

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on May 25, 2009 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present:	Reeve -	Rick Kieri
	Councillors -	Rudy Buitenhuis
		David Smelow
		Linda Turk
	Administration -	Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
	VFD –	Scott Hole, Fire Chief

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on May 11, 2009

Resolution 09/124:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on May 11, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Reports

VFD Report

The VFD Report for the month of April 2009 as submitted by the Fire Chief was received and filed.

Fire Protection Committee Report

The minutes of the May 20, 2009 Fire Protection Advisory Committee were received and filed.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

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

5. Correspondence

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

5.1 Hymers Agricultural Society – Raffles and Draws at Fair

Resolution 09/125:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby gives permission for the Hymers Agricultural Society to hold the following events at the annual Hymers Fall Fair to be held on September 6 and 7, 2009 at the Hymers Fair Grounds: a cash raffle draw, an open air bingo event and a 50/50 draw.

CARRIED

5.2 Township of Woolwich and Township of Centre Wellington – WSIB Coverage for Volunteer Firefighters

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of June 8, 2009.

5.3 Homegrown Ontario – Procurement of Ontario Produced Meats and Poultry

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of June 8, 2009.

5.4 AMO – Green Energy Act Regulation

The information was acknowledged and filed.

5.5 AMO – Memorandum of Cooperation with Union of Municipalities of Quebec

The information was acknowledged and filed.

5.6 Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls – Harmonized Sales Tax

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of June 8, 2009.

5.7 Gillies Community Centre – Partnership for Farm Credit Canada Grant Application for a Drilled Well

Resolution 09/126:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS the Gillies Community Centre wishes to apply for a grant from Farm Credit Canada to finance a drilled well in order to provide potable water to people attending programs at the Community Centre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies is agreeable to partnering with the Gillies Community Centre on this application in order to receive the money contributed, control the expenditures and issue official tax receipts in the municipality's name.

CARRIED

6. Unfinished Business

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

Resolution 09/127:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the City of Cornwall respecting an exemption from the provincial harmonized sales tax on items related to the rental of recreation facilities and registration fees for minor sports to ensure that all youth are able to afford to participate.

CARRIED

6.2 Amendment to 2009 Tax Ratio By-law – By-law #646

Resolution 09/128:

Moved David Smelow

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #646 being a by-law to amend By-law #644, a by-law to set the Tax Ratios for the Township of Gillies for the year 2009 be hereby enacted and passed this 25th day of May 2009.

CARRIED

6.3 Budget 2009 – By-law #647

Resolution 09/129:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #647 being a by-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year 2009 for the Township of Gillies be hereby enacted and passed this 25th day of May 2009.

CARRIED

6.4 Council and Employee Service Recognition Policy – Draft

Resolution 09/130:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council and Employee Service Recognition Policy be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Administrative Response to Auditor's Internal Control Findings

Resolution 09/131:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the Administrative Response to the Auditor's Internal Control Findings for 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council is satisfied with the current internal control polices and approves the recommendation of a more detailed report for tax accounts receivable.

CARRIED

On the matter of segregation of duties for small municipalities, it was noted that the Clerk-Treasurer will bring this matter forward at an upcoming AMCTO meeting as an agenda item and topic of discussion.

7.2 Closed Meeting Investigator – Administrative Report

Resolution 09/132:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

WHEREAS Administrative Report 2009/05 – Closed Meeting Investigator Options has been received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township shall remain with the Provincial Ombudsman as the Closed Meeting Investigator.

CARRIED

7.3 Municipal Investment Basics and Opportunities – Seminar

Resolution 09/133:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff is authorized to attend the Municipal Investment Basics and Beyond Information Session hosted by the Municipal Finance Officers Association and Local Authority Services in Thunder Bay on October 14, 2009, for a registration fee of \$190.

DEFEATED

7.4 Due to Reserve Account – Transfer of Funds

Resolution 09/134:

Moved Linda Turk
Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS \$8,856.49 is owing to the Reserve Account from the General Account, as indicated on the 2008 financial statements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be directed to transfer \$8,856.49 from the General Account to the Contingency allocation of the Reserve Account in order to balance the accounts.

CARRIED

8. Upcoming Matters

During the meeting, the following matters were identified for further discussion at an upcoming meeting:

- Advisory Committee Structure; and
- Advisory Committee Summer Meetings.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 09/135:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:40 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____