

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on April 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present: Reeve - Rick Kieri
Councillors - Rudy Buitenhuis
Linda Turk
David Smelow
William Groenheide
Administration - Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
Roads - Raymond Cook, Road Maintenance
Coordinator
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 Council Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2010

Resolution 2010/68:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on April 12, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Taxes Receivable Update

Resolution 2010/69:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT under Section 373 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to cause the preparation and registration of a tax arrears certificate against the title to the land of Roll # 5812-000-000-10200 if the minimum payment is not made by May 15, 2010, or alternatively, a monthly payment plan to begin paying down the arrears is agreed upon between the Clerk-Treasurer and the Landowner.

CARRIED

4.2 2010 First Quarter Revenue and Expenditure Report

The first quarter report was received and filed.

5. Reports

5.1 VFD Report

The March 2010 monthly report as submitted by Fire Chief Scott Hole was received and noted.

The Fire Chief noted that the fire pumper was inspected by mechanics at the City of Thunder Bay Fire Department, and the conclusion was that the pumper is no longer safe for effective fire fighting. Some minor repairs can be done to make it operational for a while. Without objection, the Fire Chief was directed to draft a specification sheet for a new or newer fire pumper that could be used to issue a request for proposals.

5.2 Clerk-Treasurer Report

The Clerk/Treasurer's Report on the status of ongoing matters was received and filed. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to draft an Enforcement By-law and to review and draft an updated Open Air Burning By-law.

5.3 Fire Protection Committee Report

The minutes of the April 22, 2010 meeting were received and filed.

5.4 Thunder Bay EMO First Quarter Report

The Thunder Bay Emergency Management Organization Report submitted by John Coupland, CEMC, was received and filed. Councillor Turk informed the members that she will be attending the Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) Emergency Information Workshop being held on May 18th from 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 Township of Terrace Bay - Membership Withdrawal from EMO

The information was received and filed.

A clarification was made on the EMO acronym. Thunder Bay EMO refers to the Emergency Management Organization that the municipalities in the District of Thunder Bay belong to, which is not to be confused with Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) which is a provincial agency.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Energy Upgrades at Roads Garage

Without objection this item was deferred pending receipt of a quote to insulate the garage from the inside.

7.2 Lottery Licensing By-law – #2010-659

Resolution 2010/70:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #2010-659 being a by-law to provide for lottery licensing procedures and regulations in the Township of Gillies be given third reading and hereby enacted and passed this 26th of April 2010.

CARRIED

7.3 Continuous Improvement Fund – Update

The Clerk-Treasurer provided an update. The Township of Conmee has provided a resolution of support. The Township of O'Connor has resolved to not participate in the Barrier Research and Communication Project. Responses are still required from Neebing, Oliver Paipoonge and Shuniah. Once resolutions of support are received, a contract with Stewardship Ontario can be entered into.

7.4 Insurance Renewal Date

Resolution 2010/71:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the insurance renewal date be changed to December 31st effective for 2010, provided there are no penalties.

CARRIED

7.5 Bear Wise Program 2010

Resolution 2010/72:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an application to the 2010 Bear Wise Program be submitted for bear-proof garbage containers at Pee Dee Park and at the cemetery at a cost of \$3500, with a \$500 in-kind contribution.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Bridge Condition Funding from OGRA and MTO

Resolution 2010/73:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby applies for funding for the purpose of collecting, collating, compiling and formatting bridge asset and condition data, and agrees to submit bridge asset and condition data for inclusion in Municipal DataWorks by March 31, 2011.

CARRIED

8.2 CACC – Fire Advisory Meeting

Resolution 2010/74:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rick Kieri is authorized to attend the Thunder Bay CACC Fire Advisory Meeting on May 12, 2010 at the Oliver Paipoonge Municipal Complex.

CARRIED

8.3 AMO – Joint and Several Liability Reform

Resolution 2010/75:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the Association to Municipalities of Ontario in its efforts to seek joint and several liability reform in Ontario and calls on the Provincial Government to pursue much needed changes to the *Negligence Act*.

CARRIED

8.4 Draft Budget 2010

The draft budget as presented was discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer provided information on expenses that could be cut from the budget, as well as other suggested cuts in order to reduce the proposed increased tax rate. Given the reduced income from the province and increased expenses, it was the consensus of the members to direct the Clerk-Treasurer to provide a budget with a 5% tax rate increase.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to provide a report at the next council meeting respecting the direct impact on the budget between the Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF) and the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board expense (TBDSSAB).

9. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Turk offered to bring forth the matter of the OMPF discrepancy at the next Thunder Bay District Municipal League.

Councillor Buitenhuis requested that the Chief Building Official provide a quarterly report to council of building permit activity. It was the consensus of the members to receive such a report.

Reeve Kieri informed the members that he will be meeting with the Acting Medical Officer of Health on April 28, 2010, and requested from the members topics of discussion.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 2010/76:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:05 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____