

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on May 11, 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
Roads –	Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance Coordinator
Visitors -	Rosy Brizi and Lauren Lappalainen, Grant Thornton Auditors

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 27, 2009

Resolution 09/107:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on April 27, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

3.1 Grant Thornton, Auditors – Rosy Brizi and Lauren Lappalainen

Ms. Brizi and Ms. Lappalainen presented the draft 2008 Unconsolidated Financial Statements, as well as the Report to Council – Communication of Audit Strategy and Results.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

It was noted that there was an addition mistake in the electronic payments total as presented. An adjustment was made to correct the total to read \$2,873.22.

Resolution 09/108:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/04 for the period from April 15, 2009 through May 11, 2009, including cheque numbers 1781 to 1813 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$159,751.39; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$2,873.22 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/109:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Run #179 for the period from April 1 through April 30, 2009, including cheque numbers 1791 to 1798 for a total of \$7,550.93 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of April 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 May 4, 2009 General Advisory Committee were received and filed.

The following recommendations were made to council:

1. That the Committee approach the individual who completed the conceptual design documents for the Township of O'Connor Municipal Building to provide a quote for the conceptual design of the new municipal complex. **(approved without objection)**
2. That Expressions of Interest be invited from persons interested in cleaning up the park with respect to brush clearing and expanding the grass area of the park. **(approved without objection)**

TBDML Report

The Thunder Bay District Municipal League Report of the meeting held on May 9, 2009 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 Township of O'Connor – DSSAB Reports

Neebing Councillor Maureen Schmidt, Area 1 DSSAB Representative, provided a DSSAB report in response to the request from the Township of O'Connor. The report was received and filed.

6.2 Municipality of Neebing – Highway 608

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.3 Nestle Waters – Bottled Water in Municipal Facilities

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.4 City of Cornwall – Exemption on HST for Recreational Facility Rentals and Registrations

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of May 25, 2009.

6.5 TBDSSAB – Housing Strategy

Councillor Buitenhuis expressed an interest in participating in any advisory groups on the DSSAB Housing Strategy if an opportunity arises.

6.6 Regional Food Distribution Association – Amendment to Request for Funding

The RFDA had made an error in its original request for capital funds for the purchase of a larger warehouse. The amount being requested from the Township of Gillies is \$1,000. It was the consensus of the members that taxpayer dollars should not be allocated to charities. Rather, council will encourage residents to donate to this charity on their own accord.

7. Unfinished Business

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

Resolution 09/110:

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 Sables-Spanish Rivers respecting the reversal of the decision to cut the full-time positions at the CBC stations in Northern Ontario; and

FURTHER should job cuts be necessary that they be done proportionality and fairly across the nation.

CARRIED

7.2 Draft Budget 2009

The Clerk-Treasurer presented an amended Budget with internal account re-allocations which still resulted in a 2.97% tax rate increase. Council is awaiting a discussion with the Fire Chief with respect to honourariums prior to adopting the budget.

7.3 Winter Maintenance – Badger Mine Road

Resolution 09/111:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Badger Mine Road shall no longer be maintained in the winter season.

CARRIED

7.4 Building Canada Fund – Intake Two

Resolution 09/112:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution 09/102 passed on April 27, 2009 is hereby rescinded due to the infrastructure projects indicated not meeting the requirements of the Building Canada Fund – Intake Two and the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, and/or local guidelines.

CARRIED

Resolution 09/113:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports an application to the Building Canada Fund – Intake Two, for \$30,000 for upgrades to the Emergency Helipad; and

FURTHER THAT the Township commits its \$10,000 share of the funding to this project.

CARRIED

7.5 Infrastructure Stimulus Fund

Resolution 09/114:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports an application to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for \$30,000 for upgrades to the Emergency Helipad; and

FURTHER THAT the Township commits its \$10,000 share of the funding to this project.

CARRIED

Resolution 09/115:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports a second application to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for \$9,000 for enhancements to PeeDee Park, including a pavilion, park benches and a small play structure with a railway theme; and

FURTHER THAT the Township commits its \$3,000 share of the funding for this project.

CARRIED

7.6 Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

Resolution 09/116:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a budget of a maximum of \$1000 is set for the Volunteer BBQ being held on June 3, 2009.

CARRIED

7.7 Roads Reserve Fund Transfer (for grader)

Resolution 09/117:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to transfer \$30,000 from the Roads allocation of the Reserve Fund Account to the General account for the purchase of the motor grader, as per the budget.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Northern Community Investment Readiness (NCIR) Funding

Resolution 09/118:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Kieri and Councillor Turk be authorized to attend the Northern Community Investment Readiness (NCIR) fund opportunities discussion hosted by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines on May 28, 2009.

CARRIED

8.2 Grass Cutting Bids

Resolution 09/119:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS the following tenders were received for Grass Cutting at PeeDee Park and Riverside Cemetery:

PeeDee Park

John Kashuba	\$50
Frank Potter	\$50
Debbie Kramer	\$40

Riverside Cemetery

John Kashuba	\$125
Frank Potter	\$120
Debbie Kramer	\$110

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the contract for PeeDee Park be awarded to Debbie Kramer and the contract for Riverside Cemetery be awarded to Debbie Kramer.

CARRIED

8.3 Acknowledgment of Deceased Council Members

Council was presented with questions from administration on the type of information to be included in a policy to acknowledge the past service of council members upon their passing. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to request copies of similar policies from the Townships of O'Connor and Conmee.

8.4 Pandemic Planning

It was the consensus of the members that a pandemic plan is needed by the Township with respect to staff resources. The plan should be incorporated into

the Emergency Plan. It was suggested that at the next emergency table-top exercise, this issue be brought to the attention of John Coupland, Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC). It was also suggested, that this item would be a good presentation item at an upcoming Municipal League Conference.

8.5 Investing in Ontario Act Fund – Transfer to Reserve (2008)

Resolution 09/120:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the \$51,761 from the *Investing In Ontario Act* Fund be transferred to the Infrastructure Reserve Fund, effective for the 2008 fiscal year, in accordance with PSAB standards.

CARRIED

Resolution 09/121:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$51,761 from the Infrastructure Reserve Fund to the General Account for the purchase of the motor grader, as per the budget.

CARRIED

8.6 2008 Operating Surplus

Resolution 09/122:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$20,000 of the 2008 operating surplus be transferred to the Contingency Allocation of the Reserve Fund Account.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

The following items were noted to be discussed at an upcoming council meeting:

- Closed Meeting Investigator Options;
- Administrative Response to Auditor's Internal Control Recommendations;
- Plastic Bags at the Landfill;
- Reserve Fund Investment Options.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/123:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

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_____