



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Nov 14th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:
 - i. October 10th, 2024
4. Open Issues/Reports/Updates:
 - i. Country Dance Review & Forward Planning, remainder 2024 and 2025
 - ii. Trivia Update
 - iii. Remembrance Day Update
 - iv. Cornhole Pricing
5. New Business
6. Staff/Member Concerns
7. Next Meeting:
 - i. Thursday December 5th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers
8. Adjournment



Township of Horton COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORT

OCT COUNTRY DANCE REVIEW	Title:	Date: Nov 14, 2024
		Council/Committee: Recreation Committee
		Author: Rachel Eden, Community Liaison Officer
		Department: Recreation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Recreation Committee receive this document as information for future recreation planning.

BACKGROUND:

Our Country Dance took place on Sunday Oct 20th, 2024 from 1-5pm at the Horton Community Centre. This was our second “afternoon” dance as a “tester”. Attendance was once again lower than expected with 45 persons attending – of those 4 were sold in advance at Scott & Son’s Hardware Renfrew, and roughly 41 sold at the door. Ticker Sale Revenue was \$540. 50/50 revenue was \$98 (the winner graciously donated her portion of \$98 back as well!) Bar Revenue was around \$300. Kitchen expenses were \$54 (however we had leftovers from trivia earlier that weekend that we were able to use up which made the kitchen expenses less) The band was Heritage Country at an expense of \$600 – this is typically our most popular band usually over 100 persons in attendance.

One of our regular dance patrons (name unknown) made an announcement to ask attendees to consider making a donation towards the fundraising efforts today. Noting that sometimes weather or other events affect the attendance and that donations would show continued support of these events to keep them happening, and cover costs of the event. She left a donation bin on our front table which freely collected \$280.

Considerations: The weather this day was extremely gorgeous, sunny and perfect temperatures – thus not alluring for an indoor dance. There was one other country band happening in Cobden on this same day.

Our volunteer crew consisted of Claire Rouble, Penny Jamieson and Debbie in the kitchen. Judy Ballard and Agatha White-Crogie volunteered their time in the bar. Rachel ran the door and 50/50.

We advertised in the Eganville Leader for 1 week, posters in town, mention on Valley Heritage Radio, on all online community event calendar and on social media.

At the dance Rachel put out a form for patrons to vote whether they liked the Friday Night dances or Sunday Afternoon dances. Both options had nearly equal votes, leaning towards the Sunday Afternoon dances a bit more (keeping in mind this poll was put out AT a Sunday Afternoon dance)

FUTURE INPUT:

Now is the time for our recreation committee to discuss and decide where our Country Dances will go from here? This will enable us to plan for 2025, book talent and advertise if needed.

- Return to Friday evening dances? Stay with Sunday afternoons?

- Monthly? Bi-Monthly?
- Change the price of pre-sale vs. at the door?
- Continue with a lunch, change to a pot luck, change to something else?

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS : N/A

CONSULTATIONS: N/A

Prepared by: Rachel Eden, Community Liaison Officer

Reviewed by: Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk



Township of Horton COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORT

Trivia Night Update	Title:	Date: Nov 14, 2024
		Council/Committee: Recreation Committee
		Author: Rachel Eden, Community Liaison Officer
		Department: Recreation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Recreation Committee receive this document as information.

BACKGROUND:

Our trivia night was held on Friday Oct 18, 2024 @ 7pm. We had 7 teams, roughly 45 persons, roughly \$450 in entry fees. 50/50 total was \$82.50 for our portion.

Prizes were awarded 1st (\$120) 2nd (\$90) 3rd (\$60) totaling \$270. Trivia Master was Jason Marshal with a \$200 fee. Trivia consisted of 3 rounds, 15-20 questions each. Jason handed out all these questions on a sheet and teams answered this on their own accord within a certain time frame (example 15-20 minutes).

Snack bar was not successful over all. Perhaps re-consider easier options next time, like simply selling chips at the bar. Our volunteer team included Council Member Doug Humphries on the door and 50/50 sales. Penny Jamieson in the snack bar with Rachel Eden. Judith Ballard and Shelley Cram volunteering in the bar.

CONSIDERATIONS/FUTURE INPUT:

Having a theme next time may draw out a bigger crowd – music, or music and movies. Trivia is losing its pop culture strength, however the night was well enjoyed by those present, lots of laughter and lots of socializing. Feedback that October is a busy time which is possibly hard on attendance (perhaps early early October would be better), Feedback that February would be a good time in the winter months to “get out”

2025 planning. In 2024 we had a spring and a fall trivia, what would we like to continue for 2025?

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS : N/A

CONSULTATIONS: N/A

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Reviewed by: Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk



Township of Horton COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORT

Title: Remembrance Day Update	Date:	Nov 14, 2024
	Council/Committee:	Recreation Committee
	Author:	Rachel Eden, Community Liaison Officer
	Department:	Recreation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Recreation Committee receive this document as information.

BACKGROUND:

Perhaps not directly recreation related, still worthy of sharing.

Our annual Remembrance Day Memorial Service was held on Sunday November 3rd, 2024 @ 2pm. It was well attended with 40-50 patrons. In attendance we had a colour party from the legion, Trumpeter Don McLeod, Piper Melissa Friske, Reverend Milton Fraser, 3 uniformed escorts, all members of Horton Council (2 of whom laid wreaths) and Deputy Mayor Daina Proctor who spoke words of welcome and laid our wreath. 7 wreaths were laid in total, this is the usual

Our volunteers Burt Virgin and Bruce Golden were essential in the planning and delivery of this service. Both gentlemen have expressed wishing to pass the torch to someone else to plan and MC in the future.

A light lunch was served following the service. Our volunteers Debby Johnston, Penny Jamieson and Willis Eady took care of the kitchen aspect, serving up Hamburger Soup, Squash soup with fixings and Bread Pudding. Everything was well enjoyed, some down to the last delicious crumbs!

FUTURE:

Rachel has several small ideas for future ceremonies to help with a unique aspect and bring attention to the importance of the day. These have been written in notes for future planning.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS : N/A

CONSULTATIONS: N/A

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Reviewed by: Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk



**Township of Horton
COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORT**

Title: Cornhole Pricing	Date:	Nov 14, 2024
	Council/Committee:	Recreation Committee
	Author:	Rachel Eden, Community Liaison Officer
	Department:	Recreation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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BACKGROUND:

Cornhole Canada \$345.00-\$400 for 2 boards and 8 bean bags
Customized \$495

<https://canadacornhole.com/product/au-natural-cornhole-board/>

Amazon various options \$100-200

Presumably we would require 4-5 sets of boards. A drop in league would run similar to euchre with a drop in fee and a weekly winner. No volunteer in mind to lead this at this time, would require some canvassing.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Original purchase of boards and supplies \$2000-\$2500. If a weekly drop in league was full and regularly attended we would re-coup the purchase price in 1.5-2 years.

ATTACHMENTS : N/A

CONSULTATIONS: N/A

Prepared by: Rachel Eden, Community Liaison Officer

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UPCOMING DATES

Thurs Dec 5, 2024: Recreation Committee Meeting (Rescheduled) 9:30AM

Sat Dec 7, 2024: Christmas Craft Market 9:00AM-3:00PM

Thurs Dec 19, 2024: Kids Christmas Tree Card & Crafts Night

Thurs Jan 9, 2025: January Recreation Committee Meeting

Thurs Feb 13, 2025: February Recreation Committee Meeting

Sat Mar 1, 2025: Winter Carnival

Thurs Mar 13, 2025: March Recreation Committee Meeting

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Horton Heritage Crafts

Mondays 9am-2pm.

Lead Volunteer: Debby Johnston. Ongoing excellent attendance. Provides social and creative experiences for members.

Pickleball

Mondays 6:30pm.

Lead Volunteer: Shannon Cretien. \$5 per night. Regularly well attended, Shannon would consider the session 'currently full' and as such we have not advertised them lately. Shannon notes the courts are typically full with players, which is excellent, and they like to avoid having to many players having to sit on the bench waiting their turn. They've had a few new welcomed additions in October

Feedback: Rachel Eden, spoke with a male patron during the Remembrance Day ceremony whom said he attended pickleball a while back and it was a nice group! He was a little hesitant to share, but expressed that we hadn't returned because the attendance was mainly female,

which wasn't a bad thing! However, he felt that when playing he didn't want to play to his "full strength and capacity" to respect that other (female) players.

Considerations: Canvassing for a volunteer to lead "Mens Pickleball" on an alternate night.

Speak with current pickleball crew first to avoid any upset/confusion.

Guitar Workshop / Jam Session

Wednesdays: Workshop 5-7pm / Jam Session 7pm-9pm

Lead Volunteer: Paul Isaacs. One of our newer programs beginning in Spring 2024. Set to run til mid November.

Update: Paul originally set this Spring-Fall date to avoid Winter weather. He is ready to wrap it up for the season, however one of the regular members and local "Mike Cuff" is interested in continuing the program into the future. I will meet with Mike over the next few weeks and discuss whether he would like to continue the program as is, or make any adjustments (or perhaps as the season moves along).

Feedback: Rachel Eden asked Paul for some feedback. He provided: [The workshops were very difficult. Some people who attended were absolute beginners. A workshop assumes that attendees will be looking to improve their existing abilities. A beginner quickly feels out of place. Others who attended quickly learned some new techniques and went away happy - and didn't return. Jams are quite fragile. Gaps that are too wide in either playing ability or choice of song styles will cause people to seek something that is more to their liking. On the plus side a couple of folks stuck with it and the last few sessions saw several new attendees who enjoyed the jamming. We never had a single person attend to just listen]

Euchre

Every other Thursday 7pm-10pm(ish)

Lead Volunteer: Heather Weiss. \$5 entry to play. Winnings awarded between \$5-\$10 depending on placing. Attendance seems good. There is a different volunteer who runs the entry table each evening.

Feedback: At our trivia night, Rachel Eden spoke with a patron who had attended Euchre. When asked

how her experience was, she was very hesitant to share, but her friends encouraged her to share her honest thoughts. She expressed that it was a lovely group, but she felt the general pace of play, and pace of the players was not what she was looking or hoping for and as such she might not be likely to return. She explained there is a difference between timed and non-timed euchre which impacts the strategy and pace of the game, and thus impacts the winner and the winnings.

Considerations: Canvassing for a volunteer to lead “Fast Paced Timed Euchre” on alternating Thursday evenings. Speak with current Euchre crew first to avoid any upset/confusion.

Book Club – NEW!

2nd Monday of every month 10:30AM-11:30AM

Lead Volunteers: Helen Golden, Barb Dickson. First meeting is set to happen on Monday December 9th. We have space for 8 members to begin – 3 spots have been claimed thus far. Books are arranged from the Renfrew Public Library. First book to be distributed on Dec 9th, “A Murder on Cape Cod” by Maddie Day.