

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on April 14, 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
	Visitor -	Markus Hofmann, Resident

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2009

Resolution 09/79:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

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

CARRIED

2.2 Adoption of Special Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2009

Resolution 09/80:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of Gillies Council held on April 7, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

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

Mr. Hofmann explained to council an issue he had starting in January of 2009, of ice backing up at his residence and business at the end of Rose Valley Road. He indicated that the ice-back up was a result of the Township's culvert being frozen and his concern was that the Township did not respond soon enough to rectify the situation.

The Roads Maintenance Coordinator indicated that the steaming of a culvert requires a lot of water, which was not present on site during the months of January and February. Once water began to flow in March, the Roads Department was then able to steam the culvert, thereby allowing more water to flow through the culvert.

Mr. Hofmann indicated that he experiences some ice back-up and flooding in the spring, but has never seen the situation this bad before.

It was mutually agreed that the coldness of the winter and a lack of beavers upstream intensified the problem this year.

Council assured Mr. Hofmann that the Township will continue to monitor the situation and mitigate where possible.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/81:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/03 for the period from March 10, 2009 through April 14, 2009, including cheque numbers 1732 to 1780 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$60,697.87; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$1,799.09 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/82:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Retro Payroll Run #176 for the period from January 1, 2009 to February 28, 2009, including cheque numbers 1742 to 1748 for a total of \$238.11; and

Payroll Run #177 for the period from March 1 through March 31, 2009, including cheque numbers 1749 to 1755 for a total of \$7,850.65 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

4.4 Taxes Receivable – Report

A report of taxes receivable as of April 1, 2009 was received and filed. There were no recommendations from the Clerk-Treasurer for any properties to be put into tax registration.

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of March 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.

General Advisory Committee Report

The minutes of the April 6, 2009 General Advisory Committee were received and filed.

The following recommendations to council were made:

1. That the Clerk-Treasurer be asked to research other architectural firms outside of the City of Thunder Bay (perhaps Winnipeg?) to obtain quotes for services. **(approved without objection)**
2. That a letter be drafted to the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the possibility of obtaining the Pee Dee Railway right of way. **(no further discussion)**

Community Sports Night Report

Councillor Smelow provided a final oral report of the success of Community Sports Night. There was indication that perhaps an adult sports night should be considered next year.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 Municipality of Grey Highlands – Bill 150 ~ The Green Energy Act

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of April 27, 2009.

6.2 Tay Valley Township – Pan Fish Limits

6.3 Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan – Volunteer Firefighters Inclusion of Presumptive Legislation Regulation

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of April 27, 2009.

6.4 Egg Farmers of Ontario – Buying Local

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of April 27, 2009.

6.5 Regional Food Distribution Association – Request for Support

6.6 Funding Shortfall for CBC

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of April 27, 2009.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Thames Centre – Waste Diversion Program

Resolution 09/83:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the effort of the Municipality of Thames Centre in requesting the Province to provide immediate support to Municipalities and their private sector partners to secure the long-term viability of waste diversion programs.

CARRIED

7.2 Town of Mattawa – Request to Reconsider Federal and Provincial Funding Formula

Resolution 09/84:

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 Mattawa respecting a request for Federal and Provincial Governments to negotiate a more feasible and accessible cost sharing plan to allow all municipalities, regardless of their financial situation, to participate in federal infrastructure funding programs.

CARRIED

7.3 Municipality of South Bruce – Funding for Conservation Authorities

Resolution 09/85:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Municipality of South Bruce respecting the Province providing fair and significantly increased funding for Ontario's thirty-six Conservation Authorities.

CARRIED

7.4 Municipal Insurance 2009

Resolution 09/86:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township's liability coverage for the 2009-2010 insurance policy be reduced to \$15 million.

CARRIED

7.5 Additional Extended Health Care Benefits

Resolution 09/87:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT chiropractor and massage coverage up to a maximum of \$200 per year be added to the Sunlife extended healthcare employee benefit package.

DEFEATED

7.6 Grader Loan with RBC – By-law #643

Resolution 09/88:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #643 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of funds from the Royal Bank of Canada to purchase a grader be hereby enacted and passed on this 14th day of April 2009.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Draft Budget 2009

Without objection the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to present a budget with a 2 ½ % to 3% tax rate increase for council consideration at the meeting of April 27, 2009.

8.2 Council Committee Assignments

Resolution 09/89:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rudy Buitenhuis be appointed to the following committees:

- General Advisory Committee (to replace Councillor Smelow);
- Roads Advisory Committee (to replace Reeve Kieri); and
- Lakehead Rural Planning Board (to replace Councillor Turk); and

FURTHER THAT a By-law to amend By-law #637, a by-law to appoint township representatives to local boards and committees and to appoint individuals to carry out duties in the affairs of the Municipality for 2009 and 2010, be drafted and presented to council for consideration and enactment.

DEFERRED

8.3 Small Landfill Operations Training

Resolution 09/90:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Richard Pitton attend the Small Landfill Operations Training being held in Thunder Bay on May 20 and 21, 2009 with a registration fee of \$450.

CARRIED

8.4 Parker Road Plow Turnaround

Resolution 09/91:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the owners of the property located at 343 Parker Road be approached with a request to allow the municipality to construct a snow plow turnaround on the northeast corner of their property.

CARRIED

8.5 Waste Diversion Act Review – Consultation Summary

A summary of the *Waste Diversion Act* Review Consultation held on April 7, 2009, was received and filed.

Without objection, the attendance of the Clerk-Treasurer and the Reeve at this session was approved.

8.6 Outcomes of Discussion with John Rafferty, MP

Resolution 09/92:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be directed to draft correspondence to John Rafferty, MP, indicating that the municipality requires infrastructure money to increase the size of the fire hall to accommodate the larger fire trucks now required by the Province for the safety of its residents; and

FURTHER THAT infrastructure money is required to aid in the relocation of the Hymers Museum due to restricted access caused by the provincial government's realignment of the Whitefish River Bridge in Hymers; and

FURTHER THAT municipalities require sustainable money from the federal government for infrastructure.

CARRIED

8.7 Propane Heaters at VFD Hall – Surplus?

It was indicated by the Roads Maintenance Coordinator that the propane heaters at the VFD Hall are still functional and are used as a back-up heat source and therefore should not be considered surplus.

8.8 AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting

Resolution 09/93:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to attend the AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting and Conference being held in Thunder Bay on May 5 and 6, 2009, with a registration fee of \$100.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Smelow requested that the members brainstorm ideas for the enhancement of Pee Dee Park for presentation at the meeting of April 27, 2009.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/94:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

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 _____