

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

March 17, 2020

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday March 17th, 2020. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Members Barb Dickson and Ralph Miller. Staff in attendance was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk and Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk–Recording Secretary.

Public Advisory Member Sharon Bennett sent 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 February 21st, 2020 Minutes

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

i. February Dance

Ms. Ryan reported that the attendance was 50 people who paid at the door.

ii. Technology Class for Seniors

Ms. Ryan reported that the class has been well attended with between three and seven people each week.

iii. Carnival – February 22nd

Chair Humphries reported that at the debrief meeting held after the carnival over \$3000 in income was generated. Ms. Ryan stated that a general thank you was being published in the Horton Corner.

- iv. **Rec Agreement with Town of Renfrew**
Mayor Bennett mentioned that perhaps there be a discussion with the Town of Renfrew Mayor on trying to negotiate a lower cost. CAO/Clerk Dillabough mentioned a greater effort in having Horton ratepayers know that the Renfrew activities are happening to encourage participation could be looked into, however the office only finds out about these events themselves by a flyer that is circulated in the mail. Mayor Bennett brought forward the township should be tapping into their staff to promote our rink and other facilities, hence using their resources more.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- i. **Rec Summer Student**
CAO/Clerk Dillabough reported that Ms. Ryan applied for the 2020 Summer Experience Program funding through the Province.
- ii. **Future Fundraising Ventures**
Chair Humphries stated that the committee should think of other fundraising events to be held throughout the year to make up for previous losses and cancellations of events. Some ideas that were brought forward were a fish fry, ham and bean supper and bingo.
- iii. **Checking Previous years for ideas**
Chair Humphries asked that we consider fundraising events that were held in the past and bring them back to see if there is interest.
- iv. **Purchase of property**
Discussion took place about the next steps needed to proceed with purchasing Eady property expanding the acreage at the Community Centre. Mayor Bennett and Chair Humphries to get in contact with Willis Eady to determine if the property is still for sale, what amount of property this would be, and for what price. After this is complete, the information would have to be turned over to staff to prepare information for council.
- v. **Easter Egg Hunt – cancelled**
Ms. Ryan reported that Ms. Rouble had decided not to look after doing the Easter Egg Hunt this year as the alternative date did not suit any of her helpers. Mayor Bennett stated that he would be willing to rent a tent and have it put up under the rink roof to accommodate to keep the events

outside due the hall rental. He will reach out to Ms. Rouble and see if she would still be interested.

Staff/member concerns:

CAO/Clerk Dillabough brought forward that Marg Bauer had called wondering that in light of COVID-19 should the dance to be held on March 20th take place. Public Advisory Member Miller mentioned that he would not be able to look after the bar himself should we decide to continue hosting the dance. CAO/Clerk Dillabough stated that a decision would be made on the state of events and hall activities once more information or direction comes from upper levels of government.

6. NEXT MEETING:

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. April 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough