

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on January 25, 2010 at 7:21 PM in the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present: Reeve - Rick Kieri
Councillors - Rudy Buitenhuis
Linda Turk
David Smelow
William Groenheide
Administration - Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2010

Resolution 2010/13:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on January 11, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Reports

4.1 VFD Report

The December 2009 monthly report as submitted by Fire Chief Scott Hole was received and noted.

4.2 Fire Protection Committee Report

The minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2010 were received and noted. The Fire Chief is investigating the use of sea containers for storage for the VFD. It was noted that the date for the meetings starting in February 2010 will be the third Monday of each month.

4.3 Clerk/Treasurer Report

The Clerk/Treasurer's Report on the status of ongoing matters was received and filed.

4.4 2009 Fourth Quarter Revenue-Expenditure Report

The Fourth Quarter Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense Report was received and filed. Any budgetary discrepancies were noted and explained by the Clerk-Treasurer.

4.5 NWO Immigration Portal Update

A verbal update was given by Councillor Smelow on the progress of the NWO Immigration Portal. He requested that the councillors take a look at the draft Gillies webpage on that Portal and forward any comment to him. The official launch of the site is scheduled for March 24, 2010 from 9 to 10:30 AM at the

Italian Hall, to which without objection, Reeve Kieri and Councillor Smelow will be attending.

5. Correspondence

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

5.1 AMO – Message from President

The information was received and filed.

5.2 AMO – Helping Haiti Challenge

It was the consensus of the members that in keeping with the policy of not donating taxpayer money to charitable organizations, that individuals be encouraged to donate on their own to the Haitian Relief Fund.

5.3 Tay Valley Township – MPAC and Assistance to Retired Persons

Resolution 2010/14:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of Tay Valley Township respecting the Ontario Government to implement a simplified property assessment process and the development of a process that would negate the impact of harmful property tax increases for retired pensioners.

CARRIED

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Dog By-law Enforcement

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that one application was received for the Dog By-law Enforcement Position. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to offer the position to Kevin Turnbull and to bring forward the amended Dog Control By-law, policy and job description for consideration at the meeting of February 8, 2010.

6.2 Plastic for Skating Rink

The Gillies Volunteer Fire Department Association has offered to pay any money outstanding for the plastic for the rink that exceeds the \$300 allocated by the Township to the Gillies Community Centre rink project.

6.3 Intern/Summer Employment

Resolution 2010/15:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be directed to submit an application to the Northern Ontario Youth Internship Program, funded by the Northern Ontario Heritage Funding Corporation, for a one-year internship for a Records Management Intern.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Interim Levy – By-law #2010-655

Resolution 2010/16:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #2010-655 being a by-law to provide for an interim levying amount for the year 2010 be hereby enacted and passed this 25th day of January 2010.

CARRIED

7.2 Energy Upgrades at Roads Garage and Fire Hall

Without objection, the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was directed to obtain quotes for the replacement of insulation, windows and door seals at the Roads Garage, as well as to continue to pursue quotes for an oil furnace.

7.3 Temperature Sensors at Roads Garage and Fire Hall

Without objection, this matter was deferred pending information on stand alone freeze sensors in order to be compared to the temperature monitoring and equipment offered from TBaytel.

7.4 Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee – AGM

Councillor Groenheide will attend the annual meeting being held on February 17th, 2010.

7.5 Thunder Bay District Municipal League – AGM & Conference

Without objection, this item was deferred until the meeting of February 8, 2010, pending an agenda.

7.6 NOMA – AGM & Conference

Without objection, this item was deferred until the meeting of February 8, 2010, pending an agenda.

8. Upcoming Matters

No upcoming matters for council consideration were identified.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2010/17:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:15 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____