

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on June 8, 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

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Turk declared a conflict of interest on item 6.9 of the agenda for the reason of personal interest and involvement with the museum; not a financial or pecuniary interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2009

Resolution 09/136:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on May 25, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/137:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/05 for the period from May 12, 2009 through June 8, 2009, including cheque numbers 1814 to 1854 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$34,253.71; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$3152.78 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/138:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Run #183 and #184 for the period from May 1 through May 30, 2009, including cheque numbers 1825 to 1832 for a total of \$7,312.59 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

4.4 Taxes Receivable – Report

A report of taxes receivable as of June 1, 2009 was received and filed.

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of May 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. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to send a congratulatory letter to the Kakabeka Legion on the occasion of their 60th anniversary.

A card from Sylvia Smith was read, thanking council for the gift certificate honouring her 25 years of employment with the Township.

A card from the Rural Cupboard Food Bank was read, thanking the organizers of Community Sports night for their financial support.

General Advisory Committee Report

The minutes of the June 1st, 2009 General Advisory Committee were received and filed.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 Oxford County - Eliminating Tax Capping

6.2 Smith Falls – Library Funding

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of June 22, 2009.

6.3 MNR – Endangered Species; Peregrine Falcon

The contents were noted and the Clerk was directed to contact the MNR about when mapping will be ready so that it can be incorporated into the Township's mapping that is under development.

6.4 Greater Toronto Area Countryside Mayors' Alliance – Free Trade

6.5 Town of Fort Erie – Include Hospitals under Jurisdiction of Ombudsman

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of June 22, 2009.

6.6 City of Pickering – Harmonized Sales Tax

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for council consideration at the meeting of June 22, 2009.

6.7 City of Ottawa – OMB and *Planning Act*

6.8 Town of Hawkesbury – Economic Climate, Investment and Jobs

6.9 Hymers Museum – Partnership for Farm Credit Canada Grant Application

Resolution 09/139:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS the Hymers Museum wishes to apply for a grant from Farm Credit Canada to fund renovations at the Museum;

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

CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business

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

Resolution 09/140:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolutions of the Township of Woolwich and the Township of Centre Wellington respecting the request for a regulation for presumptive legislation, which would provide cancer and heart coverage for volunteer firefighters equal to that of full-time firefighters.

DEFERRED

A letter from Minister Rick Bartolucci, dated May 25, 2009, indicated that the Ministry of Labour is currently undertaking consultations with fire service stakeholders on what might be appropriate circumstances, conditions and restrictions to be included in a regulation.

7.2 Homegrown Ontario – Procurement of Ontario Produced Meats and Poultry

Resolution 09/141:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

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

WHEREAS Homegrown Ontario™ is a brand that allows Ontario consumers to support Ontario farmers by purchasing Ontario produced meat and poultry; and

WHEREAS Ontario farmers adhere to the highest quality standards set forth by the Canadian provincial and federal regulatory boards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies supports in principle the procurement practice of purchasing meat and poultry products produced by Ontario farmers as the preferred local sustainable procurement practice; and

FURTHER THAT the purchase of all Ontario produced meat and poultry sourced locally requires the burning of less fossil fuel than food trucked or even flown in

from hundreds, or even thousands of kilometers away.

CARRIED

7.3 Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls – HST

Resolution 09/142:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls respecting the request for the Ontario Government to abandon the harmonized sales tax plan announced in the 2009 Budget and to abide by the *Taxpayer Protection Act* through consultation with taxpayers and voters by way of a referendum or by campaigning on a platform of raising taxes before introducing any tax increases.

CARRIED

7.4 Northern Community Investment Readiness (NCIR) Funding

A report, minutes and notes from the May 28, 2009 meeting attended by Reeve Kieri and Councillor Turk were received. Council members are to suggest economic development ideas that may be eligible for funding under this program for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

7.5 Reduced Speed in Village of South Gillies

Resolution 09/143:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Gillies hereby supports the implementation of a reduced speed zone of 60 kilometers per hour on Provincial Highway 595 from 100 meters south of Palisades Road to 300 meters North of Highway 608, or such approximate area as deemed reasonable and safe by the Ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED

7.6 Amendment to By-law #637 Appointing Municipal Representatives – By-law #649

Resolution 09/144:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #649 being a by-law to amend By-law #637, a by-law appointing municipal representatives, be hereby enacted and passed this 8th day of June 2009.

CARRIED

7.7 Volunteer Appreciation BBQ – Wrap-up Discussion

It was the consensus of the members and those who were in attendance at the barbecue, that this event was successful. It was suggested that this could be an annual event, perhaps tied into another community event in order to encourage a better resident turnout. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to research possible grants that could be used to help fund such an event.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was also directed to send a letter of thanks to the caterer.

8. New Business

8.1 2009 Tax Rates – By-law #648

Resolution 09/145:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #648 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2009, be hereby enacted and passed this 8th day of June 2009.

CARRIED

8.2 Advisory Committees' Structure – Administrative Report

Resolution 09/146:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS Administrative Report 2009/06 – Advisory Committees' Structure – has been received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to prepare for council consideration, an amendment to the procedural by-law to include a section on meeting procedures specifically for advisory committee meetings.

CARRIED

8.3 Cancellation of Advisory Committees' Summer Meetings

Resolution 09/147:

Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Advisory Committee meetings for the months of July and August are hereby cancelled; and

FURTHER THAT the Clerk-Treasurer shall post the required notice.

CARRIED

8.4 Health and Safety Requirements – Administrative Report

Administrative Report 2009/07 – The *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and Regulations was received. Without objection, any decision on this matter was deferred until further information is gathered via municipal association presentations. At such time, the Health and Safety Policy will also be reviewed.

8.5 Helipad Upgrades - Request for Proposal

Resolution 09/148:

Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to advertise for Requests for Proposal to be received by July 13th, for the following project:

Emergency Helipad Upgrade - design and construction of a helipad, with a hard surface, including improvements to drainage in the area and upgrades to the access.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

The following items were identified for discussion and consideration at an upcoming meeting:

- Construction material and compost areas at Landfill Site;
- A report from Richard Pitton on the Landfill Training Course;
- Ideas for topics and speakers at Fall Municipal League Meeting.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/149:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:24 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____