



Memo

To: Mayor Letham & Members of Council

From: Councillor Strangway

Date: October 24, 2017

Subject: Gillis Street

Background

Gillis Street is on the west shore of Sturgeon Lake and serves about 15 residents. Gillis was created in the 1950's and since then has received both summer and winter maintenance from Fenelon Township and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Gillis Street is a privately owned road. Gillis at this time appears to have three owners, one of which is deceased. As of this time we are not able to find any relatives to the deceased individual. The second owner who has claim to a very small portion of the road has been paying taxes on the whole road and wants this to end. The third owner lives at the north end of Gillis.

In 2010 the residents on Gillis applied for an LSA for the street. One of the conditions for an LSA is the owner must sign the agreement which of course was not possible as the owner is deceased and the residents attempts to find any living relatives were not successful. Therefore the residents and City did not proceed with the LSA but the then acting Director of Public Works, Jeff Seaton, provided written confirmation that the maintenance would continue on Gillis without an LSA agreement due to the complex legal implications.

Two residents and myself have been meeting with Director Robinson and Robyn Carlson to try to understand all of the legal implications/documents related to Gillis. At this time a search is underway to see if we can find any relatives to the deceased owner. In the meantime winter is approaching and Director Robinson is seeking direction with respect to maintenance on Gillis Street.

Recommendation To Council

RESOLVED THAT the memorandum from Councillor Strangway dated October 24, 2017 regarding Gillis Street, be received and;

THAT Gillis Street continue to receive summer maintenance (two gradings) and winter maintenance (snow ploughing) until the spring of 2019 or until a Limited Service Agreement can be put in place.

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