

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Recreation Committee Meeting

March 18, 2022

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday March 18th, 2022. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Members Sharon Bennett and Ralph Miller. Staff in attendance was and Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk– Recording Secretary.

Public Advisory Member Barb Dickson sent 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 expressed by Members of the Committee.

### 3. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Moved by Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Ralph Miller

**THAT** the Recreation Committee approved the November 19th, 2021 Minutes and the December 7, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

**Carried**

### 4. **OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:**

#### i. Ontario Winter Games – 2022

Mayor Bennett updated the members stating that the plan is delayed for a year. With the onset of the Omicron Variant and the Province imposing restrictions, the event could not be held as it was a huge risk. The funds from the province will still be available when the event commences.

#### ii. Horton Recreation Association (HRA)

Mayor Bennett stated that there has nothing been done to progress this committee forward and feels that this is something that has to be done face to face.

Moved by Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Ralph Miller

**THAT** the Recreation Committee would like council to support advertising on the Township social media and website, as well as advertise in the paper for members to be part of the Horton Recreation Association.

**Carried**

iii. Rink/Change Rooms

Chair Humphries stated that the change rooms had been open with limited numbers permitted entry for the winter skating season. Ms. Ryan informed the group that the air exchanger that was ordered is still on back order.

iv. Boat Launch

Chair Humphries reported that he spoke with Adam, the Manager of Public Works, and the new dock is in.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

i. Dances

Discussion was held about the potential of hosting dances again at the hall. It was recommended that to see if there would be a greater turn out, a Sunday afternoon dance be held. Ms. Ryan is to reach out to Marg Bauer to find out if there would be the potential to secure a band on a Sunday afternoon to try it for the spring. Amanda also to reach out to catering group to see if there would be the potential of tying in a dinner with the dance.

ii. Smart Serve Requirements

Ms. Ryan stated highlighted items from her report. Discussion on offering Smart Serve course in person to those interested was discussed. Mayor Bennett expressed that the HRA should be in place before offering the course, so we know who our volunteer base is.

iii. Bar and Restocking

Chair Humphries communicated that the coolers need to be dumped as the carbonation has been eliminated in the cans and bottles. Public Advisory Member Ralph Miller will determine a time with Dave McMaster, caretaker to dispose of the liquids. Discussion of when to restock the bar took place. Restocking will depend on the first event that the bar is requested. Mr. Miller will recommend what items to restock the bar with based on his serving experience. Ms. Ryan will ensure that the liquor license is still valid.

- iv. Euchre  
In speaking with Public Advisory Member Barb Dickson, Public Advisory Member Sharon Bennett stated that Euchre will not be commencing until fall.
- v. Easter  
Ms Ryan stated that she reached out to Claire Rouble who has looked after the Easter event for children in the past. Ms. Rouble expressed that she would be willing to help someone learn the ropes to take it over but would not be interested in running the function herself. Ms. Ryan informed the group that she reached out to someone who had expressed an interest in volunteering previously and asked her contact to get in touch with Ms. Rouble to see if this would be something she was interested in. Chair Humphries stated that Penny Jamieson had approached him to ask if the Easter event was happening in 2022. Chair Humphries will reach out to Ms. Jamieson to see if she would like to lead the event.
- vi. Gravel Cup  
Chair Humphries informed the committee that the organizer of the Gravel Cup – a gravel cycling series open to both recreational and competitive cyclists in Ottawa and area reached out to secure permission to ride on the rail beds. As the rail beds are not owned by the township, we would only be required to ensure that the gates are open for cyclists to pass. This event would have to be alright with the snowmobile club as well. More information such as dates has yet to come forward.
- vii. Summer Sports Events  
Ms. Ryan stated that there have been inquiries towards the Township running soccer this summer. Discussion was held and expressed that soccer will not be happening with out the help of volunteers. Ms. Ryan asked about the potential of horseshoes this summer as well. Ms. Ryan will reach out to Ian Moodie to discuss interest in running it again this year.
- viii. Canada Day  
Discussion was held about hosting Canada Day in 2022. Mayor Bennet expressed that even if the Catering ladies were not interested in running the kitchen, hiring a caterer should be investigated. The community needs an event such as this as held in years past to bring Horton together as for a sense of belonging. Ms. Ryan will reach out to Ms. Kunopaski to see if the catering group would be willing to cook for this event.

ix. Kickstart Hall Event

Ms. Ryan expressed that the hall should have a kick start event to help the community and volunteers get back into the swing of things. A trivia night could be held where the bar would be open, raffle tickets could be sold, and food could be available to have a soft opening of the hall. Ms. Ryan will reach out to Chris Kyte to see if she would be interested in being the emcee. The date would depend on other events happening and her availability. It was recommended to make sure there were no other events happening on the same date.

**6. STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Public Advisory Member Sharon Bennett expressed that she would like to host a craft/vendor/yard sale event in the spring. Final details and a date to be determined.

i. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

i. April 8, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

i. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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CHAIR Doug Humphries

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CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough