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**ARE WE
THAT
BLIND
THAT WE
CANNOT
SEE**

- That our taxes has been raised every year since 2019 until now?
- Taxes paid for controversial curriculums in our school?
- Ministry is admitting that certain Municipality Constituencies are calling for Ministry intervention? No shirt Sherlock!

**GILLIES
UNORGANIZED
MEETING NOV 5TH
2023 1:30 TO
4:30 PM**

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**GILLIES ADMINISTRATION, SOME
TRICK, BUT NO TREAT**

The Gillies administration, in fearful retreat of their tax levies imposed on the Gillies Township, has locked their Constituency Office Doors, foreboding any constituent from entrance, including trick or treaters, to the Gillies Administration Office, unless they “ring the bell” to gain entrance to this constituency paid facility, located within the Whitefish School in Hymers, home of the new controversial grade school curriculums imposed by the federal and provincial governments.

The fact is, our taxes have raised every year during and after the pandemic, gaining a grand total of 15 percent up to 2023, and of course, 2023

being “bumped up” another 25.8 %, creating a grand total of 40 %, give or take, of tax levy imposed on Gillies Town-



The bag of Tricks filled, but where are the treats? Perhaps next year?

ship in the last 4 years. In perspective, it goes something like this:

2019 to 2020 = 1.9 %

2020 to 2021 = 7.4 %

2021 to 2022 = 6.3 %

2022 to 2023 = 25.8 %

Of course, these numbers are approximate as figured from existing tax bills that were paid in recent years during and after the pandemic. However, anyone with math skills can tally these numbers to 41.4 %. So much for tax breaks during and after the lockdowns.

People in this area are competing with the Reeve for limelight on this situation. The Chronicle has the need to echo the Reeve’s every comment while ignoring most of the constructive actions of the consistency's positive resolve.

**GILLIES CONSTITUENCY MEETING 3,
NOV 5TH, 2023, GILLIES HALL**

This is the third meeting where Gillies residents will meet for info, progress, and status of all petitions, mainly, the De amalgamation petition. This petition is doing well and seeking additional signatures. It is projected by the Petition Organizers, that the final constituency

meeting of 2023 will be held on Dec 9th 2023, and may likely have the signatures they need to submit to council.

Currently, the meetings are solely to clarify the process of becoming disbanded as a municipality, and generate inter-

est within the constituency how to become involved.

A strong focus, for example, has been placed on how to get more concerned citizens to vote, in the case scenario that the petition is still in evaluation by the Ministry.

THE CHRONICLE JOURNAL, AND THEIR CONTINUED FOCUS ON GILLIES AND THE CURRENT LEVY

If one reads the Chronicle Journal, they will be familiar of that "brand" of coverage, lately featuring certain comments of one constituent, focusing on the "Virtual Styled" meetings, supposedly for security issues, claiming the constituents of the Gillies Community are threatening the Council and Reeve.

The OPP have been involved, signifying an abundance of drama, and perhaps, a des-

perate scenario of justification? However, no arrests have been made for these threats, and the Town Meetings are still virtual.

What the story fails to include, or at least magnify, is that people in Gillies prefer live meetings, a face to face approach to the dealings of their Township.

After all, they pay for it, so why can't they speak to the

Reeve and Council in person, without security measures that would be equivalent to the office of the Prime Minister?

Here again, a redundant focus on security is afoot in Gillies, and perhaps, someday, the Gillies Administration will feel comfortable enough to step out. However, with 4 years of tax hikes equivalent to 40 %, perhaps their fear is not virtual?



Virtual Lock and the paranoia associated

"If we become Unorganized, What happens to our services in Gillies? The short answer is, they would continue as they exist now.

THE UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP AND THE LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

Once a Township or territory becomes unorganized, a Local Services Board is established by vote, by the inhabitants of the Township. There can 3 to 5 board members. These board members are voluntary and do not get paid. Once the LSB is established, a Secretary, either from the board, or an inhabitant outside the board will be

selected. In most cases, it would be advantageous to select an accountant for this role of Secretary. The Secretary is the one that keeps the books and ensures that all services are paid and maintained. The Secretary may be paid a honorarium wage. The local Services Board can be granted, up to nine powers. These powers are: 1) Water

Supply, 2) Fire Protection, 3) Garbage Collection, 4) Sewage, 5) Street or Area Lighting, 6) Recreation, 7) Roads, 8) Public Library Service, 9) Emergency Telecommunications. In the Gillies Township, these powers would be, but not limited to, Fire Protection, Roads, Garbage Collection (Dump). Existing services would remain uninterrupted.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT ELECTION.

In Gillies, we have a situation that threatens our independence and freedoms. When these attributes are threatened or taken away, we as a constituency can fight back.

One sure fire way is to get involved and step up to be a candidate. It is a way every-

one can participate in how the Township is governed. Whether Organized or Unorganized, there are positions in the Council up for the taking, as well as the Reeve position. You pay your fee, and if you get 20 percent of the vote, you will get your fee reimbursed. In an Unorgan-

ized community, the same applies. Step up and run for the Local Services Board and become active in steering Gillies in the right direction.

Perhaps you have leadership qualities, or just care about your community. Either way, it is up to you as a resident.



Actively Voting changes the political landscape