

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

September 21, 2023

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday September 21st, 2023. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett, Councillor Glen Campbell and Public Advisory Member Sharon Bennett. Not in attendance were Public Advisory Members Claire Rouble and Nellie Kingsbury. Staff in attendance was Amanda Ryan Admin/Finance Assistant– 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 Glen Campbell

Seconded by Sharon Bennett

THAT the Recreation Committee approve the July 13th, 2023 Minutes.

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

i. Harvest Dinner

Ms. Ryan stated that she had reached out to Willis Eady to see if she was interested in spear heading the Harvest Dinner. She was not interested, however, there was interest in renting the hall for the day that was set aside for the dinner. Ms. Ryan made the business decision to rent it out.

Mayor Bennett talked about a retired military chef who had shown interest previously, but quickly stepped away. He was going to reach out to this individual to see if he would be interested in spearheading the Harvest Dinner.

- ii. Bar
Ms. Ryan updated the committee on the upcoming events that will have to be staffed by bartenders. There remains a search to find more bartenders and a bar manager.
- iii. Signage for the Millenium Trail
Chair Humphries stated there has been no update.
- iv. Horseshoes Review
Chair Humphries reviewed Ms. Ryan's report. No questions were raised. Ms. Ryan thanked the volunteers for taking the lead on running the event for the season.
- v. September Dance
Chair Humphries reviewed Ms. Ryan's report. Ms. Ryan stated that there has been no decision made about if there will be a November dance. Volunteer Marg Bauer and Ms. Ryan discussed paying close attention to the weather to see if there will be bad weather, as it is felt that this hinders attendance.
- vi. Tables for Monday Craft Group
Ms. Ryan stated that there has been no update.
- vii. Fruit Fundraiser Review
Chair Humphries reviewed Ms. Ryan's report. Ms. Ryan thanked the volunteers who helped make the pick-up day fun and successful.
- viii. Land – adjacent property
Chair Humphries stated that the Strategic plan will show if purchasing the land is a plan that should be continued or not. It is just a hope that the land will still be available to purchase should the strategic plan deem it as valuable.
- ix. Craft Sale – December
Ms. Ryan stated that there are a few tables rented for the event. The hope was to put out advertising on social media and the website later that day, if not early the following week.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

i. Fence – between Eady & Community Centre

Ms. Ryan informed the committee of the request of Willis Eady, neighbouring landowner at the community centre. She has requested that the fence that was in place at one time be erected to separate the land again. Discussion was had of a work-bee to take place. Ms. Ryan to ask CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough for a fence map that would have been given to her when looking at purchasing land. Ms. Ryan to ask Manager of Public Works Adam Knapp to gather items that were used for the fence at the time.

ii. Remembrance Day

Ms. Ryan asked the committee if the ceremony should be on the Sunday afternoon before Remembrance Day in years past. No contesting was voiced. Ms. Ryan will send out invitations to dignitaries, work on posters and bulletin, reach out to Burt Virgin and order wreaths. The concern of having food available if the catering ladies do not want to provide was discussed. It was suggested that Sandi's deli be an option for food.

iii. Euchre

Chair Humphries stated that Barb and Arnold Dickson have stepped away from running the Euchre event and there has been no interest in anyone taking over. Public Advisory Member Bennett stated that there really is nothing to it, one just must be responsible for the night. Two people are needed at the door – one person for fees, and the other for 50/50 tickets. Two people are also required for the kitchen. It was deduced that there are people who would help, but not be the lead at the event. Councillor Glen Campbell was going to make a visit with Arnold to chat with him to see what is exactly required.

6. **STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Ms. Ryan stated that Public Advisory Claire Rouble handed in her key before the summer. The individuals calling the office have declared that Ms. Rouble stated that she was quitting. A resignation email was submitted by Public Advisory member Nellie Kingsbury who has decided to leave the committee due to family and health issues.

Moved by Sharon Bennett
Seconded by Glen Campbell

THAT the Recreation Committee accept the written resignation from Nellie Kingsbury.

Carried

Mayor Bennett expressed the opportunity of Horton being the location of “the Mens Shed”. Currently, the group gathers in a location in McNab/Braeside where in which the location is no longer able to be used. Mayor Bennett felt that the gentlemen who volunteers and runs the group would be willing to do the same, but in Horton. A location or building to provide this was brainstormed with no success. Mayor Bennett will ask the gentleman to make a presentation to the group to better understand what Horton can offer him to offer this to the residents.

Councillor Campbell asked of there was a plan to do a volunteer drive reiterating the fact that the existing volunteers are willing to train but do not want to take the lead. Councillor Campbell questioned if there were categories. Chair Humphries stated that a brochure had been made last year and this states the various categories and events of the township.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. October 12th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough