

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

February 17, 2020

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday February 21st, 2020. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Member Barb Dickson. Staff in attendance was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk and Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk– Recording Secretary.

Public Advisory Members Ralph Miller and Sharon Bennett sent their regrets

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Humphries called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest expressed by Members of the Committee.

3. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Moved by Barb Dickson

Seconded by Doug Humphries

THAT the Recreation Committee approved the, January 21st, 2020 Minutes

Carried

4. **OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:**

i. January Dance

Ms. Ryan reported that the attendance was 58 people in who paid at the door.

ii. Technology Class for Seniors

Chair Humphries reported that so far the drop in is going well. There has been on average 4 – 5 people who come out and sit with Sue, and those who attend are gracious of what we are offering.

- iii. **Hoedown Proposal**

Chair Humphries reported that he and Mayor Bennett had a meeting with Kelly Hunt about the 2020 budget and proposal. Kelly requested to meet with the Township's auditor to review budget and balance information as he is not in agreeance with the township. Kelly believes that the in-kind should be shown on the proposal as a revenue. CAO/Clerk Dillabough will be meeting separately with the auditor to provide township information. It was agreed that any cost related to Kelly meeting with the auditor will not come out of taxation, but will be borne by the Hoedown Committee.

Discussion was held about the location of the proposed 2020 event, and that in future years it potentially should be held on municipal property. It was also discussed that the event should be one day as opposed to a weekend to cut down on expenses. The event should be advertised on local radio stations instead of giving exclusive rights as in years past to cut down on expenses.
- iv. **Carnival – February 22nd**

Chair Humphries reported that everything is coming together nicely, the posters are out, advertising is out in the paper, and the ice is in good shape.
- v. **Family Skate**

Due to the timeline of the ice and organizing a day, Mayor Bennett feels that there would be more effort put into the event than attendance and that the recreation committee should not do it this year.
- vi. **HRA Meeting Date**

Mayor Bennett reported that he has been working on gathering some information on how other communities work with a community centre. He is hoping that the person he has in mind to be the chair of the HRA will agree, but must get through the carnival first. His plan is to invite all of the volunteers who have been active with the community centre to a meeting to unveil the idea of an HRA and how to move forward.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- i. **Town of Renfrew Rec Agreement**

CAO/ Clerk Dillabough presented her report. She stated that she is still waiting on more concrete numbers on age of users from Kevin Hill, Director of Parks and Recreation but the stated 2020 amount is allocated in the

budget. It was discussed whether there should be a charge back for Renfrew residents who use the Horton facilities.

ii. Summer Experience Program

Ms. Ryan read over the key points of the program which would allow the township to tap into funding for a summer student to run programs at the community centre. CAO/Clerk stated that this individual would be able to help run the soccer program as staff does not have capacity to do so. If not, it would have to be run by a volunteer group. Direction was given for Ms. Ryan to apply for funding.

iii. Budget

CAO/Clerk Dillabough reviewed the budget as proposed. Items to stop allotted funds to, and ones to decrease were highlighted. Events such as the country dance were recommended to be looked at as they are not generating revenue but exceeding budgeted expenses.

6. NEXT MEETING:

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. March 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough