

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

September 17, 2021

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday September 16th, 2021. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Members Barb Dickson and Sharon Bennett. Staff in attendance was Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk– Recording Secretary.

Public Advisory Member Ralph Miller sent regrets.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Humphries called the meeting to order at 9:27 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 Barb Dickson

Seconded by Sharon Bennett

THAT the Recreation Committee approved the July 16th, 2021 Minutes

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

i. Ontario Winter Games – 2022

Mayor Bennett updated the members stating that the County has up until the end of September to decide if they will proceed or not. It is the unknown of the potential fourth wave that may post pone the event.

ii. Horton Recreation Association (HRA)

Mayor Bennett stated that there has nothing been done yet to further this along.

- iii. Beer Return Update
Ms. Ryan stated that there has not been a time set for people to gather and dump the beer.
- iv. ParticipACTION Update
Nothing to report.
- v. Craft Sale Update
Public Advisory Member Bennett stated that there was a steady flow of people coming to see what the vendors had to offer throughout the day and felt that people were just happy to get out. There were 14 vendors inside and 6 vendors outside. Two vendors had cancelled last minute. Revenues from the event were \$330. Sharon stated that should the Province stay the status quo or better, she would like to have a Christmas sale, but have food available for purchase.
- vi. Fruit Fundraiser Report
Ms. Ryan reviewed a few highlights from her report and her recommendations. The committee stated that selling split boxes, and having volunteers sort them had been something that was done in the past. Revenues from the event were \$2542.00. The number of boxes of each type of fruit were around the same as the 2019 fundraiser. There were no expenses as advertising was only done by word of mouth, the web, social media, and the personal phone calls.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- i. Vaccination Requirements – meetings and rentals
Mayor Bennett stated that he will know more soon but is expecting that the County will be taking the lead on this effort and will be creating a set guideline package for all of Renfrew County.
- ii. Euchre
Public Advisory Member Dickson mentioned that she heard where the Eganville Legion is starting to host 6 hand Euchre. Various ways of trying to safely start Euchre at the Community Centre were discussed, but it was felt it be best to wait to see what other organizations are doing first with COVID-19 protocols and new regulations. There will be no Euchre until further notice.

iii. Harvest Dinner

Ms. Ryan stated that in another conversation with Judy Kunopaski, that she would be interested in preparing the food for the Harvest Dinner should the committee decide to proceed by having it hosted by take out only. The committee discussed the idea by preselling orders of a limited number and having timeslots to pick up one's order. Ms. Ryan will reach out to Judy to discuss menu and costs. Updates, tasks and decisions will be communicated via email to allow things to happen in a timely manner.

iv. Fundraiser Idea

Ms. Ryan stated that on fruit pick- up day, Steve Osipenko mentioned about how the local high school no longer has the citrus fundraiser and felt that perhaps it is something that Horton could do based on their experience with the fruit fundraiser. Ms. Ryan had reached out to Steve to get more information such as who the supplier is, and who took care of it for the local high school but is waiting to hear back.

vii. Christmas Craft Sale

Ms. Ryan informed the group that there has been interest for potential vendors wondering if Horton will be hosting a Christmas Craft Sale. Public Advisory Member Bennett stated that as long as we were still in stage three with the same provisions or better, and as long as we could have food available, she would be interested in looking after running it. Some dates were discussed with nothing set in stone until it was determined when other local area sales may be taking place. More discussion will happen at the next recreation meeting.

6. STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:

Mayor Bennett stated that with the protocols that need to be in place to follow the current regulations, there will need to be two volunteers on shift to look after the rink when the ice surface is open to the public. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Chair Humphries stated that there has been a lot of work done in the change rooms with the painting of the floors and other items to get ready for the winter season and as preventative maintenance.

i. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

i. October 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. location Council Chambers

i. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough