



Gillies Community News

Township of Gillies

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NEW FIRE PUMPER NOW IN SERVICE

Due to the old 1982 fire pumper no longer meeting insurance requirements and the standards of the Ontario Fire Marshall (OFM), a decision was made by Council in 2010 to purchase a new pumper that would better serve the community. After issuing a tender, the successful company was Holland Enterprises located in Conmee Township. The pumper was custom built to meet the specifications of the OFM, the needs of the team, and to fit into the fire hall.



The new fire pumper



The team at a training session

The new pumper is rapid with guaranteed responses. It is a strong, reliable vehicle with improved firefighting capacity. It will enable the fire department to respond to all manner of incidents within the township and to our neighbouring mutual aid partners. It is the most powerful emergency vehicle the township has ever owned and is capable of climbing the Mile Hill in a fast and safe manner.

Its state of the art electronic pump controls allows an efficient use of our limited water supply. It allows the firefighters who are "on the nozzle", in harm's way, the confidence that they need to fight fires in a safe and efficient manner. The 1000 gallon tank is twice the capacity of the old pumper, allowing a significant increase in immediate initial response to a fire, allowing for a more rapid application of water.

Fire Chief Scott Hole says that "having a new vehicle to use and train on improves department moral and outlook. The staff is re-energized by the arrival of the vehicle as is evidenced by the increasing numbers for training. Firefighters are eager to use the new pumper and to learn how it works."

After the HST rebate, the pumper cost \$177,622, with \$20,000 of that cost being paid from reserves and the balance from a 15 year bank loan.

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Reeve Rick Kieri says that "the investment that has been made in this new fire pumper can be looked at as more than just an investment in a piece of equipment. It shows our commitment to provide reliable and effective tools for our dedicated volunteers, some of whom have given over 20 years of service to our fire team, so that they can respond to an emergency and be able to focus on that task without the worry of their equipment failing them. With this commitment, we acknowledge the many hours of training our volunteers have given in an effort to make our township/community a safer and therefore better place to live now and into the future."

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

There have been quite a few house and property sales over the past year or so, and we welcome all new residents to the Township. A reminder that all residents require a landfill permit to use the landfill site located on Neva Road. Please visit the Municipal Office for your permit (first one is free, additional sticker for a second vehicle is \$5). The Municipal Office and the municipal website are good sources of information about your new community, including landfill site use, building permits and burning permits. This newsletter also arrives in your mailbox in April, June, September and December, to provide timely information and reminders.

If you are a new resident, please stop by the Municipal Office to pick up a fridge magnet to help remind you of Municipal Office Hours and Landfill Hours. You may also call or email us, to let us know that you would like a fridge magnet mailed to you.

Any household that did not receive a fridge magnet with your tax bill, please drop by the Office, or call or email so that we can mail you one.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held at 7 PM at the Municipal Office the second and fourth Monday of each month except July, August and December. If a meeting date falls on a statutory holiday, the meeting is held on the Wednesday of the same week.

All council meetings are open to the public. Upcoming meetings of Council are:

September 12 and 26

October 12 and 24

November 14 and 28

NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

There are times when the Township may be required to give notice to the public. The current methods of giving public notice, as provided for in the Notice By-law (By-law No. 607) are: the bulletin boards at the Municipal Office, the Landfill Site, Gillies Community Centre, and Green Acre Variety; the municipal website; listing of the subject matter on a council agenda; email and the sign boards at the fire hall and landfill.

If you would like to receive public notices by email, please provide the municipal office with your preferred email address by sending an email to gillies@tbaytel.net with the subject line Notices. When you provide your email for this purpose, it will only be used to provide you with public notices, unless you consent otherwise.

ROAD CONCERNS

If you have a concern about a municipal road and its maintenance, please call the Roads Garage at 475-3165 (leave a message if no answer). For maintenance issues with provincial highways, please call TWD at 1-888-636-8704, or the local number at 683-5119.

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

The Township of Gillies will be celebrating 100 years as an incorporated municipality in 2020. To mark this occasion, research is being conducted on what life was like in the township and who the families were that contributed to its development during the first one hundred years. Over a six week period this summer, the summer student and the Records Management Administrative Intern conducted interviews with some long-time residents and family members of pioneer families. If you or someone you know has some stories to tell or some pictures or documents to share about the township, our Intern is able to conduct interviews and scan pictures and documents until October 12, 2011. Call the office at 475-3185 to arrange a convenient time.

FIREARM SAFETY

While the Township does not have any by-laws regulating the discharge of firearms within the Township, here are some rules to follow in accordance to federal and provincial legislation:

Storing Firearms Safely

- **Unload** and **lock** your firearms!
- Store the **ammunition** separately or lock it up. It can be stored in the same locked container as the firearm.

Non-restricted firearms

- Attach a secure locking device, such as a trigger lock or cable lock (or remove the bolt) so the firearms cannot be fired; **or**
- Lock the firearms in a container or room that is hard to break into.

An **unloaded** non-restricted firearm can be kept **unlocked**:

- temporarily if it is needed to control animal predators in an area where a firearm can lawfully be fired (ammunition must be kept separate or locked up); **or**
- in a remote wilderness area (ammunition may be kept readily accessible).

Restricted and prohibited firearms

- Attach a secure locking device so the firearms cannot be fired **and** lock them in a cabinet, container or room that is hard to break into; **or**
- Lock the firearms in a vault, safe or room that was built or modified specifically to store firearms safely.
- For an automatic firearm, also remove the bolt or bolt carrier (if removable) and lock it in a separate room that is hard to break into.

Gillies Community Centre
Check out the calendar of events at
www.gilliescommunitycentre.com

LANDFILL HOURS

- **SATURDAY 11 AM TO 5 PM** (year round)
- **WEDNESDAY 6 PM TO 8 PM** (May 1st to Sept 14th)

When entering the Landfill Site, please STOP and tell the attendant your landfill permit number plus the number of bags of garbage and recycling that you have.

Recycling is as easy as...

Together, we can make
a difference!
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



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|---|---|
| Cardboard/Paper | Newspapers, flyers, junk mail, magazines, soft cover books, fine paper, paper egg cartons, box board (i.e. cereal boxes) |
| Containers (no plastic shopping bags) | Pop cans, milk cartons, juice boxes, metal cans, plastic #1 & #2 bottles (only plastics with a neck, i.e. pop bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles, dish soap bottles) |
| Scrap Metal | Any kind of scrap metal, excluding vehicles or parts of vehicles; vehicle batteries |
| Electronics | Computers, laptops, keyboards, mouse, monitors, printers, fax machine, televisions |

TIRE RECYCLING

The Township of Gillies does not accept used tires at the Landfill Site, but there are options for residents to properly dispose of their used tires. Ontario residents can bring their used tires to a registered tire collector, free of charge. Please visit www.ontariots.ca to find a tire collector in the Thunder Bay area, or to learn more about the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program.

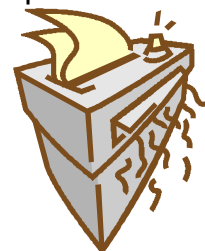


MATTRESSES AND UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE AT LANDFILL SITE

A reminder that mattresses and upholstered furniture must be broken down into their component pieces (metal, wood, fabric) before being deposited at the Landfill Site. Metal can be placed in the metal pile; wood in the burnable pile and the fabric in the pit.

IMPORTANCE OF SHREDDING DOCUMENTS

Identity theft is quickly becoming one of the most organized and costly crimes. Before you recycle your paper documents that contain personal and confidential information at the Landfill Site, it is recommended that you use a paper shredder. Actively using a paper shredder reduces the chances of your personal information being taken by an identity thief. Paper shredders destroy your documents in thin paper strips. For a higher level of security, a cross-cut shredder is preferable as it shreds the documents in small chunks of paper making it much more difficult to piece together your shredded documents. By shredding all documents with your personal identification, you are taking one of the most important steps towards protecting your personal information and safeguarding your credit.



Employment Opportunity

The Township of Gillies currently has vacant positions for the following:

Part-Time Waste Site Attendant (one position) Casual Waste Site Attendant (one position)

The Gillies Landfill Site, located at 289 Neva Road, provides solid waste disposal and a recycling depot for residents. The Landfill Site is open year-round every Saturday from 11 AM to 5 PM and additionally on Wednesdays from 6PM to 8PM from May 1st to September 15th.

The hours of work for the Part-Time Waste Site Attendant are:

- every second Saturday of each month (6 hours);
- every second Wednesday starting May 1st to September 15th (2 hour shift); and
- at other times as required to fill in for the other Part-time Attendant.

The Casual Attendant will fill in as required for the Part-Time Attendants when they are not available. Days of work will vary.

Reporting to the Roads Maintenance Coordinator, the duties include:

- open, maintain, and close the landfill site during the designated days of operation;
- inform and educate residents of proper sorting of recyclables, burnables and garbage, and to direct residents to place these items in the appropriate area;
- enforce the Waste Disposal By-law;
- report By-law infractions to the Roads Maintenance Coordinator; and
- observe Health and Safety regulations at all times.

Job Requirements:

- 18 years of age or older;
- good oral communication skills;
- work with minimum supervision;
- light to medium lifting;
- being on your feet for an extended period of time, including frequent walking;
- working outdoors in all types of weather;
- dealing with the nuisance of bears, bees, bugs, birds, odour;
- must have or be willing to have tetanus and hepatitis B vaccinations (provided by Township); and
- while on duty, required to wear an orange safety vest, steel toe safety boots and safety gloves (gloves and vest provided by Township).

The part-time position starts on September 24, 2011.
The casual position will be trained on October 8, 2011.

The current rate of pay is \$13.70/hour plus 4% vacation pay, paid monthly.

To apply, submit an application in person, by mail, by email, or fax to the Municipal Office by 4:30 PM on September 15, 2011. Applications are available at the Waste Disposal Site, the Municipal Office or on-line at www.gilliestownship.ca. You may request that an application be faxed or emailed to you.

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The Corporation of the Township of Gillies wishes to thank all applicants for their interest, but only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

FINAL TAX BILLS

Final tax bills were mailed out mid July. This final instalment of taxes is due on Friday, September 30, 2011. The Municipal Office will be open on this day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (closed 12 PM to 12:30 PM for lunch) to accept your payment. If you have not received your bill, please contact the Municipal Office.

If your property taxes are paid through your mortgage, you should have received a copy of the final tax bill for your records so that you are aware of the amount of property tax being paid on your behalf.

Tax payments can be made in the following ways:

- in person at the Municipal Office with cash, cheque or money order payable to the Township of Gillies;
- by mail with a cheque or money order;
- posted dated cheques are welcome;
- internet or telephone banking through your bank branch (BMO, CIBC, RBC, Scotiabank and Credit Unions; TD Canada Trust not available).
- Sorry, debit and credit cards are not accepted.

Receipts will only be issued for tax payments made with cash. Tax payment receipts will not be issued for any other form of payment unless requested. If you require a receipt for income tax purposes, please contact the Municipal Office at the end of the year and we will issue a receipt showing payments for the whole year. This policy is in place to help save mailing costs for the township.

If you find that you are unable to pay your entire tax bill by the due date, partial tax payments are accepted. Making even small monthly payments will help to reduce the amount of penalty and interest being paid. You may find it convenient to make monthly payments on your tax bill as you do with other recurring bills.

FIRE PERMITS REQUIRED



It was a dry, hot summer. CONGRATULATIONS to all residents for being fire safe this summer with all outdoor burning, as we had no fire calls to attend. A reminder that fire season continues to October 31st and open air burning is only allowed between the hours of 6 PM and 6 AM. Permits are not required for small, contained fires that are supervised at all times, and are used for cooking or warmth. Permits are available at the Municipal Office during office hours, and will be available at Green Acre Variety only until September 30th. With the closure of Green Acre Variety as of October 1, 2011, Council will be investigating other means of issuing fire permits to residents. Please watch for more information to follow on the website and at the Landfill Site.

The Gillies Emergency Services Team is always looking for new members.
Training is provided for firefighters and first responders.
Email gilliesfirerescue@tbaytel.net or call 577-2554 for more information.

SMOKE ALARM BLITZ

This fall, members of the Fire Department will be visiting each home in the Township to ensure that a working smoke alarm is on each storey of the house, including basements, and outside all sleeping areas. It's not only the law, but a working smoking alarm may save you and your family in the event of a fire in your home.

Can YOU answer YES to all these questions?



- Does your home have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas?
- Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (Test the battery by pushing the test button. If there is no button, press the centre of the cover.)
- Do you have a designated person to test the smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once per year?
- Are your smoke alarms less than 10 years old? All smoke alarms need to be changed every 10 years.



The Ontario Home Energy Audit Program is an energy conservation program offered by the Government of Ontario that will show you how and where your home loses energy. The Government of Ontario will pay **50% of your Home Energy Audit, up to \$150.**

There are many benefits to doing a Home Energy Audit. A Home Energy Audit identifies changes you can make to your home that could help you:

- Reduce your annual energy bill by up to 30%; saving hundreds of dollars each year
- Improve your home's re-sale value
- Make your home more comfortable year round
- Do your part to make Ontario's environment cleaner

The Home Energy Audit will give you a detailed outline of your energy use that will include:

- A basement to attic assessment of your home's insulation, heating and cooling systems, and other energy uses
- A "blower door" test to detect air leaks and drafts
- A personalized Energy Efficient Evaluation Report and recommendations

For more information on Ontario's Home Energy Audit Program, visit <http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/en/energy/conservation/ohesp/> or call 1-888-668-4636.

The ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program provides grants up to \$5,000 to help homeowners make their homes more energy-efficient and reduce the burden of high energy costs. The Government of Canada has renewed the program from June 6, 2011, until March 31, 2012. For more information visit www.ecoaction.gc.ca/homes or call 1-800-622-6232.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES

The Township of Gillies invites sealed bids on the following surplus items for sale:

1982 Ford F600 Fire Pumper – BID No. 2011-01

Engine: 370-4V Lima
GVWR: 20500 Kg
42,524 km
1296.1 hrs (hour meter)

Darley Champion pump
3000 lpm at 1000 kpa
500 gallon fibreglass tank
Passed pump test in summer of 2010

Suction: 2 x 5.5" (no valves) - 2 x 10' hard suction included
2 x 2.5" pony suction (no valves)

Lines: 3 x 2.5"
2 x 1.5" crosslays
2 x 1.5" rear discharges

Note: not all valves and gauges fully functional.

The pumper may be viewed at any time at the Gillies Fire Hall located at 1342 Hwy 595.

SCBA Air Compressor – BID No. 2011-02

UTILUS Air Compressor for SCBA
80 litres per minute
Manufactured in 1968
Was functioning when taken out of service

Sealed bids are to be received by mail or in person no later than September 12, 2011 at 4 PM.

Facsimiles, emails and late bids will not be accepted.

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The Township of Gillies reserves the right to accept or reject any and all offers. Unless otherwise specified, the terms are F.O.B. our Township location. These items are offered on an "As Is - Where Is" basis, with the Township making no claims or representation of warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied, and do not guarantee its use for a particular purpose.

Terms of sale are cash, approved cheque or money order.

More information on the items may be obtained by emailing gilliesfirerescue@tbaytel.net.
Pictures are available at www.gilliestownship.ca.

All Sales Are Final.

All sales are subject to HST.



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Watch for the next newsletter in December 2011.
Advertise your business, event or happy ad
in the next issue of *Gillies Community News*.

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| Rates: | Ads are due by |
| Full Page: \$30 | November 20, 2011 |
| Half Page: \$20 | and can be in print |
| Quarter Page: \$15 | or electronic format. |
| Business Card: \$5 | |
| Classified: \$3 | |
| Announcement: \$1.50 | |

The 2010 Financial Statements, Financial Information Return, including Municipal Performance Measurement Schedules, are now available. Hardcopies are available for viewing at the Municipal Office during regular office hours, or on the website at www.gilliestownship.ca.

Municipal Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:30PM
Closed 12:00 to 12:30 PM for lunch
Closed Fridays and all holidays

**TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

As at June 30, 2011

| REVENUE | Budget | Actual |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Taxation (includes penalty & interest) | \$289,253 | \$200,250 |
| Government Grants | \$300,738 | \$116,221 |
| Other Revenue | \$170,489 | \$166,055 |
| Transfer from Reserves | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$760,480 | \$482,526 |
| EXPENSE | Budget | Actual |
| Council | \$13,992 | \$7,482 |
| Administration | \$160,257 | \$84,137 |
| Roads | \$229,594 | \$88,422 |
| Protection Services | \$66,055 | \$24,445 |
| Cemetery | \$5,320 | \$988 |
| Waste Disposal Site | \$30,656 | \$11,778 |
| Community Centre (in kind work) | \$500 | \$0 |
| Pee Dee Park | \$802 | \$275 |
| Fire Department | \$186,025 | \$162,273 |
| Social and Community Services | \$54,279 | \$26,075 |
| Loan Repayments | \$26,709 | \$13,355 |
| School Boards | \$49,874 | \$24,937 |
| Transfer to Reserves | \$40,633 | \$0 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$864,696 | \$444,167 |

Other Revenue: includes unspent proceeds of fire pumper loan; 2010 surplus
Protection Services: policing, health unit, Conservation Authority, ambulance, Building Code enforcement.
Social and Community Services: Social Services, Property Assessment (MPAC), Library.
Fire Department: includes partial payments for fire pumper.
Loan Repayments: grader, fire pumper.

The 2011 Budget has been passed by council and is available for viewing on the municipal website, or a copy may be also requested from the Office.

Gillies Emergency Services – Volunteer Today!



www.olsn.ca/oplibrary

Two locations offering
FREE library services
Gillies Township residents

Murillo Branch
1 Baxendale Road
Murillo
Tel: 807-935-2729

Rosslyn Branch
3405 Rosslyn Road
in Rosslyn Community Centre
Tel: 807-939-2312

| Murillo Branch | Winter Hours |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday | Closed |
| Monday | 10:00 - 5:00 |
| Tuesday | 6:00 - 8:00 |
| Wednesday | 10:00 - 5:00, 6:00 - 8:00 |
| Thursday | 6:00 - 8:00 |
| Friday | Closed |
| Saturday | 1:00 - 5:00 |

| Rosslyn Branch | Winter Hours |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday | Closed |
| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday | 10:00 - 5:00, 6:00 - 8:00 |
| Wednesday | 6:00 - 8:00 |
| Thursday | 10:00 - 5:00, 6:00 - 8:00 |
| Friday | Closed |
| Saturday | 1:00 - 5:00 |

GREEN ACRE VARIETY PERMANENTLY CLOSING

After over 22 years of serving the Township of Gillies and surrounding area, the Management of Green Acre Variety announces that the store will be closed as of October 1, 2011.

We thank all of our valued customers for their patronage over the years and apologize for any inconvenience the closure may cause. Thank you also to all the staff over the years who have contributed to the success of the business. Special thanks to Susan Jacobson who has done a great job managing the store the last 6 years.

After 18 years with the business, and unsuccessful attempts to sell it, I am ready to retire from the store in order to have more time to pursue other career interests and enjoy my daughters who are growing up way too quickly.

Sincere thanks to all,

Karen Caren and Family



Provincial Alliance Credit Union Microfit Solar Financing

Thinking about participating in the Microfit Solar Program? Provincial Alliance Credit Union has a Solar Financing Program designed to help you participate. Please call Mary Ellen or Shirley at (807) 475-4276 for details.

Contact Information:

Mary Ellen Smith, Branch Manager CFP

mesmith@provincialalliance.com

or

Shirley Erickson, Loan Officer

serickson@provincialalliance.com

Address:

43 Clergue Street
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

Phone: 807-475-4276

Fax: 807-475-5990

Toll Free: 877-523-7228



Ontario banks here.

www.provincialalliance.com



Gillies Community Centre

presents Live Entertainment with ...



Retro Rock

Saturday, September 24th

Gillies Community Centre

At intersection of Hwy 595 & 608

Doors open at 8 pm

\$10 in Advance | \$15 at the Door

Tickets available at Green Acres Variety & Rose Valley Lodge

Cash Bar ~ Food ~ Fun



WWW.GILLIESCOMMUNITYCENTRE.COM

Gillies Community Centre

Weekly Events

Fitness Class

Mondays & Thursdays ~ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 October 17 to December 22
 (20 classes) fulltime \$60, one day/week \$30

Depending on class size
 a drop in fee may be available for \$5 a class

To register, call
 Karen Schmidt at 577-4012

Yoga Class

Saturdays ~ 11:00 am -12:00 noon
 Sept. 17th-Oct. 29th &
 Nov. 5th -Dec. 17th

Cost: \$105.00 per session

Teacher: Paula Ribotto

Registration is necessary. (Drop-ins welcome)

Call Paula at 345-0869 or e-mail yoga4all@shaw.ca

For more yoga info go to www.yogathunderbay.com

Monthly Events

TEEN Dance

Ages 10 - 16
 7:30 pm till 10:30 pm

Upcoming Dates are ...

Friday September 16th
 Friday, October 28th
 Friday, November 11th
 Friday, December 16th

**Volunteers needed for all dates,
 please call Deborah
 at 935-2685**

or email gillies.hall@gmail.com
 Volunteers are vital to keeping the
 community alive and active - we ask
 that each family pick one night a year
 to help out at the dances



Book Swap 2 pm - 7 pm

3rd Wednesday of the Month

September 21st
 October 19th
 November 16th
 December 21st



Sunday, December 4th
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Door Prizes ~ A Penny Auction Table ~ Quilt Raffle
 Kids Craft Corner ~ and more

Looking for donations and volunteers contact Markus Hofmann at 473-6448 or gilliescommunitycentre@gmail.com