

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on March 9, 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
Roads – Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance
Coordinator

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on February 23, 2009

Reeve Kieri noted that the word “Deputy” needed to be removed from before the word “Reeve” in the first line of the minutes.

Resolution 09/49:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on February 23, 2009 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

3.1 Markus Hofmann – Ice Back-up Problem at Rose Valley

Due to a prior commitment, Mr. Hofmann was unable to attend. His visit was deferred to the meeting of March 23, 2009.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/50:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/02 for the period from February 10, 2009 through March 9, 2009, including cheque numbers 1680 to 1721(exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$41,490.63; and

Schedule ‘A’ Electronic Payments for a total of \$1,957.59 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

Resolution 09/51:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the additional list of accounts dated March 10, 2009, including cheque numbers 1722 to 1731, for a total of \$19,483.34, be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/52:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 09/02 for the period from February 1 through February 28, 2009, including cheque numbers 1696 to 1702, for a total of \$7,056.39 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of revenue received in February 2009 was received and filed.

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

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

Clerk-Treasurer Report

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

TBDML Conference Report

Reeve Kieri and Councillor Turk updated the members of the issues discussed at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Conference held on March 6 and 7, 2009.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 City of Cambridge – Internet Filtering Software

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 23, 2009.

6.2 John Rafferty, MP – Federal Issues

Council did not identify any federal issues to be brought forward to Mr. Rafferty, but do look forward to him meeting with council in the near future.

6.3 City of Greater Sudbury – Retirement Homes

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of March 23, 2009.

7. Unfinished Business

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

Resolution 09/53:

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 Hamilton respecting support for Bill 138 - *Protection of Public Participation Act*, 2008.

CARRIED

7.2 Town of Ajax – Contributions to Municipal Election Campaigns

Resolution 09/54:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Ajax respecting an amendment to the *Municipal Elections Act*, to allow municipalities the authority to prohibit a corporation or trade union in Ontario from making a contribution to any candidate for office on a municipal council.

CARRIED

7.3 Prince Edward County – Wind Generated Power

Resolution 09/55:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of Prince Edward County respecting Federal and Provincial government agencies providing authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and wind energy developers.

CARRIED

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

Resolution 09/56:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Marathon respecting the expedition of the installation of distance markers along Highways 11 and 17 so as to offer a more definable method of establishing an accident's location to ensure a timely emergency response to travelers.

CARRIED

7.5 Appointment of Councillor

Resolution 09/57:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS Rudy Buitenhuis has been asked to fill the vacant councillor office;
and

WHEREAS Mr. Buitenhuis has consented to accept the Office of Councillor if so appointed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rudy Buitenhuis be appointed to the Office of Councillor for the Township of Gillies for the remainder of the 2006-2010 term.

CARRIED

7.6 Financing of Motor Grader

The OSIFIA loan has been approved, but without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to contact RBC Bank to discuss financing arrangements for the motor grader, in order to determine which method of financing would offer the best interest rates and terms.

7.7 New Municipal Complex - Architectural Design Quotes

Two quotes were received for the design and administration of the Municipal Complex – KSGM and Habib. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to obtain additional information in order to compare the two quotes. This information is to then be referred to the General Advisory Committee for recommendation.

7.8 Wage Package Agreement 2009

Resolution 09/58:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wage Package Agreement for 2009 be accepted and is retroactive to January 1, 2009.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Ice Back-up Problem at Rose Valley

The Roads Department will continue to monitor and mitigate where necessary, the ice back-up problem at the culvert on Rose Valley Road.

Resolution 09/59:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Kieri was called upon by Municipal Staff on March 4th and 5th, 2009 to help mitigate the ice issue near Rose Valley, and is therefore eligible for the Special Circumstance Per Diem provided for in By-law #591.

CARRIED

8.2 Waste Site Stickers for Non-Residents with a Building Permit

Resolution 09/60:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administrative Report 2009/03 – *Waste Site Stickers for Non-Residents with a Building Permit* has been received; and

FURTHER THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to amend By-law #563 as follows:

The following clause shall be added to the definition of *Resident*:

“or an individual who is in possession of a valid Class 1 Building Permit”; and

FUTHER THAT the by-law amendment be presented to Council for consideration at the Council meeting of March 23, 2009.

CARRIED

8.3 Media and Communications Training Program

No interest was expressed in attending this training program.

8.4 Endangered Species Act - MNR Presentation

Resolution 09/61:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Linda Turk is authorized to attend a general awareness presentation about the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* on Friday, March 13, 2009 at the Victoria Inn.

CARRIED

8.5 Municipal Energy Performance Benchmarking Project

Resolution 09/62:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies wishes to participate in the Local Authority Services' *Municipal Energy Performance Benchmarking Project*; and

FURTHER THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be directed to complete the required surveys.

CARRIED

8.6 CBO Training – Certified Energy Management Auditor

Resolution 09/63:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CBO is authorized to attend the Certified Energy Manager Training in Toronto on April 2009 on the condition that all costs are shared between Gillies, O'Connor, Conmee and the CBO herself, or alternatively the costs shared between Gillies, O'Connor and Conmee and the CBO does not earn a wage while taking the course; and

FURTHER THAT if the CBO leaves the employment of the Township within a year of taking the course, that the CBO shall reimburse the Township their costs for the training if the Township has not used her services as a Certified Energy Manager.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Smelow wishes to provide an update on Community Sports Night at the next meeting.

Councillor Smelow also raised a concern about items being taken from the Landfill Site by residents and employees and possible liability claims against the Township. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to bring forth an amendment to By-law #563 for council consideration of this matter.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/64:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:20 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____