

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

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

Present:	Deputy Reeve -	Rick Kieri
	Councillors -	William Groenheide
		David Smelow
		Linda Turk
	Administration -	Karen Caren, Clerk/Treasurer
	VFD -	Scott Hole, Fire Chief
	Roads -	Raymond Cook and Richard Pitton
	Visitor -	Kip Miller, Fire Operations Supervisor, MNR

Deputy Reeve Kieri 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 Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2008

Resolution 08/84:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on March 10, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

2.2 Adoption of Public Meeting Minutes March 10, 2008

Resolution 08/85:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting of Gillies Council held on March 10, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

3.1 Kip Miller, Fire Operations Supervisor, MNR

Kip Miller discussed the renewal of the three year Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement and that the agreement is very similar to the last one. He explained that the benefit of the municipality entering into such agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources is the reduced cost of using the MNR's resources. Council inquired as to which party would be responsible for paying the cost of fire that starts on Crown Land and then spreads onto municipal property. Mr. Miller indicated that the Township of Gillies would be financially responsible for the cost of fire protection on their land. Cost collection is an option if an identifiable person can be attributed to the cause of the fire.

4. Reports

VFD Report

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

Liaison Committee Report

The minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held on March 5, 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 Agenda for NOMA meeting

Resolution 08/86:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rick Kieri is authorized to attend the NOMA Annual General Meeting to be held April 16 to 19, 2008 in Thunder Bay; and

FURTHER THAT Linda Turk is authorized to attend the Emergency Measures Organization Executive Meeting to be held on April 17, 2008.

CARRIED

5.2 Town of Petawawa to support Canadian troops

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of April 14, 2008.

5.3 North Shore & Greenstone Mayor's Group – DSSAB

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to send a letter of support to the Mayor's group.

5.4 Letter from resident re emergency services

The Clerk-Treasurer undertook to respond to the resident's letter suggestions of how to improve recruitment and retention of Emergency Services personnel.

5.5 Letter from Mile Hill Melodrama concerning newsletter fees

Council agreed that all advertisers must pay advertising fees as per the policy and the Clerk-Treasurer undertook to advise Mile Hill Melodrama.

5.6 Request to use landfill site

The Clerk-Treasurer undertook to advise the letter writer that no exceptions can be made to allow non-residents to use the Waste Disposal Site due to the high cost of closure and post-closure.

5.7 Conservation Authority Open House

Councillors Kieri and Turk indicated that they plan to attend the Open House on behalf of the municipality.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement – By-law #615

Resolution 08/87:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #615, being a by-law to enter into a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources be given first, second and third reading and finally passed this 25th day of March 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

6.3 Retired Teachers of Ontario – Trans Canada Highway

Resolution 08/88:

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 Retired Teachers Association of Ontario to expedite the upgrading and expansion of the Trans-Canada Highway in Northern Ontario.

CARRIED

6.4 Bearwise Hazard Assessment

The Bearwise Hazard Assessment as submitted by Brain Ratcliff, Bioconsultant, was received and noted. The Clerk-Treasurer advised council that the report will be available electronically on the township website.

6.5 Landfill study

The Road Maintenance Coordinator and the Clerk-Treasurer agreed to undertake a conference call with Doug Steele to discuss TBT Engineering's recommendations regarding the model of placing waste above surface grade at a 4:1 side slope and the feasibility of this setup.

6.6 Wage Package Agreement 2008

Without objection, this item was deferred to be discussed after agenda item 7.3 to consider an in-camera session.

7. New Business

7.1 Municipal Insurance 2008/2009

Resolution 08/89:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the insurance proposal submitted by Philpot &

Delgaty; and

WHEREAS AON Reed Stenhouse was not able to provide a quote this year;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the insurance proposal of Philpot and Delgaty, pending clarification of the boiler coverage.

CARRIED

7.2 Machine operator position

Resolution 08/90:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS Council has determined that the machine operator is working a 40 hour week; and

WHEREAS the machine operator is receiving all the benefits of a full-time employee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the machine operator job description be changed from a part-time position to a full-time position.

CARRIED

Councillor Turk abstained from voting.

7.3 Bearwise grant for 2008

Resolution 08/91:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council wishes to apply for Bearwise Funding in 2008 for the following project:

- One bear proof recycling roll-off container

at a cost of \$20,000.

CARRIED

7.4 Wage Package Agreement – 2008

Resolution: 08/92

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.

DEFEATED

The full time employees raised some concerns with the wage package agreement with respect to sick day, overtime and hours worked.

The Clerk-Treasurer undertook to provide the updated Wage Package Agreement for adoption at the meeting of April 14, 2008.

8. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Smelow indicated that he would be providing council with an update of Community Sports Night at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 08/93:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:35 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____