

## The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

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Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on September 8, 2008 at 7 PM at the Gillies Municipal Office.

**Present:** Reeve - John Vanlenthe  
Councillors - David Smelow  
Linda Turk  
Administration - Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer

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Reeve Vanlenthe called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

### 1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. Minutes

#### 2.1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on August 11, 2008

##### **Resolution 08/241:**

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Gillies Council held on August 11, 2008 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Visitors and Deputation

There were no visitors or deputations.

### 4. Finances and Accounts

#### 4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

##### **Resolution 08/242:**

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 08/08 for the period from August 12, 2008 through September 8, 2008, including cheque numbers 1423 to 1458, for a total of \$67,092.05; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$2,294.71 be passed for payment.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

##### **Resolution 08/243:**

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Number 08/08 for the period from August 1 through August 31, 2008, including cheque numbers 1436 to 1442, for a total of \$7,645.58 be passed for payment.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of revenue received in August 2008 was received and noted.

## **5. Reports**

### **Road's Department Report**

The Roads Department Report for the month of August 2008 as submitted by the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was received and noted.

### **Clerk-Treasurer Report**

The Clerk-Treasurer Report on the status of ongoing matters was received and noted.

## **6. Correspondence**

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

### **6.1 Township of Galway & Harvey – Water Exportation**

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of September 23, 2008.

### **6.2 John Yakabuski, MPP – Provincial Gas Tax**

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of September 23, 2008.

### **6.3 Town of Halton Hills – Provincial Growth Legislation**

### **6.4 City of Owen Sound – PST Exemption for Ontario Police Services Purchases**

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of September 23, 2008.

### **6.5 City of Owen Sound – PST Exemption for Ontario Municipalities**

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of September 23, 2008.

### **6.6 Town of Milton – Deposit/Return System**

The Clerk undertook to prepare a resolution for Council consideration at the meeting of September 23, 2008.

### **6.7 Bill Mauro, MPP – Building Canada Fund**

Council will await the details of the program that are to be released on September 12, 2008.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **7.1 Township of Muskoka – MPAC**

#### **Resolution 08/244:**

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Muskoka respecting improvements to MPAC's operations to correct errors in their data and to provide accurate and up-to-date data.

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 Township of Hilliard – “Zenn” Electric Cars**

### **Resolution 08/45:**

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Hilliard respecting the licensing of “Zenn” electric cars in the Province of Ontario to be allowed.

**CARRIED**

## **7.3 Update of Emergency Plan and Procedures**

The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the progress of the recommendations that came out of the State of Emergency. The Gillies Community Centre has agreed to have two telephone lines and a CB antenna installed at the hall. Research is currently being done on cellular signal repeaters. It was also suggested that JEPP funding could perhaps be used to install phone lines and to purchase a portable fax and telephone speaker system. This is to be coordinated with the Fire Chief. Councillor Turk informed that she is working on updates to the Emergency Plan and plans to form a small committee to help her.

## **7.4 EMO Tabletop Exercise**

### **Resolution 08/246:**

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a daytime emergency exercise is to be held on September 23, 2008 starting at 2:30 PM at the Municipal Office.

**CARRIED**

## **7.5 Community Profiles and Investment Readiness Projects – Final Report**

There was discussion of the success of the project. Many of the recommendations made in the report have been carried out, including participation in BizPal and the formation of the Gillies and Area Business Association. It was suggested that the Business Association participate in installing “Welcome” signs at entrance points into the Township to help promote the Township as well as its local businesses. At this time, the Township is not prepared to offer commercial and industrial property, but a partnership with Oliver Paipoonge and their Rubin Industrial Park is a consideration.

## **7.6 Amendment to Councillor Honourarium By-law – By-law #634**

### **Resolution 08/247:**

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #634 being a by-law to amend By-law #591, a by-law to establish remuneration and expenses for members of council be given third reading and finally passed this 8th day of September 2008; and

FUTHER THAT this by-law be dated, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed and embedded in the by-law book.

**CARRIED**

## **7.7 South Gillies Speed Zone**

Council was pleased to be informed that the MTO will be lowering the speed limit in the village of South Gillies once the Township defines the area as a Community Safety Zone with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that this application is currently being worked on in cooperation with the OPP.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Motor Vehicle Inspection Station License**

#### **Resolution 08/248:**

Moved by David Smelow  
Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Roads Maintenance Coordinator and the Ministry of Transportation that the Motor Vehicle Inspection Station License be resigned due to inactivity of safeties at the Municipal Garage.

**DEFERRED**

### **8.2 Appointment of Deputy Fire Chief – By-law #636**

#### **Resolution 08/249:**

Moved by Linda Turk  
Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #636 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief to the Township of Gillies Volunteer Fire Department, be given third reading and finally passed this 8th day of September 2008; and

FUTHER THAT this by-law be dated, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed and embedded in the by-law book.

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Highway 608 Issues – Draft Letter to Neebing Township**

#### **Resolution 08/250:**

Moved by David Smelow  
Seconded by Linda Turk

WHEREAS the condition of Provincial Highway 608 which traverses through both the Municipality of Neebing and the Township of Gillies has been deteriorating over the past few years; and

WHEREAS the section of this highway between highways 597 and 595 is the worst stretch with no significant shoulders, numerous locations where the surface is breaking up and no painted centre line; and

WHEREAS there are places where the right side of the eastbound lane has settled due to heavy log truck traffic over the last 30 years and some sections are very badly heaved; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation's maintenance response is to patch the potholes and place a "bump" sign at the sinkholes and heaved portions, resulting in a highway that is comprised of patches and "bump" signs; and

WHEREAS these improper road conditions do not allow for proper snow and slush removal by plow equipment, often creating dangerous driving situations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Gillies petition the Ministry of Transportation to properly repair and maintain Provincial Highway 608, especially the stretch between highways 597 and 595 for the safety of our residents and public who travel this stretch of highway; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Neebing be requested to partner with the Township of Gillies to petition the MTO.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.4 Emergency Disaster Training – Firecon 2008**

**Resolution 08/251:**

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT one member of council is authorized to attend the two day EFR Emergency Disaster Training Program during Firecon 2008 being held on September 19 and 20, 2008.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.5 Recycling Centre Grand Opening**

**Resolution 08/252:**

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Grand Opening for the new Gillies Community Recycling Collection Centre be held on September 27, 2008; and

FURTHER that Bill Mauro, MPP be invited to attend, with the time of the Grand Opening ceremony to be set by Mr. Mauro dependant on his schedule.

**CARRIED**

#### **9. Upcoming Matters**

Councillor Turk informed the members that the Thunder Bay Municipal League members will be meeting with Larry Lambert of the MTO on September 13, 2008 in Nipigon, to discuss provincial highway issues that affect municipalities. She requested items of discussion to bring forth to Larry Lambert. The issues raised were local MTO representatives during a state of emergency, flood damaged areas, more guard rails, the condition of Highway 608 and the positioning of approach to the bridge in Hymers.

#### **10. Adjournment**

**Resolution 08/253:**

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by David Smelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:05 PM, we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

**CARRIED**

**Reeve** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clerk** \_\_\_\_\_