per meeting over the regular councilor per diem; and

FURTHER THAT this policy change be incorporated into the Remuneration By-law for Council consideration at the council meeting of June 23, 2008.

DEFEATED

8.4 Reduction of Winter Maintenance on Municipal Roads – Administrative Report

Resolution 08/169:

Moved by Rick Kieri:

Seconded by Linda Turk:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administrative Report 2008/03 – Reduction of Winter Maintenance on Municipal Roads has been received; and

FURTHER THAT Council will continue to consult all stakeholders on the issue prior to any decision.

CARRIED

8.5 2008 Tax Rates – By-law #626

Motion 08/170:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #626, being a by-law to provide for adoption of tax rates and further to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2008 be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 9th day of June 2008; and

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

CARRIED

8.6 2008 Tax Tools – By-law #628

Resolution 08/171:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #628, being a by-law to adopt the New Provincial Tax Tools for 2008 Property Tax Policy be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 9th day of June 2008; and

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

CARRIED

8.7 Future of Fire Communications

Councillor Kieri gave an update of the meeting he attended in Oliver Paipoonge on June 5, 2008 at 7 PM on the issue of the Government Mobile Communications Office intention to decommission the service huts which house the fire services communications equipment in order to reduce costs. The current equipment is old and not viable any longer and is at risk to continue using as only limited parts available. There is also no maintenance agreement in place with the users of this system.

The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge offered their administrative services to coordinate the efforts to find a resolution to this issue.

Without objection, council directed that Councillor Kieri attend any further meetings on this matter to keep council updated.

8.8 Waste Site Attendant Resignation

Resolution 08/172:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rick Kieri

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the resignation of Sandy Graham as Waste Site Attendant effective June 30, 2008; and

FURTHER THAT John Kashuba be offered the part-time position from the casual position: and

FURTHER THAT the Roads Maintenance Coordinator and the Clerk-Treasurer are directed to provide a cost assessment of having a third Road's Department person who would also cover the duties of the Waste Site Attendant.

CARRIED

8.9 Funding for Flooding Event

Resolution 08/173:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS the Township of Gillies recently experienced localized flooding and road washouts on June 6, 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Township of Gillies hereby requests of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to declare the municipality of Gillies a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP); and

FURTHER, should the Minister declare a disaster, Council will immediately, as required by ODRAP, appoint members to a disaster relief committee to administer the claims made under ODRAP.

DEFEATED

Resolution 08/174:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing offers a one-time Special Assistance Grant to municipalities affected by an unforeseen event depending on the municipality's financial well-being, its ability to provide essential services to businesses and residents and the extent of the costs or losses incurred; and

WHEREAS this funding refunds any expenses incurred that are over 4% of a municipality's annual operating budget, which in the case of Gillies is \$7,284, but the Minister does have the discretion to reduce the 4% factor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies apply to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for funding through the one-time Special Assistance Grant to aid in the repair of public infrastructure damaged by the flooding event of June 6, 2008.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

A debriefing meeting of the Flooding Emergency is scheduled for June 17, 2008 at 7 PM at the Municipal Office. A representative from the OPP and John Coupland of EMO are invited to attend.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 08/175:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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 _____