

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on December 14, 2009 at 7 PM in the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present:	Reeve -	Rick Kieri
	Councillors -	Rudy Buitenhuis
		Linda Turk
		William Groenheide
		David Smelow
	Administration -	Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
	Roads –	Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance
		Coordinator
	VFD -	Scott Hole, Fire Chief

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2009

Resolution 09/255:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on November 23, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/256:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/11 for the period from November 12, 2009 through December 14, 2009, including cheque numbers 2069 to 2138 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$69,541.93; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$3,384.25 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/257:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Run #211 for the period from November 1 through November 30, 2009, including cheque numbers 2083 to 2089, for a total of \$7,532.78; and

Payroll run #212 for the period January 1 through December 1, 2009, which includes cheque #2094, for a total of \$104.64 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of Revenue Received in November 2009 was received and filed. The Clerk-Treasurer also provided an update of Taxes Receivable as of November 30, 2009.

5. Reports

5.1 VFD Report

The VFD Report for the month of November 2009 as submitted by the Fire Chief was received and filed.

5.2 Roads Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of November 2009 as submitted by the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was received and filed.

5.3 Clerk/Treasurer Report

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

5.4 Waste Diversion Act Review Consultation Report

Reeve Kieri provided a verbal overview of the consultation meeting he attended on December 11, 2009.

5.5 TBDML Report

Reeve Kieri provided a verbal report of the TBDML meeting he attended on December 12, 2009.

5.6 PeeDee Park Project Update

Councillor Smelow provided a verbal update. He informed council that the brush pile at PeeDee Park has not yet been burned by the contractor. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to draft correspondence to the contractor to indicate a deadline of December 31, 2009 for the pile to be burned, or the \$250 holdback from the contract price would not be paid.

5.7 Skating Rink at Gillies Community Centre

Councillor Groenheide indicated that he had been in contact with the Board Members of the Gillies Community Centre regarding a partnership between the Township and the Community Centre to construct and maintain an outdoor skating rink at the Community Centre. It was the consensus of the members to support such an initiative, but issues such as liability insurance and rink maintenance need to be addressed. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to correspond with the Community Centre Board to help address these issues in order to proceed with the project.

6. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were received and action taken as indicated.

6.1 Madawaska Valley – Property Assessment

Resolution 09/258:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting a change in provincial legislation to an annual assessment by MPAC to better reflect and react to current real estate markets.

CARRIED

6.2 McNab/Braeside Disaster Relief Committee – Financial Assistance

The information was noted and filed.

6.3 Township of Madawaska Valley – Safe Drinking Water

Resolution 09/259:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting the Province of Ontario providing financial assistance to municipalities to comply with the standards of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* and its regulations so that water users in Ontario pay the same amount for a cubic meter of clean, safe drinking water.

CARRIED

6.4 City of St. Catharines – GST on Red Lapel Poppies

Resolution 09/260:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the City of St. Catharines and the Private Members Bill introduced by Welland MP Malcolm Allen respecting an exemption from the GST on purchases of red lapel poppies by the Royal Canadian Legion.

CARRIED

6.5 City of Oshawa – Bonding of Condominium Superintendents

The information was noted and filed.

6.6 Municipality of Shuniah – Harmonized Sales Tax

The information was noted and filed.

6.7 OPP – New Detachment Commander

The information was noted and filed.

6.8 County of Grey – Green Energy and Green Economy Act

The information was noted and filed.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Tire Disposal at Landfill Site

It was the consensus of the members to defer this item until the first meeting in March 2010 pending further information on the success of the Collectors registered with the Tire Stewardship Program. Also, it was to be investigated to see if tires are permitted at the Landfill Site under the current Certificate of Approval.

7.2 Garbage Truck/Compactor

Without objection, this matter was deferred to 2010 budget deliberations.

7.3 2009 Budget Amendments – By-law #652

Resolution 09/261:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #652, being a by-law to amend By-law #647, a by-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year 2009, be hereby enacted and passed this 14th day of December 2009.

CARRIED

7.4 MTO Land Adjacent to Pee Dee Park

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to research documentation that may indicate that the Township had originally donated Lot 54 in Hymers to the Ministry of Transportation. Once this documentation is found, the issue can be forwarded to the MPPs for support to have the MTO's disposal of surplus land policy amended to possibly allow for the potential purchase of this lot by the Township to expand PeeDee Park.

8. New Business

8.1 Municipal Lottery Licensing – Administration Report

Without objection, this matter was deferred pending further information from the Clerk-Treasurer respecting processes and costs to issue licenses.

8.2 NCIR Funding Agreement - By-law #653

Resolution 09/262:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #653, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a funding agreement between the Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry and the Township of Gillies, be hereby enacted and passed this 14th day of December 2009.

CARRIED

8.3 Chimo Road – Title Issue

It was the consensus of the members to consider a discussion of this matter during the closed session scheduled later in the meeting.

8.4 Transfer to/from Reserves

Resolution 09/263:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer the following funds via Electronic Fund Transfer:

\$5,000 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the Roads Reserve Fund, as per the Budget;

\$2,000 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the Landfill Reserve Fund, as per the Budget;

\$1,000 from the General Account to the Reserve Account for allocation to the Sick Leave Reserve Fund, as per the Budget; and

\$200.00 from the General Account to the Cemetery Trust Account for monument maintenance fees collected in 2009.

CARRIED

Resolution 09/264:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer the following funds via Electronic Fund Transfer:

\$5,350 from the Contingency allocation of the Reserve Account to the General Account, as per the Budget amendment, to fund the decommissioning of the well at PeeDee Park and the loss of interest revenue; and

\$827 from the Parkland Reserve Fund of the Reserve Account to the General Account, as per the Budget amendment, to fund the municipal share of the Infrastructure Stimulus Project at PeeDee Park.

CARRIED

8.5 Appointment of Deputy Reeve for 2010

Resolution 09/265:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED WHEREAS Section 242 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 provides that a municipality may by by-law or resolution appoint a member of council to act in the place of the head of council when the head of council is absent or refuses to act or the office is vacant and while so acting such member has all the powers and duties of the head of council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Bill Groenheide as Deputy Reeve for 2010.

CARRIED

8.6 Municipal Law Program, Unit 1 – Clerk’s Training

Resolution 09/266:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to enroll in Unit 1 of the Municipal Law Program offered by AMCTO, effective for January 2010.

CARRIED

8.7 Employee Wage Package Change Request and Council Accessible Customer Service Training ~Closed Session~

Resolution 09/267:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

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 labour relations or employee negotiations for a specific municipal position effective for 2010; section 239 (2)(f) to consider advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose with respect to the title of a specific section of Chimo Road; section 239 (3.1) for the purpose of providing Accessible Customer Service Training to the members; and to adopt the closed meeting minutes of November 23, 2009.

CARRIED

The closed session commenced at 9:25 PM.

Resolution 09/268:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies has finished with the portion of the meeting closed to the public, under sections 239(2)(d),(f) and (3.1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 and returns to the portion of the meeting open to the public.

CARRIED

The closed session ended at 9:56 PM and the open session resumed.

With respect to the Chimo Road title issue, it was the consensus of council that they have satisfied themselves that liability is not a concern, and until such time that the owners of the subject property approach council with a request to transfer title of the road, that no action will be taken at this time.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to post an employment advertisement for a Dog By-law Enforcement Officer with applications to be considered at the January 25, 2010 council meeting.

9. Upcoming Matters

The following matter was identified for discussion at an upcoming meeting:

- Summer student employment opportunities.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/269:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:00 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve_____

Clerk_____