

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Recreation Committee Meeting

May 11, 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 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 Nellie Kingsbury

Seconded by Sharon Bennett

**THAT** the Recreation Committee approve the April 20th, 2023 Minutes.

**Carried**

### 4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

#### i. Canada Day

Ms. Ryan asked for a brief update from the committee on the tasks that they were each looking after. Member Kingsbury stated that George Jackson stated they would donate, Member Bennett stated that she and daughter Tammy would look after the 50/50 tickets and that Ellen Eady is willing to be our face painter. Ms. Ryan to ask Clara Gallowan if she is interested in making cakes again this year. Ms. Ryan will reach out to the fire department and has briefly spoke with the Manager of Public Works to see if there would be interest in bringing down a piece of equipment for the children to climb on and learn about. Ms. Ryan stated that she is waiting to hear back from OPG for sponsorship.

#### ii. Tenders

Chair Humphries stated that the tender opening will not happen until next week and therefore has no updates.

#### iii. Smart Serve Course

There have been no new people email or call and state that they are interested in attaining the course. Ms. Ryan also reported that office staff will be attaining theirs by July 1, 2023.

#### iv. Signage for Millennium Trail

Chair Humphries reported that no further action has been taken.

- v. April Dance  
Ms. Ryan reviewed the unofficial financial report. Discussion was had about continuing the dances into the fall. No decision was made. The committee will wait until the June dance is over before deciding to continue. The band to play on the 19<sup>th</sup> is the Brysonaires. Marg Bauer had informed Ms. Ryan that the band does not have a place to play in Quebec any longer, and it may be a good drawing card for us.
- vi. Horseshoes  
Ms. Ryan stated that volunteers Jacques Benoit and Lisa Branje will be starting up Horseshoes again this year. Advertising has been done online with the free section of the weekend paper, on Horton's social media and website as well as the sign at the hall. Chair Humphries would like to know if the volunteers would like to host a tournament. Ms. Ryan to find out.
- vii. Pickleball  
Ms. Ryan stated the Pickleball season has ended. Volunteer Jane Freemark had indicated to Ms. Ryan that there were new people interested and attended the game nights. Ms. Freemark would like to offer the opportunity to play to more people, however, making 2 courts in the hall would mean that players could potentially hurt themselves by running in to the wall as there is no additional space. She would be interested in hosting it two nights of the week, but the lines are created by putting down tape and lifting it at the end of the night.

#### 5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- i. Digital Sign  
Discussion was had about the digital sign. The committee had previously been informed about the digital sign at the budget meeting. The cost to supply and install had been received and was now ready to be presented. The committee agreed that the sign would be nice to have, but it is a lot of money.
- ii. Tables for Monday Morning Craft Group  
Ms. Ryan explained that in the New Year, the Horton Crafting Group donated the revenues of their sales from the 2022 Christmas Craft Sale table. They expressed that they wanted to see this money used to purchase additional tables to their liking. They are looking to increase the number of laminated tables they have as they are more stable for the sewing machines and the material slides smoothly across the table in comparison to the plastic tables the hall currently uses. The committee suggested that they raise more money as they are expensive, and perhaps two tables a year could be purchased. Mayor Bennett stated that the laminated tables that are currently being used were acquired from another location.

#### 6. **STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Ms. Ryan stated that Euchre will soon be over. Ideas of having an event that is something different than what others are having was discussed. Public Advisory Member Bennett asked if Chris Kyte would be willing to host another murder mystery. Public Advisory Member Rouble stated that Ms. Kyte just had a successful one at Renfrew called Death by Chocolate. The fee was \$25 per person, the menu consisted of a small Caesar salad, garlic bread, spaghetti, and a choice of two kinds of chocolate cake. Ms. Ryan stated it would be nice to have a casino night as it was well received in the past, however it would take a lot of work and a lot of volunteers to execute it.

**7. NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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CHAIR Doug Humphries

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CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough