

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON  
**Recreation Committee Meeting**

November 15, 2019

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday November 15, 2019. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett, Public Advisory Members Barb Dickson and Ralph Miller. Staff in attendance was Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk – Recording Secretary.

Community Liaison Officer Shane Lambert and 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 Ralph Miller

**THAT** the Committee approved, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes

**Carried**

**4. OPEN ISSUES:**

- i. Bar Renovation update – verbal  
CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough received an email from the contractor in which Chair Humphries read out loud the highlights of the renovation status at the current point in time. These items included; moving the wall back in, changing the countertop to bring accessibility up to code, and room for shelves in the kitchen. The additional cost to the contract to lower the counter, complete the pass-through framing, lower the outlets and other items is \$5,500 plus HST. To have the renovation done for the last week in November, depending on approvals from outside sources, is still the goal. Countertop samples will be made available at the hall for someone to

choose before the final one will be ordered. Advisory Member Miller asked if a new fridge could be purchased to replace the 14 year old leaking one. Chair Humphries will check to see if there is money in the budget.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **i. Hoedown Proposal 2020**

The Hoedown 2019 Report and 2020 Proposal submitted by Tina Hunt was reviewed. Chair Humphries stated that he would like to see further information on the budget before proceeding any further. Mayor Bennett stated that the figures for last years pay back amount are not calculated due to the fact there are numbers that can only show up after the year end adjusting journal entries are done at the end of December. A true picture of the net income or loss can only be determined at that point in time. In May of 2019, former Treasurer Jennifer Barr had stated to Mayor Bennett that the total amount owing was at \$24,000. Mayor Bennett also stated that there is a pile of questions that need to be asked of Tina Hunt, as there was no delegate from the Hoedown able to speak on the report/proposal. Chair Humphries mentioned that the items in the report did not seem to be factual, for example the numbers attained from TREIM. Mayor Bennett brought forward that 300 tickets were given away by means of radio and from sponsorship which cuts into overall revenue generated for the event. This year, the contract with Star 96.7 stated that no homegrown radio stations could be used for means of advertising. Mayor Bennett believes that heritage Radio and MyFM could have done wonders for the Hoedown. He also stated that the numbers need to be realistic in the proposal. The projected numbers were based on a high percentage of people attending. Public Advisory Member Dickson stated that there are no numbers completed in the form attached of costs, so it is pretty hard to determine anything from that. Chair Humphries will get in contact with Tina to set a time for a meeting to review.

### **ii. Spring Hockey 2020**

Chair Humphries highlighted points in the report submitted by Tina Hunt. A large expense that was incurred last year was the cost of the jerseys and does not believe that they will be buying ones again this year. Sponsorships received last year were applied to the sweater costs. The season was successful as it broke even, and the feedback from parents was that it was affordable. Mayor Bennett stated that there are questions that only Tina

can answer. Should the committee proceed to ask council to approve the 2020 season, the committee cannot expect committee members to personally incur costs such as food and fuel. Chair Humphries stated he would get in touch with Tina to set a time for a meeting to review.

iii. Cleaning services for hockey/soccer

Chair Humphries opened the discussion with asking if anyone knows how many hours employee Dave McMaster spends on cleaning the bathrooms. Mayor Bennett stated that the rink attendant can not look after making sure that the washrooms are clean as well as look after the ice when there is an event on, as this is when the washrooms are at their worst. Advisory Member Miller asked if there is more time put into cleaning the hall than there needs to be. ACTION – Chair Humphries to ask Mr. McMaster how much time to have someone clean the washrooms.

## OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Partnering with Organizations – Mayor Bennett stated that he spoke with people in his circle, and it was mentioned that part of the reason that there is not high participation from local people to support the events of the Recreation Committee is that all of the fundraising that is done, the proceeds always benefit the Community Centre alone. People are tired of supporting the same old thing. Mayor Bennett is suggesting that with this information thought be put into partnering with another organization to draw on their supporters as well.

Government Grant – Mayor Bennett informed the group that he heard that the Township of Admaston/Bromley applied for a grant, and asked administration to apply before the deadline of Tuesday November 12, 2019 for the same grant to try and attain funds for changerooms, washrooms and showers which would then allow the Recreation Centre to be deemed an emergency shelter in times of need.

Land Purchase – Mayor Bennett shared the previous information about where the conversation with Willis Eady stood about the potential to purchase land to add to the Community Centre. A primary talk is all that had happened, but the understanding was that the next time Ms. Eady would be approached about the purchase of the land, is that there would be a cheque in hand, 1 of 2 payments. This additional land could then be used as a potential venue for the Hoedown, but knowing what funds are available will have to wait until the end of the year. A fall back venue would be the former location of the Renfrew Bluegrass Festival, on the land of Bob Johnston. Mayor Bennett and Mr. Johnston have already entertained

this idea. The upfront cost would be that the Hydro that was running into the field for the sound company would have to be replaced, as it was tore out.

Zamboni – Mayor Bennett reported that the Zamboni needs a water pump replacement, which he is working on, but otherwise it is in good working order.

**6. NEXT MEETING:**

Chair Humphries will contact all members when he has secured a date to have Tina Hunt present in person her reports. It was suggested that she be accompanied by Kelly Hunt. This meeting will be at the call of the chair.

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. December 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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CHAIR Doug Humphries

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CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough