

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

**Date: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**A. Confirmation of the Agenda**

**1. Disclosures of Interest**

**2. Minutes**

**2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting January 29th 2017**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**3. Visitors and Deputations**

**Holly Jennings – Public Sector Digest and Asset Management Presentation**

Presentation of Public Sector Digest and the CityWide program and how it relates to Municipalities and Asset Management

- Holly will be joining the meeting via speakerphone

**4. Finances and Accounts**

**4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**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.

4.2 Payroll – Approval

RECOMMENDATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Monthly Payroll Run No. 1016 for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 be passed for payment.

4.3 Arrears Report

**5. Reports**

5.1 Roads Report

5.2 Administration Report

5.3 Ontario Revitalizing Main Streets Grant

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal Governments

**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-medical 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 medical 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. Dr. Eric Hoskins, 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.

6.2 Draft Fire Regulations for Municipal Comments

6.3 Response from Gillies Community Centre

6.4 Request for Support Re: Expert Panel of Public Health

\*Further Reading sent via electronic mail\*

**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 < municipality/city > 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.

6.5 Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee Annual Meeting

- 6.6 ROMA Conference Report
- 6.7 Lakehead District School Board Lease Response
- 6.8 Request for Support the Township of Norwich

**WHEREAS** the Preface and Introduction to the Ontario Building Code Compendium reads such that the Code is meant to be; “essentially a set of minimum provisions respecting the safety of buildings with reference to public health, fire protection, accessibility and structurally sufficiency,

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of Housing has for a number of years and continues to make significant changes to the scope of the Ontario Building Code to include provincial policy initiatives such as Environmental Protection, Resources Conservation, and Energy Conservation.

**AND WHEREAS** these expanded roles in the Code have had significant impacts on local municipal Building Departments for additional training, staffing and other resources required to implement such initiatives,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Gillies hereby requests that the Province ensure that the intent of the legislation and regulations relative to the Ontario Building Code continues to be principally for the protection of the public, and occupant health and safety in relation to the build environment, and examine other avenues for implementation of other initiatives.

- 6.9 DSSAB 2018 Cost Apportionment

## 7. **Unfinished Business**

- 7.1 Privacy Breach Policy
- 7.2 Election Recount Policy

## 8. **New Business**

Any matters that come to Administration’s attention between finalization of the Agenda and commencement of the meeting will be brought forward at this time.

Councilors will have an opportunity to advise Council of any matters of interest or information.

## 9. **Upcoming Matters**

None

**10. By-laws**

None

**11. Closed Session**

11.1 January 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 closed council minutes

11.2 Human Resources

**12. Adjournment**

RECOMMENDATION:

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

APPENDIX:

List of General Correspondence:

Paper correspondence is in the yellow folder.

Emails are stored on the computer and printed as requested.

**Paper Correspondence**

1. Labour Market Report
2. Letter and Stats Calendar OPP

**Email Correspondence**