

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Recreation Committee Meeting

April 11, 2024

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday April 11th, 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 Claire Rouble

Seconded by Sharon Bennett

**THAT** the Recreation Committee approve the April 11th, 2024, Minutes.

**Carried**

**4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:**

i. Signage for Millenium Trail

Chair Humphries stated the signs for the Millenium Trail have been ordered.

ii. Easter Event Debrief

Chair Humphries thanked Jen Fortin and her crew for looking after the event. Mayor Dave Bennett expressed how there were a lot of people from other townships who took part in the event. Public Advisory Member Claire Rouble stated that she felt there was great participation since the school boards were notified that the event was taking place. 106 children took part in the event. Ms. Ryan stated that over 80 tickets had been sold through the township office. This option for purchase would be recommended for next year. Ms. Ryan presented her unofficial income statement for the event.

iii. Trivia Night Debrief

Public Advisory Committee Member Claire Rouble stated that the event was a nice night. Chair Humphries agreed. Ms. Ryan stated she spoke with the volunteer Carissa McFarlane and volunteer bartender Hope Dillabough for a debrief. It was expressed that there were people using cell phones. Public Advisory Member Rouble stated that cell phones may have been out, but it was not for cheating purposes. Chair Humphries thanked volunteer Carissa McFarlane, and kitchen lead Debby Johnston for a fun night. As per the unofficial income statement a small profit had been made.

iv. Canada Day

Public Advisory Member Rouble stated that she is pleased to hear that the Horton Fire Department was looking after the breakfast. Ms. Ryan stated

that CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough had approached the fire department, but there was no commitment at the time. Ms. Ryan stated that Ellen Eady agreed at a previous function that she would offer face painting again at her \$100 fee.

v. Country Dance Updates

Ms. Ryan stated that April will be the first Country Dance of the year with the Brysonnaires kicking off the season. She also stated that she will be training a new bartender that evening. The event has been advertised in the Eganville Leader classified ads, Scotts is still willing to sell advance tickets, and two tickets have been dropped off at Valley Heritage Radio to give away. The effort still continues to find someone to take over the job that Marg Bauer performs as lead on the event as she has expressed, she would like to give the job up.

vi. Eady/Community Centre Fencing Updates

Chair Humphries reiterated that this task is just a matter of getting a quote for labour to be paid for by recreation, and to get the materials from the township as public works previously absorbed them with use. Chair Humphries was to visit with Public Works Manager Adam Knapp after the meeting to find out what the status was on the quote.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

i. Fruit Fundraiser

Ms. Ryan asked if the committee wanted to host a fruit fundraiser again this year. She was directed to prepare numbers from previous years for the committee to review at the next meeting to make a decision. Ms. Ryan stated that the greatest challenge is that the grower cannot provide costs until later on in the season for a sale price to be determined at the committee level.

ii. Guitar Workshop Proposal

Ms. Ryan reviewed the proposal submitted by Mr. Isaacs. There was discussion about the proposal. Public Advisory Committee Member Rouble stated that this one should not be held at the same time as the Barr Line Jam. Ms. Ryan is to contact Mr. Isaacs to arrange a date that is suitable as per the hall booking calendar.

Moved by Claire Rouble

Seconded by Sharon Bennett

**THAT** Council support the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to accept the business proposal brought forth by Paul Isaacs to use the community centre to run a workshop and jam session event.

**Carried**

iii. Horseshoes

Ms. Ryan stated that the season of Horseshoes is to start May 2. This year, the volunteers running the event are Jacques Benoit and Marc Bisson. They asked us not to advertise as they were contacting the previous year's participants to see if they were interested in coming back. With the limited number of pits, they would like to make sure that all have an opportunity to play. Should there not be enough people, they will notify the office to advertise.

iv. Ice Rink Improvements – Runtz Email

Ms. Ryan read aloud an email received from a resident of Horton who would like to volunteer to raise funds for a vision they have for the rink to improve upon its uses and amenities. This individual would like to get involved in fundraising to achieve these visions and has a few ideas already. Discussion on the ideas and potential was had. Mayor Bennett stated that the committee should reach back out to the former fundraising people and work on repairing that relationship first. Ms. Ryan is to reach out to the rate payer and invite them to meet with the committee at the community center to discuss their ideas further. Ms. Ryan added that she had responded to the email by stating that the email would be brought forward to the Recreation Committee and answered the question on how to become part of the committee by explaining the Public Advisory Member application that she attached to the response.

6. **STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Discussion about the information that was provided by Public Works Manager Adam Knapp with regards to the ventilation concerns with the smell of sewage, glue spray being used in the building and the air quality in the Zamboni room. The information was discussed.

Moved by Sharon Bennett  
Seconded by Claire Rouble

**THAT** the recommendations provided to the Recreation Committee with regards to the odor in the building, and air quality in the zamboni room be referred to the TES Committee.

**Carried**

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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CHAIR Doug Humphries

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CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough