

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

March 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday March 14th, 2024. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett, Councillor Glen Campbell, Public Advisory Members Sharon Bennett and Claire Rouble. Staff in attendance was Amanda Ryan Admin/Finance Assistant–Recording Secretary.

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 Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Glen Campbell

THAT the Recreation Committee approve the January 11th, 2024, Minutes.

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

i. Signage for Millenium Trail

Chair Humphries stated that Public Works has ordered the signs, and they are in. Ms. Ryan stated that there are still “Welcome to Horton” signs that are to be ordered through the county.

ii. Winter Carnival

Chair Humphries stated that we have to start planning now for the next year’s carnival, as it was a last minute decision to be able to have the one this year, as it was based on being able to have breakfast. It had been on the agenda for months with no luck in finding anyone to step forward to run the event. A date of March 1, 2025 was set for next year’s carnival.

Ms. Ryan presented an unofficial income statement. It was agreed that to goal of the carnival had been met. To have residents and visitors have a reason to come out and socialize and be together as a community. The challenge of having the next event, and next carnival will be to have someone lead the kitchen.

iii. Easter Event

Ms. Ryan stated that there were 9 tickets sold so far from the township office. Jenny Fortin is the lead for the event. Discussion was had about being the lead on an event and assisting.

iv. Trivia Night

Ms. Ryan stated that there has only been one person state that they would put in a team so far.

v. Ice Rink Issues

Ms. Ryan read an email received from someone who wanted to make us aware of people using hockey sticks during the family skate time. The individual suggested large signs be posted at the rink with the schedule designated times, and that employees should be monitoring this. Presently designated times are posted on the digital sign, on Facebook and the website. Facebook and the website note that sticks are only to be used at designated times. Mayor Bennett stated that ice splitters had been used in the past, but we do not have them any longer. Ms. Ryan was instructed to respond to the email received that the committee is looking at addressing the issue, and to get a cost of having an employee present to monitor and police the use of the rink during the designated skate times.

vi. Gas Stove Service

Ms. Ryan stated that she was directed at the last meeting to ensure that the stoves were inspected by the carnival date. She stated an inspection had been done and some thermos couplers had been replaced.

vii. Euchre

Chair Humphries stated that the group is looking for new playing cards if someone is looking to donate some. Ms. Ryan stated that the numbers are greater than last year based on what is noted on the sheet remitted after the event.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

i. Canada Day

Concern of who would step forward to spearhead the event and if it should be volunteer or a paid was discussed by the committee. Mayor Bennett expressed that presentations should be done to schools to attract students to attain their community service hours by helping us. There was no further discussion to put this plan into action.

Ideas on what the committee would like to see at this year's event was discussed. These included the bouncy castle, face painting, 50/50 and the colouring contest.

The committee felt that the message needed to get out to residents and neighbours that growth is required of the community centre and was felt that direction needs to be given from council.

Moved by Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Claire Rouble

THAT the Recreation Committee get direction from council and the Chief Administrative Officer on how to proceed with Canada Day and future events in having someone spearhead or coordinate the event.

Carried

ii. Country Dance

Ms. Ryan stated that the April 19th dance entertainment will be the Brysonnaires. Chair Humphries stated that a sponsor for that event should be approached. No one volunteered to find one or had any suggestions.

iii. Hall Ventilation Concerns

Mayor Bennett stated that Public Works Manager Adam Knapp should get something back on the table, as the Township was unsuccessful in being

granted the Green and Inclusive Grant. The Mayor stated that the Canada Infrastructure Grant that was received should have gone to the community centre, and instead it was split 50/50 with Recreation and the office and the 50% got used in the office.

Public Advisory Member Rouble stated that she heard from an individual who was present on Canada Day express that the hall smelled terrible. Those present at the meeting who were also present on Canada Day disagreed. Ms. Ryan stated that when she lit the stove top, elements, ovens and turned on the exhaust fan, she had already opened the window in the kitchen. The Mayor stated that that the issue of the smell is coming from the traps in the floors, and the trap seal primers are broken. The way to rectify the situation is to have water poured down the drain periodically. Chair Humphries added that the toilets should be flushed as well when the caretaker arrives and the caretaker leaves.

Ms. Ryan stated that a concern came forward where the Monday craft group is using a spray adhesive indoors, and may affect the health of the other participants.

Moved by Sharon Bennett
Seconded by Claire Rouble

THAT the Manager of Public Works Adam Knapp get a price on a portable ventilation system to take care of the ventilation issue.

Carried

Moved by Claire Rouble
Seconded by Sharon Bennett

THAT Public Works Manager Adam Knapp get a quote to have the trap seal primers in the building supplied and installed;
AND THAT he also have the caretaker of the community center fill the traps regularly with water and to run the taps for a short period of time as well as flush the toilets each time he is at the hall for janitorial duties.

Carried

iv. Guitar Workshop

Ms. Ryan read aloud an email received from a resident of Horton who would like to volunteer to run a weekly guitar workshop and jam session at the hall. The first two hours would be a workshop and the second two hours would be a jam session open to the public. This would likely be held 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Moved by Sharon Bennett
Seconded by Claire Rouble

THAT Ms. Ryan inform Mr. Isaacs that a business plan be brought forward with his idea.

Carried

v. Fencing Along Eady Property

This items was put back on the agenda as the season is arriving to get the work complete. Discussion regarding this issue had been discussed in 2023 and could therefore be sent to motion immediately.

Moved by Claire Rouble

Seconded by Sharon Bennett

THAT Public Works Manager Adam Knapp get a quote on fencing the Eady property, and that Public Works pay for the material and Recreation pay for the labour/installation.

Carried

vi. Kitchen Inspection

Ms. Ryan was asked by Public Works Manager Adam Knapp to bring forward the idea of having a requirement that someone who has their food handler certification be the one to ensure that the kitchen is clean before an inspection. The committee felt that the cleaning done by the current caretaker is sufficient.

6. **STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Ms. Ryan was asked by Public Works Manager Adam Knapp to bring up what should be done with the air hockey table up stairs. Mayor Bennett stated that it is going to the garbage. How and who is taking care of it could not be discussed. Public Advisory Member Claire Rouble had asked if the township had received a grant for the cameras. She also asked if the township was advertising to local area businesses to advertise on the sign.

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. April 11th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough