

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on October 14, 2008 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present: Reeve - John Vanlenthe
Councillors - William Groenheide
Rick Kieri
David Smelow
Linda Turk
Administration - Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
Roads – Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance
Coordinator

Reeve Vanlenthe 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 Minutes of Meeting held on September 22, 2008

Resolution 08/265:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on September 22, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 08/266:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 08/09 for the period from September 9, 2008 through October 10, 2008, including cheque numbers 1459 to 1512, for a total of \$64,007.82; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$404.20 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 08/267:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 08/09 for the period from September 1 through September 30, 2008, including cheque numbers 1471 to 1477, for a total of \$8,193.49 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of revenue received in September 2008 was received and filed.

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of September 2008 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 October 6, 2008 General Advisory Committee meeting were received and filed.

Fire Protection Committee Report

The minutes of the September 17, 2008 Fire Protection Committee meeting were received and filed.

Item 7.7 of the agenda was dealt with here. Councillor Kieri had attended a Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) meeting on September 30, 2008 held in the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge. He outlined the costs of upgrading two communications towers and that Oliver Paipoonge was taking the lead on applying for JEPP Funding for this project. With a recommendation from the Gillies Fire Chief, Councillor Kieri indicated that Gillies would require an upgrade to the South Gillies tower, to reduce the “dead” communications area in the village of Hymers. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that the extra cost of this infrastructure could be added to the Township’s JEPP Funding application for telecommunications equipment. Councillor Kieri also indicated that starting in 2009, CACC’s call-out service for fire calls will no longer be a free service and that municipalities are to sign an agreement which outlines a base administrative cost as well as a per call cost. The fee will not apply to medical calls. The Clerk-Treasurer and the Fire Chief are currently reviewing the contract and will provide Council with an update at the council meeting of October 27, 2008.

6. Correspondence

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

6.1 Debbie Kramer – Waste Site Attendant Resignation

The resignation was acknowledged.

6.2 MTO – Hymers Bridge Issues

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to contact Ms. Cathy Seeley, Technical Services Supervisor with the MTO, to arrange a meeting with Council at the Hymers Bridge site to discuss arrangements for access to the Hymers Museum and fire lane.

6.3 Township of Greater Madawaska - MPAC

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of October 27, 2008.

6.4 Municipality of Neebing – Highway 608

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to send the resolutions of both Gillies and Neebing, requesting upgrades to Highway 608, to the MTO for consideration.

6.5 Town of Hanover – Fairness for Ontario

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of October 27, 2008.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 City of Orillia – Continued Use of Coal Generation

Resolution 08/268:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the City of Orillia respecting the favourable and financially beneficial continued use of coal generation in Ontario.

CARRIED

7.2 Town of Fort Erie – Public Election of Hospital Boards

Resolution 08/269:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Fort Erie respecting the public election of all hospital boards in the Province of Ontario as part of municipal elections commencing in 2010.

CARRIED

7.3 Official Plan Review – Ministry Comments

The Clerk-Treasurer is in the process of adding the Ministry's amendments to the Official Plan document. Once the amendments are added, the entire Official Plan document will be circulated via email (hardcopy to the Reeve) for comment. Once council has commented on the amendments, a public meeting will be scheduled.

Don Manahan, Manahan Consulting, via an email, offered comments on the Ministry's comments.

7.4 Emergency Tabletop Exercise – Review

The minutes of the Emergency Tabletop Exercise held on September 23, 2008 were received and filed.

7.5 Building Canada Fund

Council could not identify any infrastructure projects at this point in time that fit the criteria of the fund's eligibility requirements and where the municipality could afford its one third share of the cost. Without objection, it was agreed that the Township will not submit an application for Intake One and will await the announced results of the successful applications for an overview of the types of projects that municipalities were applying for. The Fund will once again be considered by Council during Intake Two.

7.6 Waste Site Attendant/Road Labourer Position

Without objection, this matter was referred to the Roads Advisory Committee for further investigation as to the feasibility of a part-time Roads/Waste Disposal Site Labourer. The committee will report back to council with its findings and recommendations at a future date.

7.7 JEPP Funding – Communications Equipment Improvement Within Township

This matter was dealt with earlier under the Fire Protection Committee Report.

8. New Business

8.1 Charitable Forgiveness of Taxes

Resolution 08/270:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS Section 361(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 provides that every municipality shall have a tax rebate program for eligible charities for the purposes of giving them relief from taxes on eligible property they occupy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies wishes to give tax relief to the following properties for the 2008 taxation year:

Gillies Community Centre Roll #06005	\$59.40 (\$56.65 tax and \$2.75 penalty)
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Hymers Museum Roll #28400	\$210.80 (\$200.97 tax and \$9.83 penalty)
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CARRIED

8.2 Municipal League Fall Meeting

Resolution 08/271:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all council members are authorized to attend the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Fall Meeting being held on November 14 and 15, 2008 in Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

The members that plan on attending will notify the Clerk-Treasurer prior to November 7, 2007 so that they may be registered to attend.

8.3 General Advisory Committee Members

Resolution 08/272:

Moved by Rick Kieri

Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS Rebecca Crawford Bell has been deemed to be resigned from the General Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS Judy Hole has been regularly attending the meetings since April 2008; and

WHEREAS Judy Hole is able to provide knowledge on any accessibility issues that this committee may be investigating; and

WHEREAS Judy Hole has also been taking the minutes of the meetings since April 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Judy Hole be appointed as a member to the General Advisory Committee; and

FURTHER that she be paid the committee honourarium retroactive to April 2008.
CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

No upcoming matters were identified.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 08/273:

Moved by William Groenheide

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:50 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.
CARRIED

Reeve_____

Clerk_____