

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on May 12, 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
Roads - Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance
Coordinator
Visitors - Rosy Brizi and Lauren Lappalainen, Grant
Thornton LLP (8:25 PM)

The Deputy Reeve called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

The following items were added to the agenda:

Dave's Bridge Road Inspection and Valuation RFPs was added to the agenda as item 7.8.

Draft Budget was moved to item 7.9.

Endangered Species Act – Ontario Forestry Coalition was added as item 8.2.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes April 28, 2008

Resolution 08/123:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on April 28, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

Rosy Brizi and Lauren Lappalainen of Grant Thornton LLP, municipal auditors for the 2007 fiscal year, presented the 2007 Draft Financial Statements, as well as the *Communication of Audit Strategy and Results Report* and the *Internal Control Findings Report*.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 08/124:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts for the period from April 15, 2008 through May 12, 2008 as per schedule 08/04 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 08/125:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 08/04 for the period from April 1 through April 30, 2008 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of April 2008 as submitted by the Road Maintenance Coordinator was received and noted.

Resolution 08/126:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to TBaytel requesting that they move the buried telephone line, due to the realignment of Hymers Fair Drive.

CARRIED

Clerk-Treasurer Report

The Clerk-Treasurer Report on the status of ongoing matters was received and noted.

Resolution 08/127:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Office be closed on May 29 so that the Clerk-Treasurer may attend the Parliamentary Procedures Workshop; and

FURTHER that the Clerk-Treasurer is to give the proper notice of the Office closure.

CARRIED

Strategic Planning Committee Report

A verbal report of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of May 5, 2008 was given by Councillor Groenheide. The Committee is investigating the placement of a new municipal office space adjacent to the municipal garage and fire hall. They are consulting with the neighbouring land owners and the Building Inspector for further information.

TBDML Report

A report of the May 3, 2008 TBDML meeting was received and noted.

Common Voice Meeting

Councillor Turk was unable to attend this meeting on May 2, 2008 and therefore no report was available.

DSSAB Report

A report submitted by Gwen Garbutt, DSSAB representative was received and noted.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 Township of Tiny – Anniversary of Arrival of Samuel Champlain

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of May 26, 2008.

6.2 Municipality of Brockton - Consultation between Mining Companies and First Nations

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Tay Valley Township – Provincial Funding

Resolution 08/128:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of Tay Valley Township respecting the making of infrastructure funding available to all municipalities based on a funding formula rather than on a merit- based application process.

CARRIED

7.2 Grass Cutting Contracts 2008

Resolution 08/129:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the contract for the cutting of grass at PeeDee Park and Riverside Cemetery be awarded to Debbie Kramer for the cost of \$50.00 and \$125.00 per week, respectively.

CARRIED

7.3 VFD Job Descriptions

Resolution 08/130:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the job descriptions for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

7.4 Spring Roads Inspection

Resolution 08/131:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Spring Roads Inspection be scheduled for May 26, 2008 at 3 PM, beginning at the Municipal Office; and

FURTHER that the Roads Maintenance Coordinator shall arrange for a van rental to accommodate council and staff.

CARRIED

7.5 By-law Enforcement Officer Position

Resolution 08/132:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By-law Enforcement Officer position be offered to the company of Tony Pacifico, pending agreement with the Township of Conmee and the Municipality of Neebing; and

FURTHER that upon the acceptance of the position by Tony Pacifico, that he submit a Terms of Reference and Price List for the services to be provided, for council approval.

CARRIED

7.6 Fridges at the Waste Disposal Site

Due to further information being provided by the Ministry of Environment that appliances containing freon cannot be disposed of at the Waste Disposal Site, without objection, council stated that all freon containing units must be tagged by a certified refrigeration specialist indicating that the freon has been removed prior to being deposited at the Gillies Landfill Site, as per By-law #563, a by-law governing the disposal of waste material within the Township of Gillies.

7.7 Community Safety Zone

Resolution 08/133:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies apply for the villages of South Gillies and Hymers to be designated as Community Safety Zones.

CARRIED

7.8 Dave's Road Bridge Inspection and Valuation RFPs

Requests for Proposal for the biennial inspection of Dave's Road Bridge as well as valuation for PSAB 3150 compliance were received from Engineering Northwest and Cook Engineering. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to add the quoted prices from Cook Engineering for both projects into the draft budget for consideration at the council meeting of May 26, 2008.

7.9 Draft Budget 2008

Due to the addition of ambulance insurance and the Dave's Road Bridge projects, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to bring a revised budget for consideration at the council meeting of May 26, 2008.

8. New Business

8.1 Stewardship Ontario – MHSW Collection

Resolution 08/134:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to further pursue the intent of Stewardship Ontario's Municipal Hazardous Special Waste (MHSW) Program.

CARRIED

8.2 Endangered Species Act – Ontario Forestry Coalition

Resolution 08/135:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS the Ontario's Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA):

- has been in place since 1994 and requires “that Forest Management Plans (FMPs) identify threatened and endangered species as “featured species” and provide for their protection within the area covered by the plan,”
- is built on a model of continuous improvement and adaptive management,
- forest management guides/guidelines must be reviewed at a minimum of every 5-years to ensure they incorporate and reflect new science; and

WHEREAS the implementation of CFSA has resulted in a proven, effective and efficient means of providing for species at risk; and

WHEREAS Ontario's forestry practices are internationally recognized as world class

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies

a) calls on the Government of Ontario to ensure that the “Endangered Species Act (ESA) will not replace the forest management planning process, but rather complements this process and provides opportunities to integrate species and habitat protection requirements”; and

b) calls on the Government of Ontario to live up to the commitment made by the Minister of Natural Resources in May, 2007 when he stated “specific recognition of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and Forest Management Plans as equivalent processes which plan for species at risk (and) can be accomplished through Bill 184 (the Endangered Species Act). Specifically, Section 54 (now section 55) allows regulations to be made which can provide for forest management activities that address protection of species at risk and their habitat”.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

No upcoming matters were identified.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 08/136

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

The time being 9:00PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____