

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on July 13, 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
Richard Pitton – Machine Operator

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

1. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Turk declared a conflict of interest on items 6.8 and 7.8 of the agenda for the reason of being employed by the Thunder Bay Federation of Agriculture.

Councillor Groenheide declared a conflict of interest on items 7.1 and 7.3 of the agenda as he works as a sub-contractor for the contractor under consideration for these projects.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2009

Resolution 09/158:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on June 22, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/159:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/06 for the period from June 9, 2009 through July 13, 2009, including cheque numbers 1855 to 1906 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$45,577.80; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$2602.16 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/160:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Run #186, #187 and #188 for the period from June 1 through June 30, 2009, including cheque numbers 1868 to 1878 for a total of \$8404.85 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

5. Reports

VFD Report

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

Landfill Training Report

Richard Pitton gave an oral review of the content of the Small Landfill Operators Course he attended on May 20 and 21, 2009. A discussion of the benefits of compaction of waste at the Landfill ensued.

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of June 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 June 1st, 2009 General Advisory Committee were received and filed. It was noted that the Committee will be meeting in August 2009, to do a site visit at Pee Dee Park with the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, to help determine the placement of structures and potential fill at the park, as a part of the Pee Dee Park Enhancement Project.

Thunder Bay District Municipal League Report

The report on the July 11, 2009 TBDML meeting, as submitted by Councillor Turk was received and filed.

Well Aware Seminar Report from CBO

The report on the Well Aware Seminar, as submitted by Cheryl Maki, CBO, was received and filed.

6. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were received and action taken as indicated.

6.1 Town of Innisfill – HST and Electricity Rates

Resolution 09/161:

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 Town of Innisfill respecting the exemption of electricity sales from the provincial portion of the single harmonized sales tax at least until the stranded debt of Ontario Hydro is fully retired.

CARRIED

6.2 Municipality of Hastings Highlands – Recovering Cost from Hydro One

Resolution 09/162:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands respecting the recognition by Hydro One of the emergency services provided by municipal fire departments through the remittance of fair payment for services when requested by the Municipality.

CARRIED

It was noted that the Township of Gillies does have a By-law authorizing the Township to invoice Hydro One for services, but (1) invoices sent after the enactment of the by-law have not been honoured by Hydro One; and (2) invoices have not been issued in recent years. It was unknown at the time, if the fire department has attended to downed hydro lines within the last 4 years.

6.3 AMO – Best Start Child Community Hubs

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.4 Township of O'Connor – O'Connor Days Invitation

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.5 City of Welland – Funding Model for Access to Health Services

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.6 Canadian Union of Postal Workers – CPC Strategic Review Recommendations

Resolution 09/163:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

WHEREAS the report of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR) recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets; and

WHEREAS the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered; and

WHEREAS these recommendations, if implemented by the federal government, would undermine the public postal service and jobs in our community and

fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post's retail and delivery network;
and

WHEREAS the report proposed that Canada Post's highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or "rationalizing" a post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box, or post office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies write to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCS recommendations that would:

1. Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets.
2. Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or the representatives of rural delivery workers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we request that Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

CARRIED

6.7 Minister of Labour – WSIB Presumptions for Volunteer Firefighters

Resolution 09/164:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS Minister Peter Fonseca has indicated that the Ministry of Labour has conducted consultations regarding volunteer and part-time firefighters, and fire investigators, to determine how best to extend to them the work-related presumption for the listed cancers and heart injuries that has been extended to full-time firefighters; and

WHEREAS the results of the consultations are being considered to determine how best to move forward;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 09/140 from the council meeting of June 8, 2009, which considers the endorsement of the resolutions of the Township of Woolwich and the Township of Centre Wellington supporting the enactment of a regulation on this issue, be hereby withdrawn.

CARRIED

6.8 Thunder Bay Federation of Agriculture – Economic Impact Study

Resolution 09/165:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

WHEREAS the Investment Readiness Project completed in 2008, identified Agriculture in the Township of Gillies as an investment opportunity requiring further investigation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT an application be made to the Northern Community Investment Readiness (NCIR) Fund for \$500, with the Township of Gillies committing \$125, to help sponsor the undertaking of the *Northern Ontario*

Agricultural Economic Impact Study by the Thunder Bay Federation of Agriculture; and that the municipalities of Conmee, O'Connor, Neebing, Oliver Paipoonge, Shuniah and the City of Thunder Bay be invited to be a partner in the application to NCIR for a total fund of \$3,500; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT should the application be unsuccessful, the Township of Gillies shall contribute \$125 for the Economic Impact Study.

CARRIED

6.9 Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission - Immigration Web Portal Initiative

Resolution 09/166:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT David Smelow is appointed to be the lead contact for the Northwestern Ontario Immigration Web Portal Initiative, with Linda Turk acting as an alternate.

CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Helipad Upgrade Proposals

Resolution 09/167:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

WHEREAS the following Proposals were received for the Helipad Upgrade Project (in order of receipt):

KA Vanderzwaag Construction - \$19,500 (30'x30', 6" concrete, with 10' perimeter capped with 6" "A" gravel);

Pioneer Construction Inc. - \$42,000 (80'x80', 3" asphalt, with 20' perimeter capped with 6" "A" gravel);

Daniel Vanlenthe Construction - \$109,500 (80' X 80', 8" concrete, with 20' perimeter made of 6" concrete)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to inquire with each contractor for clarification and further information on their proposals.

CARRIED

It was noted by the Clerk-Treasurer that a firm which specializes in helipad design, had contacted the office with the intent to send a proposal to offer a peer review of the successful helipad design, but the proposal had not yet been received.

7.2 Procedural By-law Amendment for Advisory Committees – Draft

The proposed amendments to the Procedural By-law were reviewed and without objection the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to prepare the by-law amendment for council consideration at the meeting of August 10, 2009.

7.3 Pee Dee Park Brush Cutting 2009 – Draft Agreement

Resolution 09/168:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by David Smelow

WHEREAS the call for Expressions of Interest for Brush Cutting at Pee Dee Park resulted in one proposal being submitted by Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical; and

WHEREAS Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical has met all the requirements to complete the project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies enter into agreement with Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical for Brush Cutting at Pee Dee Park as a part of the Pee Dee Park Enhancement Project, funded by the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

CARRIED

7.4 Northern Community Investment Readiness (NCIR) Funding – Funding Ideas

Due to money not being allocated to Community Development in the 2009 Budget, it was the consensus of the eligible members, that the application to NCIR for the Northern Ontario Agricultural Economic Impact Study, as resolved prior in the meeting under item 6.8, is sufficient for this year's round of funding.

8. New Business

8.1 Cooperative Recycling Plan – *Moving on Diversion*

Resolution 09/169:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

WHEREAS the report *Moving on Diversion: A Recyclable Material Diversion Plan* has been received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports in principal the recommendations within the report, with each recommendation to be further considered and tested, prior to moving forward with implementation.

CARRIED

8.2 Construction Material and Compost Areas at Landfill Site

In consideration of the time of year, it was the consensus of the members that this item be deferred until the beginning of 2010 for further consideration. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to include in upcoming newsletters, information to educate residents on breaking mattresses and furniture into components parts when depositing these items at the landfill, and to encourage residents to compost at home.

8.3 Waste Diversion Ontario's Used Tire Plan

It was the consensus of the members, that used tires not be accepted at the Landfill Site, due to liability and Certificate of Approval concerns. Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to contact area tire haulers to confirm costs to remove tires from the Landfill Site.

8.4 Bears at Landfill Site

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to inquire with the local municipalities to see if they are interested in obtaining metal doors for their recycling bins. If an interest is expressed, Nedland Industries, the manufacturer of the recycle bins, is to be contacted for availability and pricing of metal doors.

8.5 Roads Garage Furnace Quotes

Without objection, the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was directed to obtain clarification on the received quotes. It was noted that the Township is awaiting the results of the energy audit of the garage and fire hall by the CBO, in order to seek potential funding for the replacement of the garage furnace.

8.6 Community Development Program Funding

Due to the extended time frame of the application deadline, it was the consensus of council to continue to generate and keep ideas for this grant under consideration.

8.7 Scheduling of Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's Deputation

It was noted that LRCA will be attending the August 10, 2009 council meeting at 8:15 PM to present a deputation to council for a funding request of LRCA's proposed new administration building.

9. Upcoming Matters

During the Roads Advisory Committee Spring Roads Tour, it was noted that the garden suite on Neva Road is currently vacant. The Clerk-Treasurer undertook to investigate the wording of the Undertaking between the Landowner and the Township with respect to the garden suite.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/170:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:50 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____