

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
January 19, 2006**

There was a Recreation Committee meeting held at the Community Centre on Thursday, January 19, 2006. Present were: Recreation Committee Chair Bob Kingsbury; Sub-Chairs: Reeve Robert Johnston (7:15), Councillor David Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Ralph Miller, Peter Bowles (7:10), Paul Lonergan and Rose Curley, Secretary. Also present was Committee Member Barbara Dickson and Councillor Don Eady of the Finance Committee..

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATION OF PIN

Chair Kingsbury presented a SmartServe pin to Sharon Bennett and congratulated her on completing the course.

4. REVIEW MINUTES OF DECEMBER 08, 2005, RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the December 08, 2005 Recreation Committee Meeting.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Ad in paper for Community Centre Rental

The Secretary was requested to check with Natalie Atkins, Chair of Public Relations Committee, to see if an ad could be put in the upcoming local papers to advertise our community centre in the "coming events" section. It was also suggested that we have cards made up for our community centre rental and leave these at local businesses for handouts.

6. COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Property Report - Inside/Outside Building

Councillor Bennett gave a brief property report on the inside and outside buildings.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Sports Sub-Committee

Peter Bowles, Chair of the new Sports Sub-Committee gave a brief report. He reviewed the sports survey that will be inserted with the interim tax bills and will be made available on our web site for completion. He noted that after the results are received his committee will meet and review the surveys to determine the recreational needs for our Township. After discussion, several minor revisions were made to the survey.

Moved by Paul Lonergan
Seconded by Peter Bowles

That the Recreation Committee agrees to send out the recreation survey composed by the Sports Sub-Committee in the upcoming tax bills and to include it on the Township web site with a completion date of February 28, 2006.

Carried.

- Bar Sub-Committee - Ralph Miller, Chair

Ralph Miller, Chair of the Bar Sub-Committee gave a brief report on his committee.

- Entertainment/Fundraising Sub-Committee

Chair Kingsbury noted that there have been two inquiries from the community in regards to joining the Entertainment/Fundraising Sub-Committee. He will follow up with these people.

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

There was nothing new to report for this sub-committee.

- Public Relations Sub-Committee - Natalie Atkins, Chair

There was no report for this sub-committee. The Secretary was requested to place an ad for the Euchre parties in the local papers under "coming events".

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

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

- request for hall rental to hold poker games

After discussion and review of a call made to the Gaming Commission (OLGC), the Committee agreed to turn down the request for rental of the community centre to hold poker games.

Moved by Ralph Miller
Seconded by Peter Bowles

That the Recreation Committee turn down the request from Andrew Dick to hold poker games at the Horton Community Centre.

Carried.

- request for free use of hall - March 04, 2006 - to hold dance as part of community Fishing Derby

The Committee reviewed a request from organizers of a Castleford Charity Fishing Derby to have free use of the community centre to hold a charity dance as a finale to their fishing derby. After discussion, the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Paul Lonergan
Seconded by Ralph Miller

That the Recreation Committee agrees to accept the request from organizers of a Castleford Charity Fishing Derby to have free use of the community centre to hold a charity dance as a finale to their fishing derby. The proceeds of this event will be donated to local charities. The Recreation Committee would receive all proceeds from the bar.

Carried.

- Maintenance Sub-Committee - David Bennett, Chair

Councillor Bennett, Chair of the Maintenance Sub-Committee gave a brief report. He noted that the letters that were donated for the new community centre sign won't work with this type of sign. The cost for new letters could be in the \$1300 range. He is checking out several options and will report back at the next meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- request from George Thompson for Recreation Committee to write Renfrew County School Board re: snowblower, rink boards

The Committee reviewed the above request and referred it back to Council.

- Boat Launch Fees

The Recreation Committee discussed several options for the implementation of boat launch fees.

Moved by Peter Bowles
Seconded by Don Eady

That a mandatory fee of \$2.00/launch be charged for use of the Township boat launch. This fee would be placed in the steel contribution box at the launch. Seasonal passes can be bought at the Township office for a \$20 fee/season. A sign stating these mandatory fees will be erected at the boat launch property.

Carried.

- Budget Update

Chair Kingsbury reviewed the proposed 2006 Recreation budget with the Committee. Councillor Don Eady of the Finance Committee provided input into the draft budget. After discussion and a few revisions the Committee agreed to take a proposed 2006 recreation budget of \$53,400.00 back to the Finance Committee.

- Draft report - Renfrew County Physical Activity Strategic Plan

The Committee reviewed the results of the draft copy of the Renfrew County Physical Activity Strategic Plan.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, February 16, 2006 - 7:00 p.m. at the community centre.

10. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Sharon Bennett
Seconded by Ralph Miller

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 David Bennett
Seconded by Robert Johnston

That the Recreation Committee adjourns this meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Carried.