

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 20, 2005**

There was a Recreation Committee meeting held at the Community Centre on Thursday, October 20, 2005. Present were: Recreation Committee Chair Bob Kingsbury; Sub-Chairs: Reeve Robert Johnston, Deputy-Reeve Bob Hall, Councillor David Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Ralph Miller, Natalie Atkins, Paul and Theresa Lonergan, Recreation Committee Member Barbara Dickson and Rose Curley, Secretary. Also present was Peter Bowles, Horton Township resident.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION - Peter Bowles

Peter Bowles was present to discuss various sports activities that could be available within Horton Township. He gave a brief background on his experience through work and his involvement as a soccer coach and property manager for the Renfrew Soccer Organization. He offered his assistance with researching different alternatives and recreation activities within the Township. After discussion, the Committee asked him if he would Chair a new Sports Sub-Committee. He agreed to be Co-Chair. The Committee will check with members of the former Horton School Committee to see if they would be interested in joining this new Sub-Committee. A second co-chair will be appointed once the full sub-committee has been formed. The first task of the new Sports Sub-Committee will be to carry out a recreation needs assessment indicating the types of recreation and activities that Horton residents would like to see in the community. Also, Natalie Atkins was asked to prepare an ad regarding this survey and also to give the information to Rose Curley who will make arrangements to have it on the Horton Township website.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

4. REVIEW MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2005, RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the September 22, 2005 Recreation Committee Meeting.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- SuperBuild Extension - application sent in, awaiting reply

Chair Kingsbury noted that an application for the SuperBuild Extension has been completed and we are waiting for a response.

- Township's insurance policy - covers liability for bar workers

Chair Kingsbury reported that the current Township insurance policy covers liability for volunteers who help run the bar at the community centre.

- Poker Tournament - check out possibility

Natalie Atkins reported that she has been in contact with someone who would like to run poker tournaments at the Community Centre. After discussion, the

Committee agreed that Natalie could report back to her contact with the proposal that he could run a trial tournament and split the proceeds equally with the Recreation Committee. This would give the Committee a chance to see how much revenue would be generated from sales of alcohol beverages, drinks and snacks before they make a further commitment. Natalie is to report back to the Committee once she has discussed this proposal with her contact.

6. COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Property Report
 - Inside Building
 - Outside Building

Councillor Bennett gave a brief property report on the inside and outside buildings. He noted that the propane tanks have been secured and he has made 4 carts for transporting the chairs. Also, he showed the Committee a design layout for a "Horton Community Centre" sign that would be placed on the outside of the building over the front entrance. The CAO will be requested to call TransWorld to get a quote on the cost of this sign.

Also, we are to check with the CAO to seek confirmation that we can have the three flag poles from Horton School for the community centre and to make arrangements to pick these up.

- Maintenance Sub-Committee - David Bennett, Chair
 - schedule work day

After discussion, the Committee agreed to meet at 8:00 a.m. on November 19, 2005 to clean the cloak room and the upstairs room.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bar Sub-Committee - Ralph Miller, Chair

Ralph Miller, Chair of the Bar Sub-Committee gave a brief report on the events held since the last meeting.

- New Year's Eve - 40th Wedding Anniversary Booking

After discussion among the Committee, it was agreed that enough people would be available to operate the bar for a 40th Wedding Anniversary Booking on New Year's Eve. Rose Curley was asked to call the renters and let them know that this night is available.

- Entertainment/Fundraising Sub-Committee

- Mario Magic Show - coming to area in March 2006

Chair Kingsbury reported that he has been informed that a company that puts on the Mario Magic Show will be in the area in Spring 2006. After discussion, the Committee agreed that this would be a good event for the children in the community and we will look into what dates are available for this show.

- Special Events Sub-Committee for Recreation - Paul and Theresa Lonergan, Co-Chairs

Paul and Theresa Lonergan, Co-Chairs of this sub-committee noted that there was nothing to report for this committee.

- Public Relations Sub-Committee - Natalie Atkins, Chair

Natalie Atkins, Chair of the Public Relations Sub-Committee gave a brief report. She noted that she has placed an ad for the community centre in two phone books. After discussion, the Committee authorized her to place a classified ad in the local paper to advertise the hall for people looking to hold Xmas events i.e. office parties, etc.

- Rentals & Kitchen Sub-Committee - Sharon Bennett, Chair

- rental rates/form - additional policies/rules added

Sharon Bennett, Chair of the Rentals and Kitchen Sub-Committee gave a brief report.

Chair Kingsbury noted that there have been some additional policies/rules added to the rental contract.

- request from Renfrew Pipe and Drum to use hall for practice sessions

After discussion, the Recreation Committee agreed to accept the rental proposal from the Renfrew Pipe and Drum to hold their weekly practices on Tuesday at the community centre and in return they will help the Committee with various events i.e. card parties and their band will play at events when requested by the Committee. They will be asked to practice on a different evening if the Community Centre is booked for the evening of their regular practice.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- Update and Preliminary findings re: Renfrew County Physical Activity Plan

Chair Kingsbury noted that there was correspondence passed out to the Committee with their meeting info which outlined the preliminary findings on the Renfrew County Physical Activity Plan.

- Sale of former Community Centre property

Councillor Johnston reported that we have sold our former Community Centre property for \$36,500. The purchaser is also interested in buying the kiosk and the ball diamond fence. After discussion, the Committee decided to have Council research the cost of moving the kiosk and fence and erecting new ones so that they could determine a price for the sale of the requested items to the new owner. Their findings would be reported at the next committee meeting.

- Euchre

After discussion, it was noted that the Committee will be starting euchre in mid-November.

- sale proceeds from the former Community Centre property

There was discussion as to what should be done with the money received for the sale of the former community centre property. After discussion, the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Paul Lonergan
Seconded by Ralph Miller

That the Recreation Committee recommend to Council that the \$36,500.00 received for the sale of the former Community Centre be put back into Township General Reserves.

Carried on Division.

Opposed: Chair Bob Kingsbury

- Boat Launch

Paul Lonergan asked how much had been raised through donations in the box at the Horton Township boat launch. Chair Kingsbury noted that \$140.00 had been received so far this summer. Paul Lonergan suggested that we could look at other alternatives of raising revenue at the boat launch. For example, we could check with a local vendor who sells live bait and supplies and ask if he would sell boat launch passes for the Township in exchange for selling his own goods at the boat launch. After discussion, the Committee said that they would investigate the possibility and whether it was feasible for the Township to do this.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, November 24, 2005 - 7:00 p.m. at the community centre.

9. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Theresa Lonergan
Seconded by Natalie Atkins

That the Recreation Committee pass this confirming resolution to validate any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Committee Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Robert A. Johnston

That the Recreation Committee adjourns this meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY