

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on April 27, 2009 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present:	Reeve -	Rick Kieri
	Councillors -	Rudy Buitenhuis
		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 April 14, 2009

Resolution 09/95:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on April 14, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 First Quarter Revenue & Expense Report

The First Quarter Revenue & Expense Report as of April 14, 2009 was received and filed.

5. Reports

VFD Report

The VFD Report for the month of March 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.

NOMA Conference Report

A verbal report on the NOMA conference held April 15 to 17, 2009 in Fort Frances was received from Reeve Rick Kieri.

Northwest Response Forum Report

A verbal report on the Northwest Response Forum held April 21 to 24, 2009 in Dryden was received from William Groenheide.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers – Northern Ontario CBC Job Cuts

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of May 11, 2009.

6.2 AMO – Approval of Used Tire Program Plan

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.3 Bill Mauro, MPP – Highway 608 Repairs in 2009

The information was acknowledged and filed.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Draft Budget 2009

The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to redistribute the money allocated to the reserve funds and to make some other minor changes for presentation and consideration at the May 11, 2009 meeting.

7.2 Enhancement of Pee Dee Park

The members had no further enhancement ideas for Pee Dee Park that were not already recommended by the General Advisory Committee. It was the consensus of the members that residents be asked what they would like to see developed at the park. Information will be posted on the website and in the June issue of *Gillies Community News* requesting public input.

7.3 Council Committee Assignments

Resolution 09/96:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

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

- Roads Advisory Committee (to replace Councillor Turk); 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.

CARRIED

7.4 Waste Diversion Act Review – Attendance

Resolution 09/97:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and the Clerk-Treasurer were authorized to attend the Waste Diversion Act Review Session held on April 7, 2009 in Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

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

Resolution 09/98:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Municipality of Grey Highlands respecting the request for the Province to undertake a comprehensive review of the potential health and land use impacts (including property values) to the General Public associated with the placement of all Renewable Energy Facilities; and to review the proposal to remove local land use planning controls under the *Planning Act* through Bill 150.

CARRIED

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

Resolution 09/99:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan respecting the Provincial Government taking immediate action to implement Presumptive Legislative Regulations to include Volunteer and Part-Time Firefighters under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 2007*.

CARRIED

7.7 Egg Farmers of Ontario – Buying Local

Resolution 09/100:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS the Township of Gillies supports practices that contribute to the creation of a sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS Ontario egg farmers currently provide our community with fresh, locally produced Grade A eggs which travel from farm to table in approximately 4 to 7 days; and

WHEREAS Ontario egg farmers take pride in caring for their hens while offering consumers a variety of egg choice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current procurement practice of eggs by the Township of Gillies, produced by Ontario egg farmers, be identified as the preferred local sustainable procurement practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the purchase of all Ontario eggs contributes to the creation of a sustainable environment in which consumers and farmers benefit.

CARRIED

7.8 Funding Shortfall for CBC

Resolution 09/101:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT with respect to the shortfall in funding for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) the Council for the Township of Gillies endorses an increase of Federal funding for the CBC; and

FURTHER THAT the Township of Gillies call on the CBC to cancel all planned staff and programming cuts at the Northwestern Ontario CBC Station.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Monitoring Well Installation – Proposal for Landfill Site

It was the consensus of the members that monitoring wells will not be installed at the landfill site until such time as it is a requirement of the Certificate of Approval Amendment process or of legislation.

8.2 Building Canada Fund – Intake Two

Resolution 09/102:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an application be submitted to both the Building Canada Fund – Intake Two and the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for the relocation of the Hymers Museum; the creation of a recreation area at Pee Dee Park; and for the construction of a new municipal complex; and

FURTHER THAT an application be made to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for the municipality's 1/3 funding share.

CARRIED

8.3 Infrastructure Stimulus Fund

This agenda item was considered with item 8.2.

8.4 Bear Wise Funding Program 2009

Resolution 09/103:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an application to the 2009 Bear Wise Funding Program be submitted for the purchase of a bulldozer at an estimated cost of \$26,000 with the Township contributing a cash contribution of \$5,000 and an in kind contribution of \$1,000.

CARRIED

8.5 2009 Tax Ratios – By-law #644

Resolution 09/104:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #644 being a by-law to set the Tax Ratios for the Township of Gillies for the year 2009 be hereby enacted and passed this 27th day of April 2009.

CARRIED

8.6 2009 Adoption of Provincial Tax Tools – By-law #645

Resolution 09/105:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #645 being a by-law to adopt the Provincial Tools for 2009 Property Tax Policy be hereby enacted and passed this 27th day of April 2009.

CARRIED

8.7 2009 AMO Annual Conference

It was the consensus that no members will be attending.

8.8 OPP 2009 Business Plan

The 2009 OPP Business Plan was acknowledged and filed. As the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPACP) Representative, Councillor Smelow offered to follow-up with Staff Sergeant Ken Mantey if the police calls and time allocated to the flood of June 2008 were billed to the municipalities.

9. Upcoming Matters

Councillor Turk advised that a Northern Community Investment Readiness (NCIR) fund meeting with the City of Thunder Bay and area municipalities was being organized by City Councillor Rebecca Johnston, on behalf of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, to discuss a potential shared application to the NCIR fund. She will forward the information to the members once the date and time are set.

The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that information on the 2009 NCIR fund is scheduled to be presented on the agenda of May 11, 2009.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/106:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:40 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____