

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies
Regular Council Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM
1092 Highway 595, Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0 (virtual to the public)

Present: Wendy Wright, Reeve (in-person)
Rudy Buitenhuis, Councillor (in-person)
Bill Groenheide, Councillor (virtual)
Elizabeth Jones, Councillor (in-person)
Daniel Vanlenthe, Councillor (in-person)

Also Present: Laura Bruni, Clerk-Treasurer (in-person)
Nikita Cava, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer (in-person)
Allan McKitrick, Municipal Solicitor – McKitricks (in-person)
Members of the public (virtual)

Not Present: Rudy Buitenhuis, Councillor

1. Call to order

Reeve Wright called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

The Township of Gillies respectfully acknowledges that the lands on which we live, and work are the traditional lands of the Anishinabek Nation and the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850.

As partners with First Nations communities, the Métis Nation of Ontario, and Inuit people, the Municipality is committed to the common vision of a healthy, safe and sustainable community.

2. Confirmation of the agenda

Resolution No. 2023-171

Moved By: Councillor Groenheide
Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the regular meeting agenda for the Township of Gillies held on November 14, 2023 be adopted as amended.
Carried

Amendments were to:

1. Move up item 12 to 5.1 (Closed session)
2. Include additional reason to provide for a discussion to Closed Session being to discuss general corporate matters with legal counsel.
3. Add 239 (2) (b) matters relating to identifiable individuals for the purpose of discussing an HR matter.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

4. Adoption of the minutes

4.1 Regular Minutes – September 25, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-172

Moved By: Councillor Vanlenthe
Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies approves the Regular Minutes of September 25, 2023 as prepared.
Carried

5. Visitors and deputations

McKitricks – Allan McKitrick, Solicitor

5.1 Closed Session (previously item 12).

Time: 6:35 PM

Resolution No. 2023-173

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies move to Closed Session pursuant to section 239 (2) (f) under the Municipal Act that is subject to solicitor client privilege, and 239 (2) (b) matters relating to identifiable individuals.

Items relating to an ongoing legal matter and general corporate matters and for the purpose of discussing an HR matter.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-174

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the time being 8:00 PM we do now rise from the closed session and return to the open meeting.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-175

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer and to proceed as directed in the closed session.

Carried

6. Finances and accounts

6.1 Accounts Payable – Payment register as of November 8, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-176

Moved By: Councillor Vantlenhe

Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the Expense Disbursement List as of November 8, 2023 in the amount of \$37,583.52 be approved for payment.

Carried

6.2 Payroll – Employee cheque history report – pay periods 34 to 38

Resolution No. 2023-177

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Employee Cheque History Payroll Report in the amount of \$28,168.62 for Pay Periods 39 to 42 be approved for payment.

Carried

7. Administrative reports

7.1 Clerk-Treasurer – Verbal report

The Clerk-Treasurer requested further information related to the Pinegrove Cemetery as the History Book indicated that Council planned to provide regular maintenance in the future. Council provided information that the entrance was completed at Pinegrove Cemetery and there was a future plan to install a memorial plaque as well as to clear out some of the area, and to provide regular maintenance. The Clerk-Treasurer will search for grant opportunities in the future and provide further information on this matter as it becomes available..

7.2 Council Reports – Verbal

Councillor Groenheide reported an update on landfill, and that the Roads Department had topped up the winter sand. Councillor Groenheide also reported that the Leeper Roads project was as complete as it can be for the 2023 year, the vendor will continue after July 2024.

Councillor Jones reported that she will not be in attendance for the next Council Meeting.

Councillor Vanlenthe had no report.

Reeve Wright reported that she was not in attendance at the last LRMC Meeting of November 21. Reeve Wright requested that Council provide attendance numbers if possible for the upcoming TBDML conference in February that will be held in Nipigon. Council by consensus agreed for Reeve Wright, Councillor Groenheide and Clerk-Treasurer Bruni to attend. Reeve Wright scheduled an Emergency Management Meeting to be held on December 4, 2023 from 6 PM to 10 PM.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Regular Minutes September 27, 2023 – LRCA
For information.

8.2 Regular and Closed Minutes September 21, 2023 – TBDSSAB
For information.

8.3 Email from Greenmantle Forest Inc. re: comments Proposed Regulations for Black Ash under ESA
Information was provided that Marathon to the Manitoba border will be exempt from the 30 metre protected zone.

9. Unfinished business

9.1 Chronic Pain Treatment – supporting resolution

Resolution No. 2023-178

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Gillies supports the Municipality of Wawa's resolution to request that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatment and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario.
Carried

9.2 TBT Engineering re: landfill evaluation change of scope

Resolution No. 2023-179

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Vantlenthe

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Gillies agrees to the amended costs as proposed by TBT Engineering; and

Further, approves the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Change of Scope Project Authorization.
Carried

9.3 OPP Detachment Board – training requirements
For discussion

Resolution No. 2023-180

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Gillies supports Reeve Wendy Wright to be appointed to the new Police Services Board to represent Gillies Township.
Carried

10. New business

10.1 Final Budget – Notice of Meeting to Approve Budget Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Final 2024 Budget
For information.

10.2 Resolution from Municipality of Wawa re: to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000

Resolution No. 2023-181

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Vantlenthe

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Gillies supports the Municipality of Wawa's resolution to call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000.
Carried

11. By-laws

11.1 By-law 2023-23 being a by-law to establish remuneration for members of council, and to repeal all previous council remuneration by-laws.

Resolution No. 2023-182

Moved By: Councillor Groenheide
Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Gillies approves the Reeve and Clerk to affix their signatures to by-law 2023-23 being a by-law to establish remuneration for members of council, and to repeal all previous council remuneration by-laws, as amended.
Carried

The amendment was to Schedule A relating to a typo of the Reeve’s wage.

11.2 By-law 2023-18 being a by-law to provide for tax relief for 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-183

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Gillies approves the Reeve and Clerk to affix their signatures to by-law 2023-18 being a by-law to provide for tax relief for 2023.
Deferred.

12. Closed session

13. Adjournment

Time 8:44 PM

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Wendy Wright, Reeve

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Laura Bruni, Clerk/Treasurer