

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on March 8, 2010 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
Sylvia Smith, Administrative Assistant (9:19 to 9:40 PM)
Roads – Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance Coordinator

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

1. Disclosure of Interest

Clerk-Treasurer Karen Caren declared a conflict with item 8.1 due to having controlling interest in 967138 Ont. Inc. – operating as Green Acre Variety. The Clerk-Treasurer also declared a conflict with any future purchases from and payments to Green Acre Variety.

Councillor Buitenhuis declared a conflict with item 6.3 of the agenda as it is directed at his employer.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2010

Resolution 2010/32:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on February 22, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

3.1 Carla Armstrong, Northern Development Advisor, MNDMF – Economic Development Grants and Ministry Updates

Carla Armstrong sent regrets that she was unable to attend.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 2010/33:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts for the period from February 9, 2010 through March 8, 2010 including cheque numbers 2222 to 2251 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$23,991.34; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$1,623.86 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 2010/34:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Run #233 and #235 for the period from February 1 through February 28, 2010, including cheque numbers 2230 to 2236 for a total of \$7344.83 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of Revenue Received in February 2010 was received and filed.

5. Reports

5.1 Roads Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of February 2010 as submitted by the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was received and filed.

5.2 Clerk-Treasurer Report

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

5.3 General Advisory Committee Report

The minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting were received and filed.

5.4 Fire Protection Committee Report

The minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting were received and filed.

5.5 Vet Committee Report

The minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting were received and filed.

5.6 TBDML Conference Report

An oral report of the conference was received from Reeve Kieri and noted.

5.7 TBDSSAB Report

An update from Maureen Schmidt, DSSAB representative, 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 Town of Gravenhurst – Inclusion of Hospitals in *Ombudsman Act*

Resolution 2010/35:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Town of Gravenhurst respecting the amendment of the *Ombudsman Act* to include hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman.

CARRIED

6.2 Township of Madawaska Valley – Respite and Home Care

Resolution 2010/36:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Town of Madawaska Valley respecting an increase in financial assistance to Respite Care and Home Care programs for communities in rural Ontario.

CARRIED

6.3 Prince Edward County – Coyote/Wolf Program

The information was noted and filed.

6.4 Township of West Lincoln – Illegally Dumped and/or Spilled Material

Resolution 2010/37:

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 West Lincoln respecting an amendment to the legislation to require that the Ministry of Environment be responsible for the costs relating to the clean-up of illegally dumped and/or spilled material rather than the municipality or affected landowner.

CARRIED

6.5 Town of Richmond Hill – David Dunlop Observatory Site

Resolution 2010/38:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Town of Richmond Hill respecting the David Dunlop Observatory Site being declared federally as a National Historic Site and provincially designated as a cultural heritage property.

CARRIED

6.6 AMO – Partnerships to Optimize Use of School Space

The information was noted and filed.

6.7 LRCA – 2010 Levy Request

Resolution 2010/39:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS the 2010 LRCA budget and levy as presented are not properly supported with validation for the calculated levies and documentation to indicate justification for the expenditure increases over the prior year; and

WHEREAS there is a concern of the unlimited future liability that LRCA may put on the member municipalities to cover funding shortfalls beyond the \$2 million municipal share for the construction of the new authority office, particularly after being given assurances by representatives of LRCA that such a situation would not arise.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence be drafted to the member municipalities and LRCA indicating Council's disapproval of LRCA's

calculation and presentation of the 2010 budget and corresponding levy and the concern of how construction overage costs are to be financed without being an additional financial future burden to the member municipalities.

CARRIED

It was the consensus of council to direct Reeve Kieri, representative on the LRCA Board, to vote not in favour of the construction of LRCA's new authority office, unless there can be a guarantee that construction overages and funding shortfalls will not cost the township more than the \$4,400 capital cost share that was originally requested by LRCA and approved by Council.

6.8 Rural 60 Plus – Invitation

The information was noted and filed.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Garage Furnace Quotes

A quote for a high efficiency oil furnace was received.

The Roads Maintenance Coordinator was directed to update the propane furnace quotes and to further check the future usability of the current oil tank.

7.2 Energy Upgrades at Roads Garage

A quote on electrical upgrades for the garage was received. Reeve Kieri undertook to complete a report on insulation specifications.

7.3 NOHFC – Intern Funding

Resolution 2010/40:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT with respect to the NOHFC Internship Program application, the maximum municipal contribution to the program shall be \$6200 with the wage set accordingly; and

FURTHER THAT if the application is approved, proceeding with the grant will be dependant upon the 2010 budget.

CARRIED

7.4 Canada Summer Jobs Funding – Student Employment

Resolution 2010/41:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT due to the minimum hour requirement of the Canada Summer Jobs Program, that the application be submitted for two students for the position of *History of Gillies Township Researcher* for a minimum of 180 hours each.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:	Y	N
Reeve Kieri	X	
Councillor Buitenhuis	X	
Councillor Groenheide		X
Councillor Smelow	X	
Councillor Turk	X	

Resolution 2010/42:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an application be made to the Summer Jobs Service for the 16 week grass cutting positions for Pee Dee Park and Riverside Cemetery.

CARRIED

7.5 SCBA Air Compressor for VFD

Resolution 2010/43:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be forwarded to the Township of O'Connor offering \$500 for their surplus SCBA Air Compressor.

CARRIED

8. New Business

Due to a declared conflict of interest on this issue, the Clerk-Treasurer left the table at 9:19 PM and the Administrative Assistant joined the table to record the minutes.

8.1 Clear Diesel - Bulk Purchase vs. Retail

After reviewing the report submitted by Raymond Cook and Sylvia Smith, Council decided to continue purchasing clear diesel from Green Acre Variety. Purchases of meeting refreshments and postage will also continue at the local store.

Council reviewed the quotes for dyed diesel and furnace oil and decided to continue with Mastrangelo Fuels until a decision is made on whether or not to switch the garage over to propane for heating.

The Clerk-Treasurer rejoined the table at 9:40 PM and the Administrative Assistant left.

Due to the declared conflict of interest with Green Acre Variety purchasing, the Clerk-Treasurer asked for clarification on whether the Clerk-Treasurer or the Administrative Assistant was to purchase supplies from Green Acre Variety on a go forward basis. It was the consensus of council that they are satisfied with the oversight of council and the current purchasing procedures that the Clerk-Treasurer may continue picking up and paying for purchases at Green Acre Variety.

8.2 Gas Tax Agreement Amendment – By-law #2010-657

Resolution 2010/44:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT by-law #2010-657 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an amending agreement to the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the New Deal for Cities and Communities between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of Gillies, be hereby enacted and passed this 8th day of March 2010.

CARRIED

8.3 Appointment of Dog Control Officer – By-law #2010-658

Resolution 2010/45:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #2010-658 being a by-law to appoint a Dog Control Officer for the purposes of enforcing By-law #2010-658 be hereby enacted and passed this 8th day of March 2010.

CARRIED

8.4 Compliance Audit Committee – Election 2010

Council preferred a rural and local option of forming a joint compliance audit committee under section 81.1 of the *Municipal Elections Act* and directed the Clerk-Treasurer to make arrangements with the neighbouring municipalities.

9. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Buitenhuis recommended that administrative reports be available on the municipal website as a part of the public record with the minutes. This recommendation was the consensus of council therefore the Clerk-Treasurer will undertake the task to ensure that administrative and staff reports, as well as advisory committee minutes are posted to the website.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 2010/46:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:55 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve_____

Clerk_____