

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

Thursday November 14th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday November 14th, 2024. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Public Advisory Members: Sharon Bennett, Claire Rouble and Debby Johnston. Staff in attendance was Rachel Eden, Community Liaison Officer – Recording Secretary.

Councillor Glen Campbell and Public Advisory Member Terry Runtz sent their 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.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved by Claire Rouble

Seconded by Sharon Bennet

THAT the Recreation Committee approve the October 10th, 2024 Minutes.

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS/UPDATES:

i. COUNTRY DANCE – Review & Forward Planning, 2024 and 2025

Rachel Eden gave a report of the afternoon Country Dance from Oct 10th. Attendance was once again lower than expected with 45 attendees. Revenue from tickets \$540 and 50/50 was donated back totalling \$196. \$280 in donations. Was advertised in the Eganville Leader for 1 week, online and on online community boards. Volunteers in the kitchen did great. Planning forward for 2025: Have a non-square dance, possibly appeal to a wider audience. Claire will investigate price and availability for band “The Ranch Hands” to play for MARCH 1ST for an evening portion of our Winter Carnival. Discussions of hiring cover bands to play a dance, price point on this is unknown, but Rachel will look into it. Country Dances will be on hold for the time being.

ii. TRIVIA – Review of October Event

Rachel Eden gave a report of the October Trivia night. We have 7 teams, \$450 in entry fees and we made \$82.50 for the 50/50. Snack bar unfortunately did not do well. We will reconsider for the future our food options to chips. Although attendance for trivia is lower than in the past, the patrons who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it was a great social evening. Suggestions for a theme of music and/or movies for our next night. Next suggested date: April 25th

iii. REMEMBRANCE DAY

Rachel Eden provided an update from our Annual Remembrance Day Memorial Service. Lovely afternoon to see our residents out, and the sequence of events for the program went well. We welcomed MP Cheryl Gallant to lay 1 or our 7 wreaths. All Councillors and the Deputy Mayor were all present, happily engaging residents and veterans. It was noted that our volunteer who help facilitate this event are ready to pass the torch, and it would be nice to have someone with military affiliation to lead

our next service as Master of Ceremonies. 2025 Date: Sunday Nov 2nd

iv. CORNHOLE PRICING

Discussions continued of incorporating a drop in cornhole evening/afternoon to our ongoing programs. Official cornhole boards were noted between \$400-\$500 for a pair including bean bags. Claire will chat with Jack Kinney and others in the area who could assist with gathering interest, possibility of running an “intro to cornhole” try-it type night to see what sort of interests is out there. We can also set up an area at winter carnival to encourage this discussion for a future program. Doug Humphries mentioned possible donations from Castle Burnstown for supplies if we were to build our own along with sponsorship options.

5. NEW BUSINESS

i. N/A

6. ADDITIONS

i. BINGO

Claire Rouble showed interest in having a Christmas Bingo event. CLO scheduling and volunteer power for this time made it difficult to host in time for Christmas. We will look forward to other dates for a bingo event.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday December 5th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CLO Rachel Eden