

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

ICE RINK PROPOSAL

AUGUST 2, 2006

There was a meeting held to continue the discussion of the proposal from Canada Rink Factory to build an indoor ice rink at the former Horton Public School. All Council Members were present. Also present were Bill Kerr, Dave Barker and Peter Goodman of Canada Rink Factory, Jim Deslaurier and Jim Miller of the 2nd Ice Pad group from Renfrew and Doug Miller of the Renfrew Jr. B hockey organization.

Reeve Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Mr. Kerr. Mr. Kerr introduced his two associates. Dave Barker is the facilities manager and would be responsible for all programming arrangements with the end users. Peter Goodman is project manager and Dave reports to Peter.

Mr. Kerr advised the 2nd Ice Pad group and the Junior B representative that they urgently need input from the user groups, i.e. minor hockey, ringette, figure skating, broomball etc. He explained that there must be a three way partnership consisting of the Canada Rink Factory, the Township and the end users for this project to proceed, and they have been trying to get the input from the user groups and have not been successful. At the request of Jim Deslaurier, he reviewed his company's management model. He was also asked who his business partners were and he advised that the three people present, plus Baylan Building Co, who construct the building, Inchon which supplies the rink supplies, boards, netting, glass etc., Simcoe Ice Plants who design and build the ice plants for most arenas in Canada and Weight Developments who are responsible for construction management.

There was a discussion on the ice rental rates now charged by Renfrew for the various user groups and what the ice rent would be at this new rink. Doug Miller asked if Horton would be charging an additional user fee charge on top of the ice rental fee. Councillor Bob Kingsbury said that there has not been any discussion on this. Bill Kerr said there would be no additional charge by Horton. If there was a charge it would be included in the ice rental amount and the Company would reimburse Horton for their fee. He reviewed the arrangement for a \$9.12 user fee by Beckwith Township which is included in their ice rental rate. He added that Beckwith believe they will cut their \$100,000 user fee payment to Carleton Place by 66%. Councillor Don Eady said there is a user fee agreement between Renfrew and Horton now. We will need approximately \$25,000 per year as our share of this project and we hope this money will come from a new user fee agreement that would be negotiated with Renfrew, as their residents will use most of the ice time.

Mr. Kerr noted that before the company moves forward, they have to have a commitment for 75% of the ice time rentals. Jim Miller informed the people present that it appears the 2nd Ice Pad group and the Pool group in Renfrew will be joining together as one group. They have recently approached Town Council and they believe they have support for a second ice pad and pool by 2012. As he wasn't representing minor hockey, he could not advise if minor hockey would want to wait for more ice time until 2012.

Jim Miller asked if minor hockey fundraised money to make a donation to the Canada Rink Factory would there be a reduction in ice rental cost for the group. Mr. Kerr said he had not been asked this question before. After thinking about it for a few minutes, he said that it comes down to how fast will the fundraising monies be available as he already has his funding in place.

Deputy Reeve Bob Hall asked when Council has to advise the School Board we want to purchase the school. Councillor Eady said by August 25. Deputy Reeve Hall asked if there was enough time to arrange an agreement with the rink company. Mr. Kerr said he needs input from the user groups this week. Peter Goodman asked for assistance from the group representatives to contact the user group executives. Bill Kerr asked Council to give them one more week to make these contacts. He will advise Councillor Don Eady August 9th or 10th.

Mr. Kerr suggested that the formal part of this meeting be adjourned and that his group will continue discussion individually with the group representatives from Renfrew.

Reeve Johnston declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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CAO/CLERK