

2.2 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – Special Meeting August 29th 2017

RESOLUTION 2017/214

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting minutes of Gillies Council for the regular meeting held on August 29th 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

none

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

RESOLUTION 2017/215

Moved by Councillor Wright; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Register Report dated August 23, 2017, for a total of \$48,975.80 including cheque numbers 5225 to 5228, as set out in the report, and the electronic payments as listed, be passed for payment.

AND THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Register Report dated Sept 7, 2017, for a total of \$29,381.99 including cheque numbers 5229 to 5242, as set out in the report, and the electronic payments as listed, be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll – Approval

RESOLUTION 2017/216

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration & Roads Payroll Run No. 979 for the period of August 5th – August 18th, 2017 be passed for payment.

AND THAT Administration & Roads Payroll Run No. 983 for the period of August 19th – September 1st, 2017 be passed for payment.

AND THAT Monthly Payroll Run No. 981 for the month of July 2017 be passed for payment.

FURTHER THAT the year to date vacation time, overtime, and accrued sick time have been reviewed.

CARRIED

4.3 2016 Draft Audited Financial Statement – revised

RESOLUTION 2017/217

Moved by Councillor Wright; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised draft year-end financial statements and audit, as presented by Grant Thornton, be accepted.

CARRIED

4.4 Audit Letter Report

4.5 Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program Overpayment Report

RESOLUTION 2017/218

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis; Seconded by Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The overpayment of \$11,448 by Ministry of Municipal Affairs for the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program claim relating to the flood of 2015 be approved for payment via cheque number 5243.

CARRIED

4.6 Arrears Report

RESOLUTION 2017/219

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised overdue tax letters included in this report be substituted for the letters included as Appendix 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the existing tax collection policy, and that they be mailed prior to the end of September to ratepayers whose property tax account are in arrears.

CARRIED

There has been a decrease in arrears for 2017. Council directed Administration to contact MPAC to inquire about supplemental tax bills before a new house is completed. The next tax bill shall include information regarding the changes in tax sale rules.

5. Reports

5.1 Roads Report – August 2017
deferred

5.2 Administration Report
Council directed Administration to order new assessment maps.

Council requested that the DSSAB report from the Area One representative be written and submitted to the Council quarterly.

It was estimated that the office shall continue to be located in its temporary location for an additional month.

5.3 Municipal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Challenge Fund

Council directed Administration to look into an energy audit performed on the Roads Garage and Fire Hall. Administration directed to report back on Municipal GHG Challenge Fund when application is made available.

5.4 NDMP Funding

For Information Only

6. Correspondence

6.1 NOMA agenda

RESOLUTION 2017/220

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Wright and O’Gorman be approved to attend the NOMA conference being held in Thunder Bay on September 20th – 22nd 2017.

CARRIED

6.2 OPG Nuclear

Requested support for the OPG Deep Geologic Repository
Received for information.

6.3 Municipality of Bluewater

Requests support for resolution re: removal of tax exempt portion on remuneration
Received for information.

6.4 Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

Requested support for resolution re: request the halt of downloading enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards

RESOLUTION 2017/221

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution passed by the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies calls on the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing, the Honourable Bill Mauro, MPP, the Honourable Michael Gravelle, MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML)

CARRIED

6.5 LRCA: Strategic Plan

RESOLUTION 2017/222

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Wright and O’Gorman be approved to attend the LRCA Strategic Plan Meeting on September 28th, 2017

CARRIED

6.6 TBDSSAB: Written submission form

Council is invited to submit one council-endorsed written submission form to the DSSAB. This document contains the same questions which will be discussed at the consultation session held on Sept 20th.

6.7 Thunder Bay District Municipal League
Deferred

6.8 Lakehead School Board: Office lease

Council reviewed a Letter of Agreement from the school board to extend the current lease while renovations continue. Council directed Administration to set up a meeting as soon as possible to re-negotiate the contract as a 5 year lease was agreed upon in previous meetings with the school board.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Bill 68 summary

Summary was provided of the amendments to various legislation.
Administration direct to go forward with Bill 68 changes.

8. New Business

Minutes were provided from Hatch for the initial meeting regarding Main St. Project

Councillor Wright reported on the FireCon event in Thunder Bay. The importance of Emergency Management training was stressed and Council was reminded of upcoming October 12th training.

Councillor O’Gorman gave a Food Strategy update and invited members and staff to the next meeting in October.

The LRMC meeting agenda was received by Council. The next meeting will be held on September 14th, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Neebing Office.

A Letter was received from a resident regarding road work on Parker Road. Council directed Administration to respond to the letter.

9. Upcoming Matters

- Investment Strategy
- Exclusion of expenses from budget
- Potential Land Purchase – on hold
- ATVs in the Township - deferred
- Riverside Cemetery Bylaw - review
- Municipal by-law enforcement policy – review
- Municipal Elections 2018

10. By-laws

10.1 2017-027 Amendment to bylaw 2017-026

RESOLUTION 2017/223

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2017-027 be passed as presented

CARRIED

11. Closed Session

RESOLUTION 2017/224

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor O’Gorman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9.35 p.m., we close the next portion of the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 in order to consider Agenda Item 11.1, being the Closed Session Meeting Minutes from the Council Meeting of August 14th 2017, and the specific subsections of Section 239(2) under which that closed session meeting was held;

And in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 in order to consider Agenda Item 11.2, being the Closed Session Meeting Minutes from the Council Meeting of August 29th 2017, and the specific subsections of Section 239(2) under which that closed session meeting was held;

And under Subsection 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 in order to consider Agenda Item 11.3 through 11.4, involving personal information about an identifiable individual, in accordance with the provisions of 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001;

And under Subsection 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 in order to consider Agenda Item 11.3 through 11.4, involving employee negotiations/labour relations, in accordance with the provisions of 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001;

CARRIED

Resolution 2017/225

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:59 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

CARRIED

The Open Session portion of the meeting re-convened.

11.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 14th 2017

RESOLUTION 2017/226

Moved by Councillor Groenheide; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting minutes of Gillies Council for the Closed Session portion of the regular meeting held on August 14th 2017, be adopted, as amended

CARRIED

11.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 29th 2017

RESOLUTION 2017/227

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting minutes of Gillies Council for the Closed Session portion of the special meeting held on August 29th 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

11.3 Human Resources – Staffing

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RESOLUTION 2017/228

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the contracts be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2017/229

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9.59 p.m., we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Rick Kieri
Reeve

Shara Lavalley
Clerk – Deputy Treasurer

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting September 11th, 2017

RESOLUTION 2017/231

Moved by Councillor Wright ; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting minutes of Gillies Council for the regular meeting held on September 11th, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

Reeve Kieri left the meeting; Deputy Reeve O’Gorman assumed the chair.

3. Visitors and Deputations

3.1 Jon Hakala Status Update on Logging Operations on Annala Road

Council requested Mr. Hakala to set up a meeting with the RMC to discuss funding options. If necessary, a bond is requested to be allowed to perform his work on the Annala Road Lot. Mr. Hakala was directed to come back on October 10th with a plan in place.

Reeve Kieri resumed as Chair.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

RESOLUTION 2017/232

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis ; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Register Report dated September 21, 2017, for a total of \$26,784.60 including cheque numbers 5245 to 5257, as set out in the report, and the electronic payments as listed, be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.2 Payroll – Approval

RESOLUTION 2017/233

Moved by Councillor O’Gorman ; Seconded by Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration & Roads Payroll Run No. 984 for the period of September 2nd – September 15th, 2017 be passed for payment.

FURTHER THAT the year to date vacation time, overtime, and accrued sick time have been reviewed.

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CARRIED

4.3 Investment Strategy Direction

Treasurer directed to look further into investment opportunities and present Council with options

5. Reports

5.1 VFD Report – August 2017

It was requested that the Fire Chief with Administration review the Burning Permit and By-law for the Township.

Administration directed to look into online Burning Permit applications in time for the 2018 Fire Season.

Council requested that the Fire Chief write an article for the Newsletter regarding Chimney safety and inspection.

5.2 Administration Report

The Clerk gave a report on training received at the AMCTO conference.

Council directed Administration to give full cost for future training opportunities including staff time and expenses.

The Clerk was directed to call the Neebing Clerk for an update on the Police Board Matter.

Administration was also directed to draft a letter for the owner of a partially burned down house.

5.3 Council Member Code of Conduct

Administration directed to review and make Council's requested changes.

5.4 2018 Elections Update

Administration directed to make requested changes.

5.5 The Ontario Trillium Foundation

Administration directed to look into the possibility of using funding for a new website and to look into fencing possibilities for Pee Dee Park

5.6 The Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Administration directed to contact Eco-Depot regarding an organics bin once the Landfill Audit is complete.

5.7 CEMC & CEMC Alternate Job Description

Administration directed to amend the Alternate CEMC's employee contract to include clauses regarding CEMC duties.

CEMC to contact Sharon Bak regarding what other Township's a doing regarding employee's being the alternate CEMC

5.8 Preliminary Design Report for Main Street Realignment

Administration directed to contact HATCH regarding Council's requests.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Township of Oro Medonte

RESOLUTION 2017/234

Moved by Councillor Wright ; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution passed by the Township of Oro Medonte

AND THAT correspondence be forwarded to the Premier, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency and the Beef Farmers of Ontario.

CARRIED

6.2 Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition Meeting Agenda

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Thunder Bay District Municipal League

RESOLUTION 2017/235

Moved by Councillor Groenheide ; Seconded by Councillor O'Gorman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councilors Wright, Groenheide, O'Gorman and Buitenhuis along with Reeve Kieri attend the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Conference

CARRIED

7.2 ATVs on Municipal Roads

Administration directed to maintain the status quo until policing is in place.

8. New Business

Councillor Wright provided a summary of the recent NOMA Conference. Councillor O’Gorman, who has also attended, provided additional comments.

9. Upcoming Matters

- Investment Strategy
- Exclusion of expenses from budget
- ATVs in the Township - deferred
- Riverside Cemetery Bylaw - review
- Municipal by-law enforcement policy – review
- Municipal Elections 2018

10. By-laws

None

11. Closed Session

RESOLUTION 2017/236

Moved by Councillor Buitenhuis ; Seconded by Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:20 p.m., we close the next portion of the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 under Subsection 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 in order to consider Agenda Item 11.1, involving personal information about an identifiable individual, in accordance with the provisions of 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001;

And under Subsection 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 in order to consider Agenda Item 11.1, involving employee negotiations/labour relations, in accordance with the provisions of 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001;

CARRIED

The Deputy Clerk left at 9:50pm.

During the Closed Session meeting, the following procedural resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017/237

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 10:07 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

CARRIED

The Open Session portion of the meeting re-convened.

11.1 Human Resources - Staffing

Resolution No. 2017/238

Moved by Councillor Wright; Seconded by Councillor Buitenhuis:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration and members of Council are authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2017/239

Moved by Councillor Groenheide ; Seconded by Councilor Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:08 p.m., we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Rick Kieri
Reeve

Shara Lavallee
Clerk - Deputy Treasurer