

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Recreation Committee Meeting

February 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday February 9th, 2023. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Members Sharon Bennett, Nellie Kingsbury and Claire Rouble. Staff in attendance was Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk– 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 Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Nellie Kingsbury

**THAT** the Recreation Committee approve the January 12th, 2023 Minutes with the addition of a brief discussion on having a night with a free dinner to entice volunteers.

**Carried**

### 4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

#### i. Ontario Winter Games

Mayor Bennett expressed that the first weekend of the event was successful, and this type of exposure helped the Ottawa Valley get noticed. Opening ceremonies were cancelled on the second weekend due to the freezing rain. There is hope that there was positive economic development from the event and that it sent the message to the province that Renfrew County is capable of hosting events such as this.

#### ii. Horton Recreation Association

Tabled

- iii. Fencing Around Ice Surface  
Tabled. There is a challenge to find someone to do the work.
- iv. Smart Serve Course  
Ms. Rouble was under the impression that current certificates expired in May of 2023 and not July 1 of 2023 as previously presented. Ms. Ryan to review and bring forward the report.
- v. Signage for Millennium Trail  
Ms. Ryan to inquire with the county with regards to rules and reflectivity.
- vi. Rink Ice Update  
Ms. Ryan reported that the rink has been used as well as rented. The lights are on timers to alleviate having a staff member on premises when there are no rentals and when the ice does not require maintenance.
- vii. Carnival – March 4th  
Ms. Ryan drafted a letter ready for signature by Chair Humphries for Public Advisory Member Kingsbury to hand out to receive donations. Ideas from previous carnivals that worked were chuck-a-puck, sleigh ride, raffle draw, 50/50 tickets, magician and facepainting. Public Advisory Member Bennett to book face painter, Public Advisory Member Kingsbury to check on magician availability and Ms. Ryan to look after the rest. Public Advisory Member Rouble is looking after the kitchen.
- viii. Trivia Night – April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Ryan will spearhead this event. Public Advisory Member Rouble suggested that Judy Kunopaski be contacted to determine if she and a crew of her choosing would look after the food for this event as she has done it in the past.
- ix. Easter Event – April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Public Advisory Member Rouble will look after gathering a team to look after this event.

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- i. User Fee Review

Ms. Ryan presented the current user fees and discussion commenced on recommendations for new pricing. The following is what the committee would like to recommend for the budget meeting:

Corkage from \$4.50 to \$5.00 (incl HST)

Alcohol – (beer/liquor per unit) from \$4.50 to \$5.00 (incl HST)

Alcohol – (cooler/wine/craft beer) from \$5.50 to \$6.00 (incl HST)

Ms. Ryan will provide these recommendations to Treasurer Nathalie Moore.

ii. Avalon Ranch Hall Use for Dog Training

An email was forwarded from council to the Recreation Committee to decide upon. Avalon Ranch would like to use the hall on Sunday mornings to perform scent training no more than 6 dogs at time. Public Advisory Member Kingsbury reached out to a contact provided before the meeting. The review was positive. The concerns raised by allowing the dogs in the building were that of how it would affect the approved inspected kitchen and if allowing dogs into the building would open a door for other animals. The committee would like to contract to state that the rental would be for scent training only, and that there would not be any more than 6 dogs at a time.

iii. Carnival Ideas

Chair Humphries shared his idea of a booth at the carnival to try and attract individuals to sign up for the HRA. Ms. Ryan to create the brochure.

**6. STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Due to the Town of Renfrew not hosting the Bluegrass Festival in the same manner as they have in the past, Ms. Ryan asked if the Recreation Committee could capitalize on that fact and try and bring in a bluegrass band. Ms. Ryan to look into bringing in a band.

A brief discussion on the next dance took place as there was confusion about if there was one. Public Advisory Member Rouble to find out when McNab/Braeside is hosting their dances.

Chair Humphries had Public Advisory Member Adam Knapp speak about security issues that arose at the rink. He proposed that the hall be re-keyed to create zones. A rental key for the upstairs and main hall, a maintenance key for the change rooms not to include the Zamboni room and canteen and a bar key. Mr. Knapp stated that this could be done for about \$1000.00 and the money could come from reserves or general maintenance.

Moved by Nellie Kingsbury  
Seconded by Sharon Bennett

**THAT** Public Works look after the rekeying of the locks to provide better security for users and township liabilities and the money to come from general maintenance.

**Carried**

**7. NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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CHAIR Doug Humphries

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CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough