

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on September 14, 2009 at 7 PM in 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

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 – August 10, 2009

Resolution 09/184:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on August 10, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/185:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/08 for the period from August 11, 2009 through September 14, 2009, including cheque numbers 1947 to 1983 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$59,981.24; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$1,352.45 be passed for payment; and

FURTHER THAT cheque number 1937 dated August 10, 2009 to Daniel Vanlente Mechanical be voided and reissued as cheque number 1965, minus a \$250 holdback which is to be paid once the work is finalized at Pee Dee Park, as directed by the General Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/186:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Runs #195, 201 and #204 for the period from August 1 through August 31, 2009, including cheque numbers 1958 to 1964, 1966 and 1967 for a total of \$8,673.90 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

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

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of August 2009 as submitted by the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was received and filed.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to contact Hydro One to order a hydro service disconnect from the road's storage building due to the increasing cost of that secondary hydro service.

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 contact the MTO concerning the unsatisfactory painting of the middle yellow-line on the Mile Hill.

General Advisory Committee

The General Advisory Committee minutes of August 17, 2009 and August 31, 2009 were received and filed.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to submit the Application for Approval prepared by the General Advisory Committee to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority along with payment for approval of the structure and fill work to be done at Pee Dee Park.

VFD Report

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

6. Correspondence

6.1 Town of Fort Erie – Halt to Major Health Care Restructuring Decisions

Resolution 09/187:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Town of Fort Erie respecting the Province to act accordingly to the call for a moratorium by the Ontario Medical Association to stop all major health care restructuring decisions until the Rural and Northern Health Care Panel reports its findings and recommendations and to order the LHIN's and hospitals in rural and northern communities to put a hold on major restructuring of health care.

CARRIED

6.2 Ontario Medical Association - Calorie Counts on Menu Boards

Resolution 09/188:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the Ontario Medical Association's effort to call on the provincial government to introduce legislation that would require calorie counts to be listed adjacent to the items on menus and menu boards at chain restaurants and school cafeterias across the province, in order to help overweight and obese Canadians make healthier food decisions.

DEFEATED

6.3 Town of Halton Hills – FCM Fair Trade Resolution

Resolution 09/189:

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 Halton Hills respecting the support of the efforts of the Canadian Government to negotiate an end to the Buy American restrictions and open local procurement markets in Canada and the United States to suppliers from both countries.

CARRIED

6.4 Township of Madawaska Valley – Home Care Service

Resolution 09/190:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby endorses the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting an increase in funding from the Province for the hiring of additional Personal Support Workers to provide Home Care Service in rural Ontario in order to relieve the stresses related to a shortage of staff; and

FURTHER THAT Personal Support Workers providing Home Care Service be required to provide a minimum of 4 hours of service per client visit, which not only benefits the client, but also allows the primary caregivers the opportunity to maintain a level of normalcy in their daily lives.

CARRIED

6.5 Hon Jim Watson – Provincial-Municipal Service Delivery Review Update

The information was acknowledged and filed.

6.6 Hon Michael Gravelle – Update on Northern Growth Plan

The information was acknowledged and filed.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Heliport Engineering Quotes

Engineering quotes were received from Stantec Consulting, Clipsham Limited and Pyrde Schropp McComb Inc., for the design and engineered drawings of the heliport.

Due to the higher than anticipated costs to provide engineered drawings, none of the proposals were considered.

This issue was referred to the Roads Committee to identify the work to be done to upgrade the helipad within the scope of the allowable budget. The Committee is to report back to council at the meeting of September 28, 2009.

7.2 Used Tires and E-Waste at Landfill Site

This item was deferred until the meeting of September 28, 2009, pending a meeting between the Roads Maintenance Coordinator and a representative from Pack Pros Plus.

7.3 Metal Doors on Recycle Bins – Quotes

Resolution 09/191:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT metal doors for the roll-off recycling bins be purchased from Dan Vanlenthe Mechanical at the price quoted, which is to include installation, with the funding from the Municipal Infrastructure Investment grant.

CARRIED

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

Resolution 09/192:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #650, being a by-law to govern the proceedings of council, the conduct of its members and the calling of meetings, and to repeal By-law #516 be hereby enacted and passed this 14th day of September 2009.

CARRIED

7.5 Garden Suite on Neva Road – By-law Enforcement Officer Report

This item was deferred to the meeting of September 28, 2009 pending information from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

7.6 JEPP Funding 2010/2011

This item was deferred to the Fire Protection Committee.

7.7 Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference

Resolution 09/193:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Kieri is authorized to attend the Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference being held on October 1 and 2, 2009 at Fort William Historical Park.

CARRIED

7.8 LRCA's Funding Request for New Office Building

Resolution 09/194:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies encourages the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority to complete their proposal for a new administrative building by investigating and proving non-feasibility for the reuse of potential vacant buildings and spaces in the City of Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

7.9 5 Year Official Plan Review – Draft Mapping, Final Plan Amendment Review and Dates for Special Meetings

Resolution 09/195:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following statutory meeting dates be set for the Five Year Official Plan review:

Special Meeting – October 26, 2009 at 6 PM;
Open House – October 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM; and
Public Meeting – November 9, 2009 at 6:30 PM; and

FURTHER THAT the Clerk-Treasurer give the required notice as set out in the *Planning Act*.

CARRIED

7.10 NWO Immigration Web Portal Update

Councillor Smelow provided a verbal update on the progress of this endeavour in cooperation with the City of Thunder Bay.

8. New Business

8.1 Herbicide Spraying on Municipal Right-of-Ways

Council reviewed Administration Report 2009/08 on Hydro One's upcoming forestry maintenance program, including the application of herbicide within the municipality.

Without objection, Ms. Carol Crnogorac was allowed to speak to council on the issue. She handed council members information on the recent Cosmetic Pesticide legislation in Ontario, and expressed her concern of Hydro One's use of pesticide in their forestry maintenance program.

Council informed Ms. Crnogorac that the municipality has no jurisdiction over Ontario legislation, but does encourage landowners who do not want Hydro One to spray herbicide on their property to inform Hydro One of their wishes.

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to inform Hydro One, via return of the reply card received from Hydro One, that herbicide spraying is not authorized on municipally owned property,

8.2 Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Contribution Agreement – By-law #651

Resolution 09/196:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #651 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Contribution Agreement with Ontario be hereby enacted and passed this 14th day of September 2009.

CARRIED

8.3 Wells at Pee Dee Park and Roads Storage Building

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to receive at least two more quotes on the well abandonment and also to investigate the *Ontario Water Resources Act Reg. 903* to obtain the requirements of when a well is subject to that legislation.

8.4 MTO Parcel of Land beside Pee Dee Park

Resolution 09/197:

Moved by William Groenheide
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a request be made to the Ministry of Transportation to donate Lot 54 in Hymers for the expansion of Pee Dee Park.

CARRIED

8.5 Thunder Bay District Municipal League Fall Conference

Resolution 09/198:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Kieri and Councillor Turk are authorized to attend the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Fall Meeting on October 16 and 17, 2009 at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel.

CARRIED

8.6 Pandemic Tabletop Exercise Review

The minutes and scenario of the tabletop exercise were received and filed. There was discussion about sharing employee resources with area municipalities in the event of a staff shortage during a flu pandemic. Council members attending the upcoming area conferences will discuss this matter with councillors from the other municipalities for feedback.

9. Upcoming Matters

The following matter was identified for discussion at an upcoming meeting:

- Handicap parking at the municipal office

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/199:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

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

CARRIED

Reeve_____

Clerk_____