

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on January 12, 2009 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present: Deputy Reeve - Rick Kieri
Councillors - David Smelow
Linda Turk
Administration - Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
Roads – Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance
Coordinator
Visitor- Royden Potvin, Thunder Bay Ventures

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

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on December 8, 2008

Resolution 09/01:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on December 8, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

3.1 Royden Potvin - Thunder Bay Ventures

Mr. Potvin explained that Thunder Bay Ventures is a Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) sponsored by Industry Canada and FedNor. As one of 9 CFDCs in Northwestern Ontario, they are a non-profit organization committed to fostering community economic development in Thunder Bay and region. Their mandate is to: (1) finance small business and non-profit organizations through loans; (2) provide business services; and (3) provide strategic community planning and development.

Community organizations that are not a registered business or non-profit organization and therefore do not qualify for financing from Thunder Bay Ventures, may apply for funding from Thunder Bay Ventures through a municipal council.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/02:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 08/12 for the period from December 9, 2008 through January 12, 2009, including cheque numbers 1613 to 1647 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$26,340.07; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$1,131.75 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/03:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 08/12 for the period from December 1 through December 31, 2008, including cheque numbers 1624 to 1627 and 1630 to 1632, for a total of \$7,490.39 be passed for payment; and

FURTHER THAT overtime hours, sick days and vacation time owing and taken have been reviewed for the 2008 year end.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of revenue received in December 2008 was received and filed.

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of December 2008 as submitted by the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was received and filed.

At this time, without objection, council discussed item 7.2 of the agenda respecting Grader RFPs.

Resolution 09/04:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to begin the process to apply for a loan through Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority (OSIFA) for funds for a motor grader up to \$100,000.

CARRIED

It was the consensus of the members to first secure funding for a motor grader prior to issuing a tender.

General Advisory Committee Report

The minutes of the January 5, 2009 General Advisory Committee were received and filed.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

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

TBDML Report

The Thunder Bay District Municipal League Report of the January 3, 2009 meeting was received and filed.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 Townships of Bonfield and East Ferris – Flood Relief Fund

6.2 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry – Indigent Funerals

6.3 Municipality of Clarington – Streamlining Lottery Licensing

The Clerk-Treasurer undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of January 26, 2009.

6.4 Leon Orza – Community Safety Zone

Mr. Orza's letter in support of a Community Safety Zone in Hymers was received with appreciation.

6.5 Leon Orza – Provincial Highway Chip Sealing

Council felt that the concerns expressed in this letter have already been dealt with in previous correspondence between council and the Ministry of Transportation.

6.6 Paul and Valerie Barten – Community Safety Zone

Mr. and Mrs. Barten's letter in support of a Community Safety Zone in Hymers was received with appreciation.

6.7 Ontario BizPal – Letter of Thanks

This letter was received with appreciation.

6.8 Federal Gas Tax Funding – 2010 to 2014

This letter updated council on the upcoming secured funding through the Federal Gas Tax.

6.9 Township of Conmee – By-law Enforcement Officer

Council and staff at this time have no concerns with the By-law Enforcement Officer. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to contact the Township of Conmee to discuss this issue.

6.10 Hymers Fair – Grant letter of support

Resolution 09/05:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the grant application by the Hymers Agricultural Society to the Ministry of Tourism for upgrades to the fair grounds in 2009.

CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 City of Cambridge - Property Tax Assessment

Resolution 09/06:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the City of Cambridge respecting a deferral of the four year phase in for property tax increases for all Ontario property owners to help ease the financial burden caused by the global financial crisis.

CARRIED

7.2 Grader RFPs

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

7.3 Community Safety Zone Designation on Municipal Roads

It was the consensus of the members to first secure Community Safety Zones along the provincial highways in the villages of South Gillies and Hymers, prior to designating Community Safety Zones along local municipal roads.

7.4 CACC Contract – Meeting to Discuss Issues

Fire Chief Scott Hole will be attending this meeting on January 15, 2009 at the Oliver Paipooonge Municipal Office.

8. New Business

8.1 Recycling Pop Cans for Food Bank

Resolution 09/07:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS it has been suggested that pop cans be collected at the Landfill Site for collection by the Rural Food Bank to add to their fundraising efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Food Bank be approached to place a collection container at the Landfill Site that they would be responsible for maintaining.

DEFEATED

Due to the various issues cited with the implementation of this initiative, it was the consensus of the members to encourage residents, via the newsletter and communication at the Landfill Site, to recycle their pop cans at the various depots offered by charities.

8.2 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership

Resolution 09/08:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies become a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2009/2010 for a membership fee of \$121.37.

CARRIED

8.3 Resignation of Reeve

Without objection and in accordance with the *Municipal Act*, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to obtain a written resignation from the Reeve, prior to declaring the position vacant.

8.4 Computer Disposal at Landfill – Administrative Report

Resolution 09/09:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council develop and adopt a policy governing the disposal of electronics owned by the Township; and

FURTHER THAT Waste Disposal By-law #563 be amended to include a new procedure for the disposal of electronics with memory; and

FURTHER THAT residents be educated on the proper disposal of electronics with memory.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Turk will prepare a presentation on the potential use of Pee Dee Park by various organizations for the council meeting of January 26, 2009.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/10:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:08 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____