

Make Gillies Township Your Country Living Choice

Gillies Township has been in existence since 1893. Many of the families living here are descended from pioneers who settled this area but many, like you, are newer to the community. Everyone is welcome and if they choose are made to feel a part of a close rural population. Did you know that Gillies Township is one of the few rural communities with an active self-supporting Community Centre and an excellent elementary school?

The Municipal office, open Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 4:30 PM, is currently located in the Whitefish Valley School building in Hymers. (475-3185) The office is a good place to start to learn about the community you will be living in. Our courteous and helpful staff can provide information on:

- Building permits which are required before you start any new construction, structural renovations, demolitions, new plumbing or heating/cooling systems etc.
- The Fire & First Response Team provide the following services:
 - Fire suppression (outside)
 - Emergency First response for medical assistance until the paramedics arrive
 - Basic responder level for auto extrication
- To connect to services, dial "911". The Fire Hall is located 1 km south of the junction of 588 and 595. There is also an underground water storage tank located in the village of South Gillies. Make sure your new home has a working smoke alarm on every level of the house.
- Burning Permits are free-of-charge and are required for any open burning, including incinerators between April 1 and October 31.
- The landfill site (dump) is located on Neva Road at the junction of Turk Road. There is no garbage pick-up. You must have a landfill permit, available at the Municipal office, in order to use the landfill. Gillies Township has a very active recycling program and the landfill site is monitored. Information on how and what to recycle is available at the office or at the landfill site.

Gillies Community Centre: A very active organization located in the village of South Gillies at the junction of 608 and 595. The Centre is the home of the Mile Hill Melodrama group. Silver Mountain Music often entertains at the Centre and the Christmas Tea is the social event of the season. Other regular activities include:

- Monday & Thursday evening exercise classes
- Wednesday evening karate
- Disking twice a month on Sundays
- Quilting on Tuesday mornings
- Cards on Sundays once a month
- Once-a-month teen dances

The Hymers Museum: get an idea of what it was like to live in the area in days gone by. The Museum has a very nice collection of artifacts collected from this area and is worth a visit. Museum hours vary, depending on the availability of staff.

The Hymers Fair: happens on Labour Day weekend each year. It is one of the few remaining truly agricultural fairs in Ontario.

Other amenities in the township, or close by include: Convenience Store and Gas Station, grocery stores, laundromats, restaurants, bed and breakfast accommodations, lumber mill, riding stables, antibody shop, as well as various small agricultural farms that sell beef, lamb, eggs and bedding-out plants.

Welcome to Gillies Township



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Living in the country

Wells: when you buy your house/property make sure that you know what kind of well you have (e.g., dug, drilled), the depth of the well and also, the recovery rate (how many gallons go into the well in a minute). Knowing how quickly your well refills will tell you how much water you can use at any given time. Free information on maintaining wells is available from EcoSuperior, CHMC or the Public Health Unit. Before you use the water from the well, make sure it has been tested by the Ministry of Health lab on Syndicate Street. Collection bottles can be obtained from the Public Health Unit or the lab and testing is free.

Septic Systems: by law, each household must process its own liquid waste. Make sure you know where the septic tank and field are located and how to access the system. Ask when the system was last pumped out, as regular maintenance of the tank is important to keep the system functioning and to protect the environment you are living in.

Wild Animals: you will undoubtedly see lots of indigenous animals on your property or on the roads nearby. Most animals will be wary of people and stay away. Difficulties arise when you inadvertently attract the animals to your home. Feeding the birds in the summer months, garbage left outside or barbecues that are not cleaned off will certainly attract unwanted visitors. Protect your property and yourself by taking precautions.

Getting Mail: Mail will not automatically arrive at your box. You need to notify the post office of your move, the names of persons at that address and where you are located (e.g. fire number). Talk to the staff at the South Gillies Post Office located in Green

Acre Variety or the one in Kakabeka Falls for further information. Be sure to keep your mailbox clear of snow in the winter to ensure delivery.

Heating your new home: you will need to arrange for delivery of fuel. Unlike piped-in natural gas, when the tank is nearing empty you will need to call for delivery of fuel. (Some companies keep track of your consumption and will come routinely to fill your tank.)

If you are heating with wood you will need a supply of dried (minimum of 12 months, under cover, after being split & stacked), seasoned wood. Using green wood increases your risk of a chimney fire. Wood is measured in cords. Two full-size pick-up truck loads (8 foot box) equals one full cord, whether the wood is stacked carefully so it is about level with the truck box or just thrown in. A full cord measures 4' x 4' x 8'. A 16-inch wide face cord is equal to one-third of a full cord.



Your property lines? Before you cut trees or brush .. make sure you are on YOUR property and not your neighbour's. Quarter sections (160 acres) were marked with iron bars and before that, wooden posts, some of which may still be standing. Survey lines, dividing properties into smaller parcels, are usually marked with orange flagging tape.

Choosing a home or property in Gillies Township will allow your family to live close to a large economic centre, while having a home in a country setting where they can enjoy peace, solitude and a sense of community.

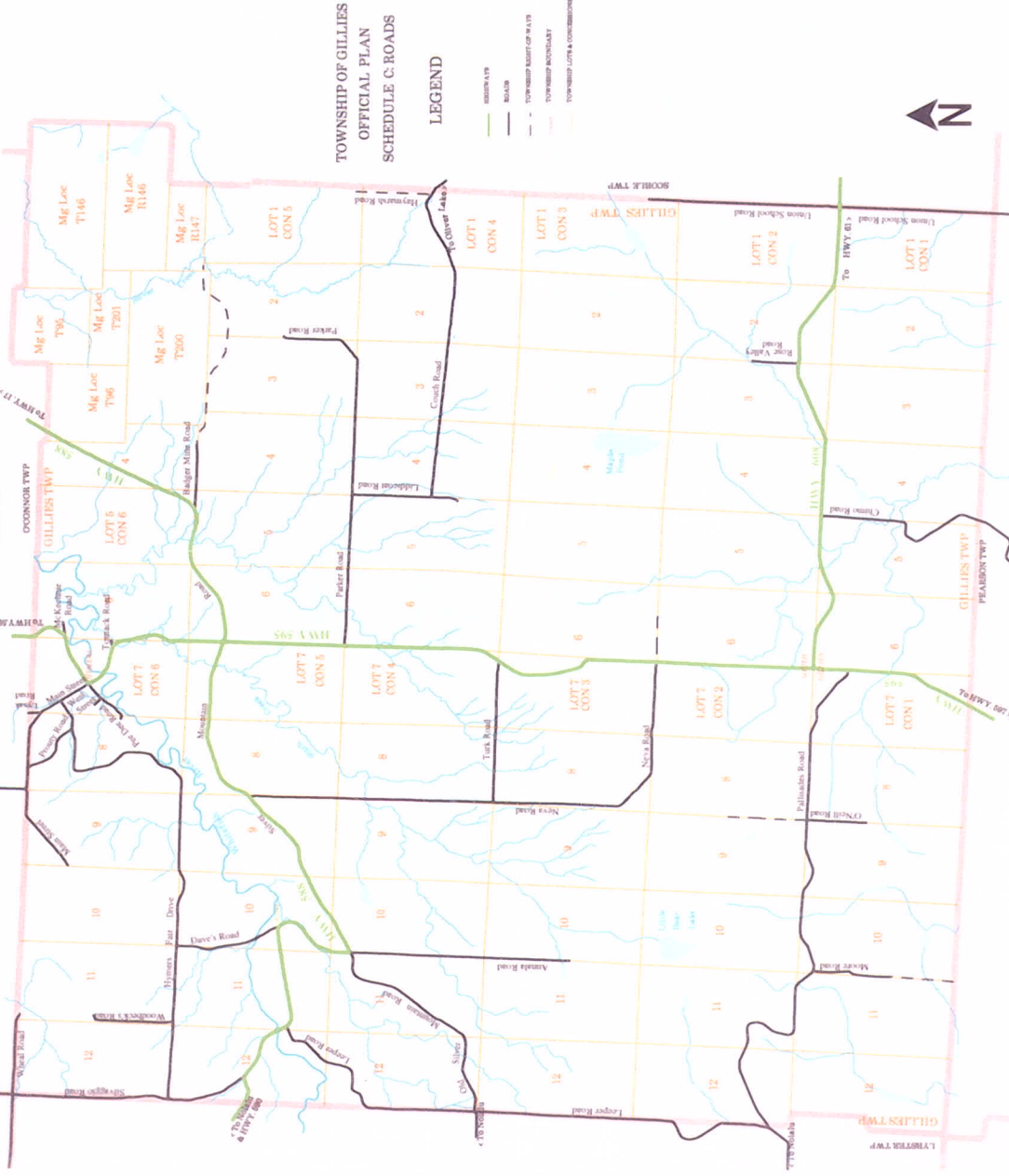
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