

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

March 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Humphries called the meeting to order at 9:28 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 Nellie Kingsbury

Seconded by Claire Rouble

THAT the Recreation Committee approve the February 9th, 2023 Minutes.

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

i. Ontario Winter Games

Mayor Bennett expressed that he had nothing as it pertained to figures and will not for another two weeks. It does look like the event was successful, bringing in revenues to the area despite the setbacks of the weather.

ii. Horton Recreation Association

Chair Humphries stated that the brochures that were made in house were good for exposure at the carnival to entice potential volunteers. A booth should be set up again at the Canada Day event to try and gather more names.

- iii. **Fencing Around Ice Surface**
Chair Humphries explained the background to Public Advisory Member Rouble where the goal is to keep pigeons out, and as the erection of the fence deals with working at heights and special skills such as welding, this is not something that volunteers can take care of. Ms. Ryan to ask Manager of Public Works to advertise for someone to erect the fence again.

- iv. **Smart Serve Course**
Ms. Ryan reviewed her report. Discussion about responsibility of the Township took place and the speed in which drinks should be delivered. Ms. Ryan is to draft a report with information on how the township would handle paid bartenders. It was agreed that for external rented events when the bar is requested that there be paid bartenders, and for Horton events that volunteer bartenders be used. Ms. Ryan to put link of Facebook and web looking for people with SmartServe certification.

- v. **Signage for Millennium Trail**
Ms. Ryan had nothing new to report on the sign reflectivity from the county.

- vi. **Rink Ice Update**
Ms. Ryan reported that the rink has had a few more rentals thanks to the weather and a good ice surface. Public Works Manager Adam Knapp predicts that based on the trend in the weather, we will fortunately have the ice for some time. There have not been a lot of rink donations left behind to offset costs.

- vii. **Carnival – March 4th**
Chair Humphries stated we had a small but mighty carnival as the weather was not favourable. He thanked Public Advisory Members Nellie Kingsbury for working hard in getting sponsorships and Public Advisory Member Claire Rouble for gathering a great team of volunteers to cook breakfast and for looking after gathering all of the food. There were just over 70 people for breakfast plus volunteers, and there is food left over for the Canada Day event. There were not enough children who showed up to run the children's games, however that age group were kept busy with the colouring contest, skating on the ice, sleigh rides and having their face painted. Chair Humphries recommended that for next year that if the kitchen is closed with no canteen open, that a pot of coffee be left on for the crew running the sleigh rides. Public Advisory Member Nellie Kingsbury recommended that if we are looking for a magician, we reach out to him early.

- viii. Easter Event – April 8th
Public Advisory Member Claire Rouble stated that she has everything ready for the event. She wanted clarification on the facebook questions that had been asked of her, such as if the even required sign up. She stated that it is a first come, first serve event. Ms. Ryan will get back to the person asking this question on Facebook.
- ix. Trivia Night – April 15th
Ms. Ryan reached out to a few individuals wondering if they would be interested in being emcee for the night and reading out the questions and answers.
- x. Avalon Ranch Hall Use for Dog Training
Feedback from the Heath Unit was positive. As long as the kitchen was closed off so that the dogs were not allowed to roam into the kitchen, the Health Unit advised that this would not affect our inspected kitchen status.

Moved by Nellie Kingsbury
Seconded by Claire Rouble

THAT Avalon Ranch be allowed to train dogs at the community centre for scent training purposes only, that there not be any more than 6 dogs at a time, and to be caged when not being trained.

Carried

- xi. User Fee Update
Chair Humphries explained to the committee that after some thought of the prices decided upon at the last meeting, that they should be revisited to ensure that should it be recommended that we move forward with paid bartenders, that revenues to cover these costs need to be made up somewhere.

Moved by Nellie Kingsbury
Seconded by Claire Rouble

THAT council, as part of the budget process accept the prices for alcohol be changed to the following:

- Corkage from \$4.50 to \$5.00 (incl HST)
- Alcohol (beer/liquor per unit) from \$4.50 to \$6.00 (incl HST)
- Alcohol (cooler/wine/craft beer per unit) from \$5.50 to \$6.00 (incl HST)

Carried

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 a 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:

Public Advisory Member Claire Rouble presented research she did on the Festival of Small Halls. It would provide exposure and not require a lot of man power and would give us the ability to bring in some big names. Ms. Ryan is to bring a report forward.

Public Advisory Member Rouble stated that she was informed that McNab/Braeside is no longer having dances and we are permitted to have ours on the third Friday of the month as previously scheduled. In addition to this, when it comes to the posters advertising the dance, she feels that to entice more people to come, we accentuate this by listing the well-known names of those who are in the band that will be performing.

Public Advisory Member Rouble assisted fellow Horton volunteers who did not have their Food Handlers or who needed to re-take it to sign up with the Heath Unit for the course that was being held locally.

Mayor Bennett expressed that Chair Humphries should talk to former Public Advisory Member Barb Dickson about coming back to the committee. Chair Humphries will reach out to Mrs. Dickson.

Ms. Ryan updated the committee that despite the three attempts made already via email and phone message, there has been no response from the Spinney Brothers to come and perform.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. April 20th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough