

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

May 20, 2022

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday May 20th, 2022. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Members Sharon Bennett and Barb Dickson. Staff in attendance was and 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 9:30 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 Barb Dickson

Seconded by Sharon Bennett

THAT the Recreation Committee approved the April 8th, 2022 Minutes.

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

i. Ontario Winter Games – 2022

Chair Humphries stated that the event is still planned to move forward. He will contact Peter Emon to find out how Horton can help when the time comes.

ii. Horton Recreation Association (HRA)

Ms. Ryan reported that at the present time there are 2 names with contact information on the list. It was stated that advertising efforts continue.

- iii. Dances
Ms, Ryan spoke briefly about the plans for the dance. Only 2 tickets had been given to the radio station to give away in efforts to attract people, but still recover costs at the door. Volunteers have been contacted to prepare the food for the evening. Efforts in saving money on the food will be taken such as not offering a cheese tray. Scotts Hardware has graciously agreed to sell advance tickets for the evening.
- iv. Gravel Cup
Chair Humphries reported that an email has come through from the event coordinator and directed to Public Works Manager Adam Knapp with a more specific time on when the cyclists will be passing through our area of the trail. Public Works is looking after opening the gates on May 28th for a short period of time.
- v. Horseshoes
Chair Humphries stated that Lisa Branje and Jacques Benoit will be looking after this league for the season and will be commencing next week.
- vi. Trivia Night - recap
Chair Humphries reviewed the evening and expressed how there were positive comments from the evening. All those present seemed to enjoy themselves.
- vii. Canada Day
Ms. Ryan reported her findings of what the surrounding area municipalities responded as to what they were doing to celebrate Canada Day with their residents. She expressed that all areas had entertainment for children that perhaps Horton should just stick with breakfast. Mayor Bennett expressed that we have to offer something to keep the children interested. Public Advisory Member Bennett stated that she had someone who offers magic show entertainment reach out, but the timeframe that was left was unsuitable. Mayor Bennett stated he would look after getting a bouncy castle and Public Advisory Member Bennett would look after arranging someone to perform face painting. Chair Humphries stated he would get the pancake mix if needed and help where required. Ms. Ryan will work with Judy Kunopaski on food items and pricing.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- i. Old Dock

Mayor Bennett expressed that upon reading Public Works Manager Knapp's report that it should be changed to a recommendation that there be a minimum bid of \$500 in a sealed envelope submitted to the office and the highest bidder wins the old dock as is where is.

ii. Benches at Boat Launch

Image recommendations came forward from Public Works Manager Adam Knapp with regards to suggestions of benches for the boat launch. It was suggested that the neighbours by the boat launch be notified that the area is gearing up to be a gathering spot as well and that there may be an increase in noise. Chair Humphries also suggested that there be NAV Canada approved reflective tape be put on the section of the dock erected in the water as a safety precaution to those using the waterway. Praise was given to the Public Works department for the work completed.

iii. Rental of Parking Lot

Ms. Ryan relayed the question that was asked of her from a potential renter. Could the parking lot be used for physical exercise should the weather cooperate. It was expressed that if the hall was rented by that individual and noise was in line with the by-law that this would not be a problem.

6. STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:

Property

Mayor Bennett presented a drawing of land that is in the severance application process with the county. This land is next to the community centre and would be ideal to expand the parking lot that exists. Discussion was held on the idea.

Moved by Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Barb Dickson

THAT the Recreation Committee would like staff to investigate the property of subject lands Part Lot 11, Concession 5 to determine if the property is for sale and the approximate price.

Carried

Community Liaison Officer

Mayor Bennett expressed that to assist getting the Horton Recreation Association (HRA) off the ground, that hiring a Community Liaison Officer and having this person at the hall during set hours is important for the community. It was expressed that this individual should have a Recreation Degree as well.

Moved by Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Barb Dickson

THAT the Recreation Committee would like staff to advertise to fill the part-time position of Community Liaison Officer.

Carried

i. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

i. June 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

i. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough