



Gillies Community News

Township of Gillies

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*"The first day of spring is one thing,
and the first spring day is another.*

*The difference between them is
sometimes as great as a month."*

- Henry Van Dyke



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held at 7 PM at the Municipal Office the second and fourth Monday of each month except July, August and December. If a meeting date falls on a statutory holiday, the meeting is held on the Wednesday of the same week. Upcoming meetings of Council are as follows:

- April 11 & 27, 2011
- May 9 & 25, 2011
- June 13 & 27, 2011

COUNCIL AGENDAS

Meeting agendas are available on the municipal website on the Thursday by 4 PM of the week prior to the scheduled council meeting, as well as being posted on the bulletin boards at Green Acre Variety and the Gillies Community Centre.

COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of a council meeting are approved at the next available council meeting. By noon the day after the council meeting, the approved minutes are available on the municipal website, and are also posted on the bulletin boards at Green Acre Variety and the Landfill Site.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS

The Municipal Office is open Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 4:30 PM and closed on Fridays. The office will be closed on the following statutory holidays:

- April 22nd – Good Friday
- April 25th – Easter Monday
- May 23rd – Victoria Day

BUDGET 2011

Council will begin budget deliberations starting in April. If you have an interest in municipal expenditures for the upcoming year, please plan to attend the council meetings in April and May, or forward your written comments via email or mail to the Municipal Office.

INTERIM TAX BILLS

Interim tax bills were mailed out the first week of March 2011. If you have not yet received your bill, please contact the Municipal Office.

If your property taxes are paid through your mortgage, you will receive a copy of the final tax bill in July 2011 for your records so that you are aware of the amount of property tax being paid.

Interim tax payments are due March 31, 2011 and can be made in the following ways:

- in person at the Municipal Office (located in Whitefish Valley School) with cash, cheque or money order payable to the Township of Gillies;
- by mail with a cheque or money order;
- posted dated cheques are welcome;
- internet or telephone banking through your bank branch (BMO, CIBC, RBC, Scotiabank and Credit Unions; TD Canada Trust not available).
- Sorry, debit and credit cards are not accepted.

PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

If you find that you are unable to pay your full tax bill by the due date, you may make partial payments to help reduce the amount of penalty and interest being paid. You may find it convenient to make monthly payments on your tax bill as you do with other recurring bills.

TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts will only be issued for tax payments made with cash. No tax payment receipts will be issued for any other form of payment unless requested. If you need a receipt for income tax purposes, please contact us at the end of the year and we will issue a receipt showing payments for the whole year. This policy is in place for cost savings for the township.

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Gillies Emergency Services Team is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new fire pumper this spring. The pumper is currently being built by Holland Enterprises in Kakabeka Falls and once in service will replace the outdated 1982 pumper.

Burning Permits are required from April 1st to October 31st for all outdoor burning, except for small fires for cooking or warmth. Permits are valid for 7 days and are available free of charge at the Municipal Office and Green Acre Variety. Seasonal

permits are available for incinerators, but residents are encouraged not to burn garbage. **Remember that all burning, including incinerator burning, must take place after 6 pm and before 6 am.** Please burn safely and follow the information on the permit with respect to winds and fire extinguishing equipment required.

Please watch for fire information and messages on the bulletin boards located at the fire hall and the landfill site for timely and seasonal tips on fire safety.

REMINDER FROM THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building season will be shortly underway. Under the *Building Code Act*, permits are required for any structure that is over 108 square feet and for structures that are to be joined to an existing structure regardless of size. This includes decks and covered porches, additions to houses and outbuildings, as well as roof mounted solar panels. Please contact the CBO, Cheryl Maki at 708-2512, the Municipal Office or the Municipal Website for further information.

Council is currently undergoing a review of the building by-law and the permit fee schedule in order to ensure that the building permit system is being conducted on a cost recovery basis. Watch for the notice of an upcoming public building permit fee meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE ROADS DEPARTMENT

Entrance permits are required for any new entrance to be constructed off a municipal road. This process ensures that the entrance is constructed to proper standards, including culvert size if applicable, to avoid damage to the road, and that the entrance is placed in a safe location. Applications are available at the Municipal Office, or on the municipal website. A fee of \$100 is to be included with the application.

If you have a concern about a municipal road and its maintenance, please call the Roads Garage at 475-3165 (leave a message if no answer). For maintenance issues with provincial highways, please call TWD at 1-888-636-8704, or the local number at 683-5119.

LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) is reminding property owners and contractors to give them a call before starting to work around water.

Provincial regulations (*Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses O. Reg. 180/06*) may affect you if your property is located within the Authority's area of jurisdiction and is located within the regulated area.

If you are planning to do any work near lakes, rivers, streams or wetlands, a permit may be required from the Conservation Authority. Permits may be issued where proposed development will not affect flooding, erosion, pollution or the conservation of land.

Permits, if required, are issued by the LRCA Board which meets once a month. Property owners are advised to submit applications as early as possible to allow for processing which usually involves a site visit by Staff.

More information about the Authority's regulations are available online (lakeheadca.com) or by visiting the LRCA office at 130 Conservation Road in Thunder Bay.

DOGS TRESSPASSING OR AT LARGE

Missing Dogs: An owner who is missing their dog shall make every reasonable effort to locate the dog and contact the Dog Control Officer to report the missing dog.

Finding a Dog: A resident who finds a dog running at large or trespassing shall encourage the dog to leave the property. If the dog is aggressive, the non-emergency number for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is to be called to report the dog. If the dog has attacked a person or animal, the OPP is to be called. Contact neighbours in the area, to attempt to find the owner of the dog, as well as notify the Dog Control Officer that a dog has been found. If the dog owner is found, notify the Dog Control Officer. If after twenty-four (24) hours of notifying the Dog Control Officer the dog is still running at large or trespassing, and the owner has not been found, or the dog has not been claimed by the owner, the Dog Control Officer may be called to seize the dog in order to be impounded.

Dog Control Officer: Kevin Turnbull has been appointed as the Dog Control Officer to enforce the provisions of the Dog Control By-law. He may be contacted at 935-2385 to report a dog that is running at large or missing.

The entire Dog Control By-law may be viewed on the Municipal Website under Council/By-laws, or by requesting a copy from the Municipal Office.

Barking Dogs: There are currently no laws that allow the Township or the OPP to control barking dogs. If you are having a problem with your neighbour's dog(s) barking, please discuss the situation with your neighbour to work out a solution.

PROMOTING GILLIES TOWNSHIP

If you are selling your home, the brochure entitled "Welcome to Gillies Township", may just help you make that sale. This brochure offers advice for living in the country and describes what the Township and surrounding area has to offer. Copies are available at the Municipal Office free of charge.

INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

If you operate or plan to start a business, there is information and resources available on the municipal website to help grow or start your business.

BE AWARE OF CHANGING ICE CONDITIONS

Thunder Bay OPP would like to remind the public to be aware of changing ice conditions on the area lakes and rivers.

With the warm temperatures that Thunder Bay area has been experiencing, some ice conditions are not reliable or safe. With the onset of Spring on March 20th, mild temperatures will bring melting snow, rain and breakup of ice along rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes. In addition to melting ice, you have to be aware of fast flowing water. Check ice conditions before venturing out onto area lakes.

About this time last year, OPP were advised of a 2008 GMC Sierra that went through the ice on Lac Des Milles Lac. The driver was attempting to assist another party's truck that was going through the ice, and that's when his vehicle went through the ice, sinking to the bottom of the lake.

WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

Together, we can make
a difference!
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Congratulations Gillies Residents on your recycling efforts in 2010. 21.10 metric tonnes of recyclable material (cardboard/paper and containers) were collected. Although this amount is slightly down from 2009 (21.70 metric tonnes) it still represents a significant amount of material being diverted from the landfill, which will prolong the life of the site. Look for the new recycling public education program coming in 2011 to help us all recycle even more material!



Recycling is as easy as...

Cardboard/Paper	Newspapers, flyers, junk mail, magazines, soft cover books, fine paper, paper egg cartons, box board (i.e. cereal boxes)
Containers (no plastic shopping bags)	Pop cans, milk cartons, juice boxes, metal cans, plastic #1 & #2 bottles (only plastics with a neck, i.e. pop bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles, dish soap bottles)
Scrap Metal	Any kind of scrap metal, excluding vehicles or parts of vehicles; vehicle batteries
Electronics	Computers, laptops, keyboards, mouse, monitors, printers, fax machine, televisions

2011 LANDFILL HOURS

- **SATURDAY 11 AM TO 5 PM** (year round)
- **WEDNESDAY 6 PM TO 8 PM** (May 7th to Sept 14th)

When entering the Landfill Site, please stop and tell the attendant your landfill permit number plus the number of bags of garbage and recycling that you have.

GILLIES SUMMER GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTS

Applications are invited from persons fifteen years of age or older to fill the following 3 positions from May to September 2011 (exact start and end dates to be determined depending on weather):

- 1. CARETAKER OF RIVERSIDE CEMETERY – 125 Hymers Fair Drive**
- to mow grass, trim around monuments and markers, and keep grounds tidy
- 2. CARETAKER OF PEE DEE PARK – Village of Hymers**
- to mow grass, trim around trees, signs, and shelter and pick up garbage and debris
- 3. CARETAKER FOR HELIPAD – behind firehall**
-to mow a 7540 sq. metre area of planted grass surrounding the helipad – this job is on an as needed basis and will probably be just a few times throughout the season.

PLEASE NOTE- AT THE CEMETERY AND PEE DEE PARK, ALL GRASS CUTTING AND OTHER DUTIES ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN A SINGLE DAY AND ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THE CARETAKER FOR THE HELIPAD WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN IT NEEDS CUTTING. **SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS MUST SUPPLY EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THESE DUTIES.**

APPLICATIONS MUST STATE CONTRACT PRICE BY THE WEEK FOR THE CEMETERY AND PEE DEE PARK. AS THE HELIPAD IS MOWED ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, THE APPLICANT MUST STATE A FEE THAT THEY WOULD CHARGE EACH TIME THAT THEY ARE CALLED IN. IF AN APPLICATION IS NOT RECEIVED IN THIS MANNER, THE APPLICATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. APPLICANTS MAY APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION BUT A SEPARATE APPLICATION MUST BE MADE FOR EACH POSITION APPLIED FOR. ALL NECESSARY PAYROLL LIABILITIES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE AMOUNTS EARNED.

APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY MAY 4, 2011 AT 4:00 PM. THE LOWEST OR ANY PRICE STATED ON AN APPLICATION NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.

Watch for the next newsletter in June 2011.

Advertise your business, event or happy ad in the next issue of *Gillies Community News*.

Rates:	Ads are due by
Full Page: \$30	May 20, 2011 and
Half Page: \$20	can be in print or
Quarter Page: \$15	electronic format.
Business Card: \$5	
Classified: \$3	
Announcement: \$1.50	

Gillies Community Centre

Check out the calendar of events at
www.gilliescommunitycentre.com



Sunday, April 24, 2011



HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday, May 8, 2011



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MAINTENANCE

Specializing in Rural Homes
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RR#1, South Gillies, ON





Canada

About the census

Every five years Statistics Canada conducts a census. The next Census of Canada will take place in May 2011.

Why is the census important?

When you complete your census questionnaire you are providing important information that will be used in making decisions—for your neighbourhood, your community, your province, and the country as a whole.

Communities depend on census information when planning for new schools, roads, waterworks, public transit, and police and fire services. Town planners use census information on households and families to plan current and future housing needs, health care, and day-care centres.

Population estimates obtained from the census are used to allocate transfer payments from the federal government to the provinces and territories and from the provinces to municipalities.

As a decennial census, data from the 2011 Census will be used to determine the number of Members of Parliament.

Who is included in the census?

The census includes every person living in Canada, as well as Canadians who are abroad, either on a military base, attached to a diplomatic mission, or at sea or in port aboard Canadian-registered merchant vessels. Persons in Canada including those holding a temporary resident permit, study permit or work permit, and their dependents, are also part of the census.

The 2011 Census online

Starting in May 2011, households can choose the convenience of completing their census questionnaire online. It is an easy, secure and convenient option that can be used anywhere, anytime. No pre-registration or lengthy download processes are required.

www.census2011.gc.ca

Best Start Hub Evening Drop-In Program in
Murillo

Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

March 23rd to May 4th

Call 935-3009 for more information

TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Actual to Budget as of December 31, 2010

(presented on a cash basis)

REVENUE	Budget	Actual
Taxation (includes penalty & interest)	\$323,465	\$325,814
Government Grants	\$304,520	\$300,268
Other Revenue*	\$185,206	\$27,596
Transfer from Reserves	\$28,849	\$23,849
TOTAL REVENUE	\$842,040	\$677,527
EXPENSE	Budget	Actual
Council	\$13,615	\$13,347
Administration	\$133,746	\$130,939
Roads	\$206,126	\$199,032
Protection Services	\$81,480	\$77,828
Cemetery	\$6,539	\$4,244
Waste Disposal Site	\$18,104	\$18,496
Community Centre (in kind work)	\$1,000	\$105
Pee Dee Park	\$9,167	\$7,101
Fire Department*	\$245,015	\$75,010
Social and Community Services	\$62,552	\$62,896
Election	\$1,500	\$839
Loan Repayments	\$13,000	\$15,636
School Boards	\$50,196	\$50,536
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$842,040	\$656,009

**Other Revenue*: includes only the part of bank loan used for down payment on fire pumper;

Protection Services: policing, health unit, Conservation Authority, ambulance, Building Code enforcement.

Social and Community Services: District Social Services Board, Property Assessment (MPAC), Library;

**Volunteer Fire Department*: only down payment made on fire pumper, balance to be paid in 2011

Loan Repayments: grader, fire pumper



Offering free library services to the residents of Gillies Township

Murillo Branch: 935-2729

Roslyn Branch: 939-2312

www.olsn.ca/oplibrary

If you're burning garbage, you're making poison!



Up in smoke? ... Think again!

Burning of household garbage is a major source of uncontrolled pollution. Garbage fires pollute whether you burn in a woodstove, burn barrel, outdoor woodstove or open pit.

Burning waste – including packaging, plastics, treated wood and junk mail – releases contaminants into the air. Home garbage fires smoulder & burn at temperatures which create dioxins, furans, and a host of other pollutants.

What goes up must come down!

In Canada, the open burning of garbage produces more dioxins and furans than all industrial activities combined. Dioxins and furans released into the air settle on fields, forests, lakes and streams.

These toxic pollutants become incorporated into the food chain and accumulate in the fat of livestock, wild game and fish. The toxins are passed on to us when we consume meat, fish and dairy products.

Burning garbage can affect your health!

Exposure to dioxins and furans has been linked to:

- Certain types of cancer
- Effects on the developing nervous system
- Cardiovascular and liver disease
- Impairment of the immune system

Particulate matter in smoke from garbage fires can trigger respiratory health problems.

"Bernie the Burn Barrel" developed by the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District, Duluth MN, with support from the EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office.

Funded in part by Environment Canada

For more information contact



ecosuperior
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

www.ecosuperior.org

624 2140

Not just Burn Barrels

- Woodstoves & fireplaces
- Outdoor woodstoves
- Campfires
- Open fire pits (bonfires)

Safe Alternatives

- Buy items with less packaging
- Seek out local recycling options
- Compost organic waste
- Use your nearest landfill site
- Make less garbage

Census jobs

The 2011 Census is staffing 35,000 jobs across Canada

Period of employment:

early March to end of July (start date varies by assignment)

Hours of work:

flexible, but must commit to at least 20 hours per week

Rate of pay:

\$14.72 to \$18.04 per hour plus authorized expenses

Requirement:

must be 18 years of age or over

Apply now / tell a friend

www.census2011.gc.ca

1-866-773-2011 – TTY: 1-800-363-7629



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Bill Mauro

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Working to Deliver Results for our Communities

Bill at announcement for long-awaited new consolidated courthouse

- Approximately \$150 million construction project
- Construction jobs
- Downtown south core revitalization



Bill with Ron Mina, angioplasty patient

- In 2003, Bill committed to bringing angioplasty services to Thunder Bay
- 500-600 surgeries per year done in Thunder Bay, saving lives
- Dozens of good-paying health care jobs created



New provincially-funded long term care home

- To replace Dawson Court and Grandview Lodge
- Approximately \$100 million construction project
- Construction jobs
- Great health care for seniors



Bill at most recent Bombardier announcement

- \$100's of millions of provincial investment
- Hundreds of direct and indirect jobs created
- Long-term viability for local plant ensured



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Thunder Bay-Atikokan

LOWER HYDRO BILLS FOR YOUR FAMILY

10% Reduction

The Ontario government is providing your family with a 10% reduction on your electricity bill, starting January 1st, 2011 for the next 5 years.

Due to different billing cycles, the benefit may not show up until your May 2011 bill, but will be retroactive to January 1st.

Our government has made the long overdue investments in electricity system infrastructure that were needed to make sure the lights stay on. We are creating a clean, modern, reliable energy system that is attracting investment and creating jobs.



AND DON'T FORGET TO APPLY FOR THE

NORTHERN ONTARIO ENERGY CREDIT

Eligible families will receive up to \$200 a year
Eligible individuals will receive up to \$130 a year

APPLICATION FORMS

ServiceOntario—Online—Constituency Office

www.billmauro.onmpp.ca E: bmauro.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

**Thunder Bay
Constituency Office
240 Syndicate Avenue South
(807) 623-9237**

**Atikokan
Constituency Office
205 Main Street West
(807) 597-2629**



Join the community dialogue!

Leading Edge: Next Steps is a leadership training program *all about YOUR community*, lead by knowledgeable people within your community. The skills learned will be relevant, practical and tailored to your community's needs.

This program has a strong community development focus, enhancing the skill set that will enable you to accurately assess the needs and assets of your community to better plan and develop a sustainable community.

As a participant in Leading Edge: Next Steps, you will ...

- Expand your understanding of community politics, institutions and culture
- Be able to identify and analyze community assets and issues
- Understand the importance of and steps to visioning
- Be able to mobilize individuals, organizations and communities
- Gain tools for sustaining leadership into the future

Upcoming Thunder Bay Workshop:
Founders Museum

3190 Highway 61 Thunder Bay,
Friday April 15th, 2011 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday April 16th, 2011 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday April 17th, 2011 9:00 am -4:00 pm

\$150.00 (*financial assistance may be available- see website for more details*)

Registration Deadline: April 11th, 2011

**To register now, please contact Kari Chiappetta at
Tel: (807) 621-6225 or kconconsulting@shaw.ca or register online!**

Leading Edge : Next Steps is a community-focused leadership program for existing rural community leaders, members of business, and people who want to take a more active role in their community.



Leading Edge: Next Steps is part of a continuum of leadership development opportunities designed to build leadership capacity in rural Ontario.

Funding for this project is provided in part by:



Canada Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

Partner Organizations



Local Partners

- ❖Thunder Bay Federation of Agriculture
- ❖Provincial Alliance Credit Union Limited
- ❖Thunder Bay District Soil & Crop
- ❖Municipality of Oliver Paiponge

www.stepstoleadership.ca



Getting Off Of The Never-Ending Credit Card Ride

Never-ending credit card debt is not only stressful – it is costly. The sooner you can eliminate it, the better off you will be financially. The chart below demonstrates the incredible difference transferring your debt into our low-rate consolidation loan could make.

In the example below, the savings is \$7,577.94 in interest payments—and almost two years in repayment time. Try our online calculator to see the difference we can make in your repayments.

Credit Card vs Provincial Alliance	Debt	Average Interest Rate	Monthly Payment	Total Interest	Repayment Time
Bank Credit Card	\$15,000	19.0%	\$350	\$ 10,304.72	6.08 yrs
Provincial Alliance Consolidation Loan	\$15,000	8.0%*	\$350	\$ 2,726.78	4.25 yrs

*Based on an average rate of 8% OAC.

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