The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on August 10, 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
	VFD -	Scott Hole, Fire Chief
	Visitors -	Lakehead Region Conservation Authority; Bill Bartley, Chairman; Mervi Henttonen, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer; Richard Boon, Community Relations Officer

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

1. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Buitenhuis declared a conflict of interest on items 6.3 and 6.6 of the agenda due to the subject matter being directed at his employer.

Councillor Smelow declared a conflict of interest on item 6.4 of the agenda as he is employed by a school board.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2009

Resolution 09/174:
Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on July 13, 2009 be adopted.
CARRIED

2.2 Adoption of Special Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2009

Resolution 09/175:
Moved by Linda Turk
Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of Gillies Council held on August 4, 2009 be adopted.
CARRIED

Council continued with the regular business of the meeting until the visitors arrived at 7:45 PM.

3. Visitors and Deputations

3.1 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (7:45 PM)

Bill Bartley, Chairman; Mervi Henttonen, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer; and Richard Boon, Community Relations Officer of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority presented a power point presentation and information respecting the LRCA Office Building Business Plan. It was noted that two million dollars will be required from the member municipalities for either; 1) renovations to the existing office building at 130 Conservation Road to expand the life of the

building, but will not resolve the lack of functional office space; or 2) for the construction of a new building at 1111 Fort William Road. The LRCA has chosen to proceed with the four million dollar construction of a new building with an anticipated start date of spring 2010. Two million dollars is being requested from the member municipalities, with the remaining two million dollars to come from the sale of the existing office building and associated land, infrastructure funding and fundraising. The Township of Gillies' share of this project is $4,400, for which LRCA requested a resolution of financial support.

It was the consensus of council that this request would be discussed at the council meeting of September 14, 2009.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/176:
Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/07 for the period from July 14 2009 through August 10, 2009, including cheque numbers 1907 to 1946 (exclusive of payroll cheques), with the exception of cheque #1937, which the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to release upon inspection and approval of the work at Pee Dee Park by the General Advisory Committee, for a total of $40,734.93; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of $1,354.34 be passed for payment.
CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/177:
Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Runs #191 and #194 for the period from July 1 through July 31, 2009, including cheque numbers 1916 to 1924, for a total of $8,598.02 be passed for payment.
CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

4.4 Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense - Second Quarter Report

A report of Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense as of July 31, 2009 was received and filed. It was noted that there were no major concerns of any over or under expenditures to date.

5. Reports

VFD Report

The VFD Report for the month of July 2009 as submitted by the Fire Chief was received and filed. There was discussion of obtaining a VISA card for use by the Fire Chief for incidental expenses, which was to be considered later in the meeting with item 8.2 of the agenda.

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of July 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.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 City of Greater Sudbury – Employment Insurance Reform

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.2 City of Greater Sudbury – Workplace Fatalities Bill of Rights

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.3 Township of Huron-Kinloss – Noxious Weed Designation of Giant Hogweed

Resolution 09/178:
Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by Davie Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Township of Huron-Kinloss respecting the designation of the Giant Hogweed as one of the plants in Schedule R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 1096 under the *Weed Control Act*.
CARRIED

6.4 Community Schools Alliance – Smart Moratorium on School Closings

Resolution 09/179:
Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS communities across Ontario are concerned with the Accommodation Review Committee process and the impact this flawed process has on the socio-economic fabric of our municipalities; and

WHEREAS many schools are the hubs of their communities, a better accommodation review system is needed to address the educational facility needs of our residents; and

WHEREAS a system to address the educational facility needs in Ontario must ensure that school boards and municipal councils partner on decisions regarding education infrastructure; and

WHEREAS greater accountability for school board decisions is needed; and

WHEREAS a thorough review of the governance model for school accommodation decisions must include an opportunity to appeal these decisions; and

WHEREAS the accommodation review process should respect and value the input of students, parents, the community and municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be petitioned to implement a “smart moratorium” on disputed school closings to provide the opportunity for the Ministry of Education, school boards and municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and transparency and accountability between municipalities and school boards.
CARRIED

6.5 Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee – Flood Relief

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.6 Teresa Van Raay – Importance of Canadian Agriculture

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.7 Robert Landversitch – Plot Ownership Transfer Request

Resolution 09/180:
Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ownership of plots #537 and #538 be transferred from the late Blake Landversitch to the following people in accordance with the consent of Mr. Landversitch's family members:

Plot #537 - Elizabeth Dixon, Albert Dixon and Robert Dixon; and

Plot #538 - Robert Alan Landversitch, Susan Landversitch and Alan Blake Landversitch,

pending original signatures on the consenting documents.
CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Used Tires at Landfill Site

Without objection, the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was directed to arrange a site visit with Pack Pros Plus to discuss the removal of tires and e-waste from the Landfill Site.

7.2 Roads Garage Furnace Quotes

The quotes received were reviewed. It was the consensus of the members to await the results of the energy audit on the Roads Garage in order to perhaps secure funding towards the installation of a new furnace.

7.3 Metal Doors on Recycle Bins – Quotes

Pending further information on shipping costs, without objection this item was deferred to the meeting of September 14, 2009.

7.4 Procedural By-law Amendment – By-law #650

Pending completion of the amending by-law by the Clerk-Treasurer, without objection this item was deferred to the meeting of September 14, 2009.

8. New Business

8.1 Garden Suite on Neva Road

Resolution 09/181:
Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By-law Enforcement Officer be directed to visit the Garden Suite at 342 Neva Road to ascertain who, if anyone, is living in the Garden Suite; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to inform the landowner that if the people named in the Undertaking are not indeed the people occupying the Garden Suite, or if it is vacant, that the Township will begin to take the steps necessary to terminate the temporary use zoning by-law and have the Garden Suite removed at the

landowner's expense, or removed by the Township and billed back to the landowner.
CARRIED

8.2 Petroleum Purchases for Roads and VFD

Resolution 09/182:
Moved by David Smelow
Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a VISA card be issued in the name of the Fire Chief with a limit of $3,000 for VFD purchases; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the fuel account at Green Acre Variety be paid on a bi-weekly basis, or as invoiced.
CARRIED

8.3 JEPP Funding 2010/2011

Without objection, this item was deferred to the meeting of September 14, 2009, pending recommendation from the Fire Chief.

8.4 Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference

This item was deferred to the meeting of September 14, 2009.

8.5 Lakehead Source Protection Workshop

It was noted that Reeve Kieri is attending this workshop as a part of his duties as a member of the Lakehead Source Protection Authority Board.

9. Upcoming Matters

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

- Funding request from LRCA;
- Wells at Pee Dee Park and Roads Storage Building.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to send a letter of appreciation to MTO, MNDMF, and Bill Mauro, MPP, for the remediation work done on Highway 608 between Highways 595 and 597 this summer.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/183:
Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:20 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.
CARRIED

Reeve_____

Clerk_____