

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Recreation Committee Meeting

December 20, 2019

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday December 20, 2019. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett, Public Advisory Members Barb Dickson, Ralph Miller and Sharon Bennett. Staff in attendance was Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk– Recording Secretary.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Humphries called the meeting to order at 9:33 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 Ralph Miller

Seconded by Barb Dickson

**THAT** the Committee approved, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes

**Carried**

### 4. DELEGATION:

#### i. Sue Bruemmer – Technology Class for Seniors

Ms. Bruemmer, a resident of Horton, will be retiring from teaching at the end of January and would like to give back to the community by offering her time in teaching seniors how to use and become more comfortable with their electronic devices. She is proposing a user fee free drop in style, one on one interaction with those who would like help one day a week from 9am – noon at the Community Centre for a few months to gauge interest. Chair Humphries mentioned concerns about the WIFI and it's spottiness, that perhaps until the internet speed could be increased, the council chambers and the WIFI at the Township office be available. Ms. Ryan will get back in touch with Ms. Bruemmer with a decision.

## **5. PRESENTATION:**

### **i. Kevin Hill, Town of Renfrew – Recreation Agreement**

Mr. Hill presented factual numbers in regards to the user agreement between the Town of Renfrew and the Township of Horton. Should we agree to partner the cost per resident would be \$7.45.

Mayor Bennett stated that yes, there may be a \$12000.00 increase, but 80% of Horton residents are using the services provided by the Town, activities that Horton cannot provide. By participating in the agreement with the Town of Renfrew, Horton is more presentable to the Federal and Provincial Governments and opens doors for possibly more funding. Chair Humphries stated that written support to neighbouring towns is very important in our image. The youth programs are what Horton needs to push and is what Renfrew offers.

## **6. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:**

### **i. Bar Renovation Update:**

Chair Humphries gave a verbal update of the progress of the bar thus far. The counter top and paint have been picked out, but the renovation is still not complete.

### **ii. Craft Sale 2019**

Ms. Ryan reported that despite a few hiccups with over sale of tables and the freezing rain, the day was a success. 36 tables were set up to accommodate all crafters. Some vendors donated prizes which were won by means of purchasing raffle tickets bringing in \$263.00. The ladies in the kitchen served hotdogs, roast beef sandwiches and other items bringing in \$187.05. Some feed back for the day included a shorter day such as 9am – 3pm, as opposed the 9am – 4pm, and Christmas music over the speakers. Numerous vendors asked if there would be a Spring Craft sale, as they would be interested. Recommendations for next year would include having registrations and payment completed before the day of the event, a menu for the vendors of what the kitchen is serving, and only having 32 tables available.

- iii. November Dance  
Ms. Ryan reported that the November Dance numbers were lower than usual, being 36.
- iv. Quilt Raffle – draw held December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Chair Humphries, Helen Golden, Barb Dickson and Sharon Bennett were in attendance in pulling the winning tickets at 1pm at the Community Centre. The winners were as follows:

First prize	Quilt	Mike Riopelle
Second prize	Picture	Devon Boldt
Third Prize	Jersey	Marilyn Abercrombie

Recommendations if there is another raffle is that there be better distribution of tickets to be sold. There was a small crew selling tickets.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- i. Hoedown Proposal 2020  
Chair Humphries stated that there had been a meeting with Kelly and Tina Hunt following a council meeting. With a better understanding of the figures, the proposal will be brought forward to council.
- ii. Spring Hockey 2020  
Chair Humphries stated that the proposal will be brought forward to council as well. With more understanding of the financials last year, it was confirmed that the one time cost of the jersey's were what made the event show no profit.
- iii. Cleaning services for hockey/soccer  
It was questioned whether a tender should be prepared to see how much it would cost to have someone perform the cleaning services. Ralph and Doug will talk to Dave McMaster to determine cost of cleaning the facilities used for hockey and soccer. It was mentioned that if the users are made aware that they should leave it as they found it, it could help with the time spent on cleaning.
- iv. Special Occasion Permit  
Advisory Member Miller brought forward his concern of the cost of the corking fee. The fee is currently \$4/bottle and is much lower in comparison to other places. He is recommending it be increased to \$5/bottle. This will

have to be brought forward for council to approve through the User Fee By-law review process.

v. Euchre Budget

Advisory Member Dickson talked about the increase that will be happening to the Euchre in the new year as determined previously. She stressed that it should be advertised weeks in advance that the rate will be increasing. A lot of people who come out only bring the exact amount of cash to participate. It was also recommended that there be a draw for a gift card held at each Euchre night to ensure that the participants feel that they are getting value for the additional dollar charged.

vi. Rental Contracts – use of kitchen, clarifications, collection of funds

It was recommended by Advisory Member Miller that changes be made to the contract in regards to “with or without kitchen” wording. There was also a concern that the communication after an event to ensure there was or was not reason to cash the deposit cheque was not taking place. Changes to the rental agreement will have to be brought forward to council to approve.

**OTHER CONCERNS/DISCUSSION**

Advisory Member Miller brought forth the idea of getting an electronic sign to make it easily changeable and include more advertising. This sign would not necessarily be at the Community Centre, but perhaps at the visitors centre in Renfrew across from Walmart. Partnering with the Town of Renfrew to cut down on costs was also brought forth. Chair Humphries will investigate cost of sign.

**8. NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

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

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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CHAIR Doug Humphries

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CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough