

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on February 23, 2009 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present:	Reeve -	Rick Kieri
	Councillors -	William Groenheide
		David Smelow
		Linda Turk
	Administration -	Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
	VFD –	Scott Hole, Fire Chief

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on February 9, 2009

Resolution 09/35:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on February 9, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Reports

VFD Report

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

Clerk-Treasurer Report

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

5. Correspondence

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

5.1 City of Hamilton – *Protection of Public Participation Act, Bill 138*

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 9, 2009.

5.2 Town of Ajax – Contributions to Municipal Election Campaigns

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 9, 2009.

5.3 Prince Edward County – Wind Generated Power

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 9, 2009.

5.4 Town of Marathon – Hwy. 11 and 17 Highway Markers

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 9, 2009.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Township of South Algonquin – Alternative Energy

Resolution 09/36:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Township of South Algonquin respecting the use of low grade wood waste as an alternative to wind-generated power.

CARRIED

6.2 Tay Valley Township – Recycling Funding and Current Market

Resolution 09/37:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of Tay Valley Township respecting the concepts of zero waste and extended producer responsibility whereby producers of products and packaging bear responsibility for ensuring those products and packages are properly managed until and at the end of their life-cycle.

CARRIED

6.3 Township of Madawaska Valley – Homecare

Resolution 09/38:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting an increase in funding, support and assistance for Homecare Access Programs for rural municipalities.

CARRIED

6.4 Township of Madawaska Valley – Property Assessment

Resolution 09/39:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting a change in the legislation of property assessment back to an annual assessment in order to better reflect market values and also to allow for a second class of tax to recognize waterfront properties.

CARRIED

6.5 Demolition of Abandoned House

Resolution 09/40:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to contact the property owner on the corner of Old Silver Mountain Road, to inform her, that due to liability issues, the Gillies Emergency Services Team will not be able to burn the abandoned house as a training exercise; and

FURTHER THAT the CBO be directed to condemn the building under the *Building Code Act*.

CARRIED

6.6 Vacant Councillor Office

Resolution 09/41:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rudy Buitenhuis be asked to fill the vacant councillor position for the remainder to the 2006-2010 term.

CARRIED

6.7 Canada Summer Jobs Program

Due to the short time frame to establish a meaningful work program for a summer student, without objection, council and staff agreed to compile a list of possible work projects for the 2010 Canada Summer Jobs Program.

6.8 Official Plan Review – Open House and Public Meeting Dates

This item was deferred pending draft mapping from the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority.

7. New Business

7.1 Interim Levy - By-law #640

Resolution 09/42:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #640 being a by-law to provide for an interim levying amount for the year 2009 be hereby enacted and passed this 23rd day of February 2009.

CARRIED

7.2 Amend Cheque Signing Authority – By-law #641

Resolution 09/43:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #641 to amend By-law #585, a by-law designating persons to sign cheques drawn on the Royal Bank of Canada Account hereby be enacted and passed this 23rd day of February 2009.

CARRIED

7.3 NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference

Resolution 09/44:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rick Kieri is authorized to attend the NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference being held in Fort Frances from April 15 to 18, 2009, pending the availability of accommodations.

CARRIED

7.4 Developing RFPs – Workshop

Resolution 09/45:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to enroll in AMCTO's *Developing Effective RFPs* workshop being held on April 2, 2009 in Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

7.5 Wage Package Agreement 2009

Resolution 09/46:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by William Groenheide

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 pertaining to the 2009 Wage Package Agreement and to adopt the closed meeting minutes of October 14, 2008.

CARRIED

The closed session commenced at 9 PM.

Resolution 09/47:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

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

CARRIED

The open session resumed at 9:25 PM.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to amend the Wage Package Agreement for 2009 as directed during the closed session.

8. Upcoming Matters

Council identified the following issue for inclusion on the agenda of March 9, 2009:

- Waste Site Stickers for Persons with Building Permits

An issue was also raised about residents keeping their driveways clear during the winter to allow for the passing of emergency vehicles. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to send a letter to residents who are known to not have their driveways properly cleared during the winter season, and to also include a reminder note to all residents of this issue in the mailing of the interim tax bills.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 09/48:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:30 PM we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____