

**The Corporation of the Township of Gillies
Council Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2014/2018 term held on
February 12th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present:	Acting Reeve -	Councillor Buitenhuis
	Councillors -	Councillor O’Gorman Councillor Groenheide
	Administration -	Jenna Hakala, Clerk Art La Belle, Acting Roads Maintenance Coordinator
	Regrets -	Reeve Kieri Councillor Wright

Acting Reeve Buitenhuis called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm

A. Confirmation of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2018/042

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda of Gillies Council for the regular meeting held on February 12th, 2018 be adopted

CARRIED

1. Disclosures of Interest

No members of Council made any declarations under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting January 29th 2018

RESOLUTION 2018/043

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting minutes of Gillies Council for the regular meeting held on January 29th, 2018 be adopted as amended

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

- None

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

RESOLUTION 2018/044

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Register Report – 2018 Expenses dated February 8, 2018 for a total of \$15,142.96, including cheque numbers 5394 to 5403 and the electronic payments as listed, be passed for payment.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2018/045

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Register Report 2017 Expenses dated February 8th, 2018, for a total of \$2,122.15 including cheque number 5404 and 5405, as set out in the report, and the electronic payments as listed, be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll – Approval

RESOLUTION 2018/046

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration & Roads Payroll Run No. 1018 for the period of January 20th, 2018 to February 2nd, 2018 be passed for payment.

AND THAT Monthly Payroll Run No. 1016 for the period of January 1st, 2018 to January 31st 2018 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Arrears Report

Received for Information

5. Reports

5.1 Roads Report

The Acting Roads Maintenance Coordinator provided an update on the status of the roads department. Council agreed with the Acting RMC's recommendation to sign the Boundary Road Agreement with O'Connor and that it remain unchanged.

The Treasurer was directed to return to the Council table options for purchasing a retriever for the grader.

5.2 Administration Report

Verbally provided by Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2018/047

Moved by Councillor O'Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk be approved to attend LRMC meetings.

CARRIED

5.3 Ontario Revitalizing Main Streets Grant

Received for information

6. Correspondence

6.1 Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal Governments

Deferred

6.2 Draft Fire Regulations for Municipal Comments

Deferred

6.3 Response from Gillies Community Centre

Received for information

6.4 Request for Support Re: Expert Panel of Public Health

RESOLUTION 2018/048

Moved by Councillor O'Gorman, Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

WHEREAS, the Township of Gillies received the report of the Minister’s Expert Panel on Public Health: “Public Health within an Integrated Health System”; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of Gillies has significant concerns regarding the recommendations of the Expert Panel to integrate a population health approach into local planning and service delivery; and

WHEREAS, there is an apparent lack of empirical evidence base upon which the recommendations are founded; and

WHEREAS, the current mandate of public health to prevent disease, protect, and promote health should remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, public health must remain distinct from acute care health services and Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in terms of role, funding, governance, and accountability in order for public health to focus on a more upstream approach, the causes of poor health or the social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the important linkages with local communities for programming, understanding local needs, and leveraging these partnerships will be undermined; and

WHEREAS, regionalization of public health units with centralized decision-making will have significant negative consequences for local public health and municipalities:

- Less municipal representation (400 Board of Health members reduced to approximately 180) and loss of local voice in governing and directing public health programs and services to understand and meet the needs of our communities;
- Substantial delays in responding to local program and service needs especially during emergencies;
- Adding another layer of bureaucracy resulting in increased costs and inefficiencies;
- Governance structure will not be flexible enough to meet/adjust/respond to local needs and negatively impact vulnerable priority populations;
- Potential loss of important local services fundamental to day-to-day public health unit operations and efficiencies (i.e., corporate services, finance, planning and evaluation, communications, information technology, etc.);
- Key positions (chair, vice-chair, finance, etc.) on regional boards of health should not be appointed Orders in Council to avoid political influence/interference; and

WHEREAS, the current cost-shared provincial/municipal funding formula (75%-25%) will not support the implementation of the proposed recommendations; and

WHEREAS, LHIN boundaries should be reconfigured to align with municipal, local public health, education, and social service boundaries to support their relationships with local public health and population health and health care system planning; and

WHEREAS public health can be integrated into the health care system without the significant system disruption, enormous cost, and risk of eroding community valued Public Health programs and services that would result with implementation of the Expert Panel's recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Gillies does not support the recommendations of the Expert Panel and is in agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) urging the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins, not to adopt them.

CARRIED

6.5 Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee Annual Meeting

Received for Information. Council requested that the Deputy-Reeve attend the next meeting.

6.6 ROMA Conference Report

Received for Information

6.7 Lakehead District School Board Lease Response

RESOLUTION 2018/049

Moved by Councillor O'Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Gillies Council accepts the amendments made to the Lease agreement between the Lakehead District School Board and The Township of Gillies as set out in correspondence received February 7th 2018.

AND THAT the Reeve and Clerk sign the agreement on Council's behalf.

CARRIED

6.8 Request for Support the Township of Norwich

No Support given.

6.9 DSSAB 2018 Cost Apportionment

Administration directed to draft a resolution and letter in response to the DSSAB levy increase.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Privacy Breach Policy

RESOLUTION 2018/050

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Privacy Breach Policy be approved as amended.

CARRIED

7.2 Election Recount Policy

Administration directed to revise the policy and return it to the table.

8. New Business

Clerk and Councillor Buitenhuis and Councillor Groenheide reported on a presentation by Holly Jennings from Public Sector Digest that was given prior to the Council Meeting. The presentation was in regards to an Asset Management Software program and grant writing services.

A written update was provided by Councillor Wright.

Council was informed of the death of a long-time municipal volunteer. Administration was directed to make a donation to the George Jeffery Children’s Center

9. Upcoming Matters

None

10. By-laws

None

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2018/051

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:03 p.m., Council resolve into Closed Session, under the authority of those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, for which the meeting was closed, in order to address Item 11.1 (minutes of the Closed Session of the prior Council meeting), and under the authority of paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d) in order to deal with the balance of the Closed Session matters, which involve personal information about identifiable individuals and employment negotiations.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2018/052

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:16 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in open session.

CARRIED

11.1 January 29th 2018 closed council minutes

Resolution No. 2018/053

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Closed Session portion of the meeting held on January 29th, 2018, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

11.2 Human Resources

Resolution No. 2018/054

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2018/055

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to post a casual machine operator job

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2018/056

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:18 p.m., we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Rudy Buitenhuis
Acting Reeve

Jenna Hakala
Deputy Clerk

**The Corporation of the Township of Gillies
Council Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2014/2018 term held on
February 26th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present:	Reeve -	Reeve Kieri
	Councillors -	Councillor O’Gorman Councillor Groenheide Councillor Buitenhuis
	Administration -	Jenna Hakala, Clerk Scott Hole, Fire Chief
	Regrets -	Councillor Wright

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

A. Confirmation of the Agenda

RESOLUTION 2018/057

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda of Gillies Council for the regular meeting held on February 26th, 2018 be adopted as amended

CARRIED

1. Disclosures of Interest

No members of Council made any declarations under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting February 26th, 2018

RESOLUTION 2018/058

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting minutes of Gillies Council for the regular meeting held on February 12th, 2018 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

- None

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

RESOLUTION 2018/059

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Register Report – 2018 Expenses dated February 26, 2018 for a total of \$9,967.71, including cheque numbers 5406 to 5419 and the electronic payments as listed, be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll – Approval

RESOLUTION 2018/060

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration & Roads Payroll Run No. 1020 for the period of February 3rd, 2018 to February 16th, 2018 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Financing Options for Roads Equipment Purchase

RESOLUTION 2018/061

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the withdrawal from the roads reserve for the purchase of a Retriever for the Roads Department.

CARRIED

5. Reports

5.4 VFD Report

The Fire Chief provided an update of the status of matters with the Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Chief provided feedback on matters presented by AMO regarding the Fire Medic Protection Program and proposed Fire Regulations. The Reeve was directed to bring these concerns to the next LRMC meeting for review. Council also directed the Clerk and the Fire Chief to draft a policy regarding Insurance Inspections and the fees associated with them.

5.5 Open Air Burning By-Law Report

Administration was directed to make amendments to the by-law. Administration was also directed to obtain more information on setting up an online application system for a fire permit.

5.6 Administration Report

The Clerk provided an update of the status of matters within the office. Several training opportunities were brought to Council's attention. Administration was directed to bring back more information on the proposed training options.

5.7 Download of Enforcement of Residential Tenancy Standards to Municipalities

Council directed the Chief Building Inspector to attend the training regarding the Residential Tenancy Standards

5.8 Draft Letter to DSSAB Re: 2018 Levy

RESOLUTION 2018/062

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation undertook re-evaluations of property values in 2017;

AND WHEREAS the re-evaluations resulted in an overall increase in assessed value for properties located within the Township of Gillies;

AND WHEREAS the increased assessment is not due to any assessment growth, but merely to the increase in property values of existing assessed properties;

AND WHEREAS the assessment value in an Ontario's municipality is a factor in many formulae which determine the amount of money that the municipality must pay to external organizations, such as Social Service Assistance Review Boards and land ambulance service providers;

AND WHEREAS the assessment value in an Ontario's municipality is also a factor in determining the level of funding received by that municipality under the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund ("OMPF");

WHEREAS the Provincial government has repeatedly promised that Ontario municipalities will benefit from the "uploads" of Provincial services previously "downloaded" to municipalities, most of which are administered by Social Service Assistance Review Boards;

AND WHEREAS the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board announced that its 2018 budget has been finalized at a figure that is 3% below that for its 2017 budget;

AND WHEREAS, despite this announcement, and directly because of the increased assessment values in the Township, the Township of Gillies is experiencing a 1.20 percent increase in the levies it must pay to the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board;

AND WHEREAS, to exacerbate this circumstance further, the Province has advised the Township of Gillies that its OMPF grant for 2018 will decrease, compared to its OMPF grant for 2017, by 7.00 percent;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Gillies is a very small, northern, rural municipality comprised primarily of rural residential properties;

AND WHEREAS the value of a person's property has no bearing on that person's income level or ability to pay his or her bills;

AND WHEREAS the residents of Gillies experience difficulty in paying significant increases in property taxes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Gillies calls upon the Provincial Government to:

- a) compensate municipalities directly for the alleged financial benefits derived from Provincial "uploading";
- b) re-install the level of funding for the Township of Gillies through the OMPF grant to 2017 levels for 2018; and
- c) provide financial compensation to the Township of Gillies for any and all levy apportionment increases for any external agency which the Township is required to fund which result from the increase in property assessment in the Township, on an annual basis;

AND, FURTHER, THAT this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Minister of Finance for Ontario, and copied to NOMA, TBDML, AMO, ROMA, The Township of Conmee, The Township of Dorion, The Municipality of Greenstone, The Municipality of Neebing, The Township of O'Connor, The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge, the Municipality of Shuniah with a request for those organizations to support the resolution.

CARRIED

5.9 Report on the LRMC Meeting

Councillor Buitenhuis provided a summary of the LRMC meeting. Council directed Administration to request a detailed invoice from the EMS of The City of Thunder Bay.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Canada Post Seeking Approval

Council approved Canada Post request for approval regarding a new mail box in the Township.

6.2 DSSAB Board Minutes

Received for Information.

6.3 Lakehead Planning Board Constitution

Received for Information

6.4 Construction Approval For Hydro One

Received for Information

6.5 EBR Posting of Endangered Species

Received for Information

6.6 Bear Safe Containers

Administration directed to find past funding that may cover park maintenance within the Township.

6.7 2018 NOMA and TBDML Levy

Received for Information

6.8 2018 NOMA Annual Meeting and Conference Agenda

Received for Information

6.9 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Meeting and Agenda

Received for Information

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal Governments

RESOLUTION 2018/063

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman

WHEREAS Bill 160, the *Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act* amended the *Ambulance Act* to permit the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to enable two pilot projects hosted by willing municipal governments to allow fire fighters, certified as paramedics, to treat patients while on duty with a fire department; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is committed to proceeding with the pilots and enabling the fire-medical model despite the absence of objective evidence to show that it would improve patient outcomes or response times; and

WHEREAS the current interest arbitration model, particularly in the fire services sector, allows arbitrators to impose awards on unwilling employers that directly impact the employer’s ability to determine how it will deploy its workforce, as evidenced by the experience of many municipalities in regards to the 24-hour shift; and

WHEREAS in the absence of legislative protection, unwilling municipalities may be forced to enter into a pilot or adopt a fire-medical model as a result of interest arbitration; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its municipal members have called on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislative amendments to the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* and the *Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act* to preclude arbitrators from expanding the scope of work for fire fighters and paramedics respectively through interest arbitration awards; and

WHEREAS there is precedent for a restriction on the scope of jurisdiction of arbitrators in section 126 of the *Police Services Act* which precludes arbitrators from amending the core duties of police officers; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has committed that no unwilling municipal government will have a fire-medic pilot or program imposed upon them.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that:

1. The Township of Gillies calls on the Government of Ontario to act immediately so that legislative amendments, that will protect unwilling municipalities from being forced by arbitrators to have a fire medic pilot or program, are placed within the upcoming Budget Bill before the Ontario Legislature rises for the provincial election.
2. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Office of the Premier; Hon. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Hon. Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour, Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; local members of provincial parliament; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

7.2 Draft Fire Regulations for Municipal Comments

Discussed during Item 5.1

7.3 Public Sector Digest

Administration was directed to include this item in future budget discussions.

7.4 Election Recount Policy

Administration was directed to make amendments and bring back to Council for approval.

8. New Business

Councillor Buitenhuis provided an update on the Veterinarian Services Meeting held on February 15th, 2018.

Councillor O’Gorman provided an update on the TBDSSAB Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Advisory Table requesting an extension of representation. Council requested that she continue to attend meetings.

9. Upcoming Matters

None

10. By-laws

10.1 By-Law # 2018-001

RESOLUTION 2018/064

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

Being a By-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor for the joint maintenance of common boundary roads.

CARRIED

10.2 By-Law # 2018-005

RESOLUTION 2018/065

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

Being a By-law to appoint staff and to repeal By-law 2015-003 and By-law 2016-006

CARRIED

10.3 By-Law # 2018-006

RESOLUTION 2018/066

Moved by Councillor O'Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Gillies and The Lakehead District School Board.

CARRIED

11. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2018/067

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:20 p.m., Council resolve into Closed Session, under the authority of those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, for which the meeting was closed, in order to address Item 11.1 (minutes of the Closed Session of the prior Council meeting), and under the authority of paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d) in order to deal with the balance of the Closed Session matters, which involve personal information about identifiable individuals and employment negotiations.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2018/068

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:25 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in open session.

CARRIED

11.2 February 12th, 2018 closed council minutes

Resolution No. 2018/069

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Closed Session portion of the meeting held on February 12th, 2018, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

11.2 Human Resources

11.3 Human Resources

11.4 Human Resources

Resolution No. 2018/070

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session regarding items 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2018/071

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:27 p.m., we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Rick Kieri
Reeve

Jenna Hakala
Clerk