

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

November 20, 2020

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday November 20th, 2020. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Members Barb Dickson and Ralph Miller. Staff in attendance was 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 9:27 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 March 13th, 2020 Minutes

Carried

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Item 6 v. Purchase of Property was added to the agenda.

4. **OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:**

i. Rec Agreement with Town of Renfrew

Chair Humphries updated the committee about the five-year agreement that is at the council table to be signed. The agreement, incrementally increasing each year for five years allows ratepayers of Horton to use the recreation facilities and programs offered at a discounted rate.

ii. Hall Usage

Ms. Ryan reported that there is a bit of rental income being attained from Zumba classes and the drive through COVID testing being done by the Renfrew County Paramedic Service. Ensuring that there is no overlapping

and allowing enough time between groups is at the forefront of the bookings.

iii. Country Dances

Ms. Ryan stated that CAO/Clerk Dillabough spoke with Marg Bauer in regard to when dances could be held again. Due to the restrictions in place by the Province and for the safety of all, the dances would be held off until further notice. The bands are cancelled until at least February.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

i. Shelf life of Alcohol in Bar

Public Advisory Member Miller questioned what the shelf life is of both the liquor and beer that has been stored in the bar. His concern is that the beer, generally after a year will turn skunky, and can no longer be sold. Ralph will take inventory of what is there and determine if there is an expiry or production date on the bottles to use as a guideline.

ii. Kitchen Staff and COVID 19 Training

Discussion on the challenges and advantages of hosting a take-out like food event took place. There is no action to host an event at the present time.

iii. Ice for Rink

Mayor Bennett stated that the ice can be looked after, but there would be a cost associated with someone to look after the washrooms and change rooms in response to dealing with the COVID19 pandemic, the restrictions set forth by the province, and guidelines issued by the local health unit. Having the changerooms and washrooms available would not be an option as there is only one doorway in and out of the building. To respect social distancing guidelines, there was a discussion on alternate accommodations outside making benches available and portable toilets available for use at the patrons own risk, supplying their own wipes and sanitizer. Mayor Bennett also stated that the ice time should be limited compared to years past to allow use, but limit exposure with any hockey practices being held on their own nights. Ms. Ryan was asked to reach out to CEMC Steve Osipenko to find out how he feels the Recreation Committee should proceed with the rink.

iv. Tables, chairs, and bar fridge

Discussion on the need for tables and chairs this year took place. The committee agreed that the chairs that should be quoted are ones with arms as the patrons using the facility regularly prefer them over armless for stability reasons. Inventory would need to be taken of the amount currently in possession. Chair Humphries stated that before making a final decision on which chairs to purchase a sample would have to be attained.

Discussion of the bar fridge quotes opened with Mayor Bennett stating that he would prefer that the fridge be purchased more local in order to secure maintenance work that could potentially be needed in the future. Chair Humphries, Public Advisory Member Miller and Public Works Manager Adam Knapp are to meet at the Community Centre the first week of December to finalize a decision on which fridge to purchase based on size, shelving and price. Recommendation to come forward for next meeting.

Moved by Ralph Miller

Seconded by Barb Dickson

THAT the money to be spent on the tables and chairs in 2020 be put into Reserves

Carried

v. Purchase of Property

Mayor Bennett expressed that council needs to give direction to staff to start the process to purchase the property owned by Willis Eady that would expand the area of the Community Centre. Concern of another interested party taking away the opportunity to expand the land is the reason to get started on this process as soon as possible.

Moved by Ralph Miller

Seconded by Barb Dickson

THAT the Recreation Committee direct staff to start the process of purchasing the property owned by Willis Eady to expand the land at the Community Centre.

Carried

6. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. December 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough