

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

June 8, 2023

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday June 8th, 2023. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Members Sharon Bennett and Claire Rouble. Public Advisory Member Nellie Kingsbury sent regrets. Staff in attendance was Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk– Recording Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Humphries called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 Claire Rouble

THAT the Recreation Committee approve the May 11th, 2023 Minutes.

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

i. Canada Day

Public Advisory Member Rouble stated that Ms. Ryan should not have listed the breakfast items on the poster as there is a chance that the new deep fryer may not be installed. Ms. Ryan stated that she is confident that it will be and felt that all menu items could be served.

ii. Tenders

Ms. Ryan stated that the tender opening was complete, and that the deep fryer has already arrived and is waiting for the awarded contractor to install and certify it.

- iii. Bar

Ms. Ryan stated that she is still working on getting job descriptions and a package together for behind the bar for reference. Ms. Ryan confirmed with Public Advisory Member Rouble the name of the one interested in looking after gathering, stocking the bar but was corrected. There were two different names mentioned, but no contact information could be provided. Ms. Ryan is continuing to try and work on all aspects of ensuring the bar transition moves forward smoothly.
- iv. Signage for Millennium Trail

Chair Humphries reported that he has spoken with Steve Osipenko our CECM who is also a paramedic. He is suggesting that opposite colours than the other trail be used as helpful identifier for the service that may need to help someone in need on the trail. Public Advisory Member Rouble suggested doing the same colour as Arnprior's section of the Millennium Trail.
- v. May Dance

Ms. Ryan reviewed the unofficial financial report. Attendance was greater than other dances and was attributed to the increased attendance because of the band that was playing. The Brysonaires no longer have a place to play in their area, and they have a large following. The cost to bring them in was also less than other local bands. It was felt that the dance is worth continuing based on the revenues. Ms. Ryan stated that it would not look as positive if there were not sponsors attained for the late-night lunch.
- vi. Horseshoes

Ms. Ryan stated that she had checked in with one of the horseshoe volunteers and they were not interested in running a tournament. Chair Humphries agreed that it would take a lot of work.
- vii. Tables for Monday Craft Group

Ms. Ryan stated that she found similar tables requested by the Monday Craft Group to the ones at the community centre online at Uline. The cost of each table is approximately \$275 plus shipping and taxes. There was approximately \$444.00 donated. Ms. Ryan to send information to Debby Johnston, leader of the Monday craft group and ask if the tables found are what they are looking for. If so, they will be ordered.

viii. Euchre Wrap Up

Ms. Ryan stated that Euchre is done for the season. Public Advisory Member Bennett expressed concerns that she had been told about the chairs; that individuals find that the chairs are catching them on the backs of their knees, and that people would like to have arms on their chairs.

Discussion about how this could be rectified without cost was discussed. Ms. Ryan will ask the caretaker to set up the regular tables and all chairs with arms in the fall when the event starts again as a trial run to see if this rectifies any issues.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

i. Fruit Fundraiser

Ms. Ryan asked the committee if the fundraiser should proceed again this year. Chair Humphries stated that a profit was made last year. Ms. Ryan stated that she had not reached out to the fruit farmer yet to get prices on our cost, but that the shipping cost would more than likely increase from last year's price as they were already suggesting that we hire our own truck and driver. Ms. Ryan will start to work on putting things together and ensure information is ready as to take advantage of the tax bill mail out but including a small flyer.

ii. Harvest Dinner

Ms. Ryan asked the committee if there was interest in hosting a Harvest Dinner after Covid and lack of interest in anyone stepping forward to run the kitchen. Public Advisory Member Rouble stated she has been looking after events so far, that Ms. Ryan is to ask Willis Eady.

iii. Craft Sale – December 2023

Ms. Ryan asked the committee if they would be interested in supporting a craft sale for 2023. Public Advisory Member Rouble expressed that it should be held around hunting season. Public Advisory Member Bennett stated that the challenge is that there are many sales on at that time, and yes, it may draw out customers, it limits the crafters that can attend. Public Advisory Member Rouble also felt that the kitchen should not be open for the event as she felt it was not successful. Public Advisory Member Bennett expressed that it's the crafters who appreciate the kitchen is open and there were some members of the public who visited the kitchen. Ms. Ryan stated that perhaps it was the menu items that provided the financial challenge for not breaking even.

6. **STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Public Advisory Member Rouble expressed the increase in cost concern for having to purchase other and more expensive single use items and wanted to know how to move forward with events. For Canada Day it was discussed that real cups and cutlery along with real plates would be used.

Moved by Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Claire Rouble

THAT the Public Advisory Member Rouble purchase cutlery to bring totals up to 300 sets provided none can be found in storage. To be funded from catering.

Carried

Ms. Ryan updated the committee on the recent developments with the GIBC funded project. It was mentioned that in years past for Canada Day a petting zoo had been brought in for the children, and perhaps this is something that could be investigated for next year. Mayor Bennett mentioned that a gentleman used to come and set up trains under the rink roof. Perhaps this could be looked into for next year. Mayor Bennett expressed how he would like to have the bouncy castles set up under the rink roof as they cannot be exposed to wind and rain. Ms. Ryan to ask Public Works to clean up excrement for the event. Public Advisory Member Rouble asked about the fencing unofficial tender that was out. Chair Humphries stated that no one had bid on it.

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular scheduled meeting

i. July 13th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough