

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 19, 2007

There was a meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Thursday April 19, 2007. Present were Chair Robert Kingsbury, Tim McDonald, Valerie Miller, Ralph Miller, Barb Dickson, Ray Beimers, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, and Councillor Dave Bennett

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2007

The Committee Members reviewed the Minutes of the March 22, 2007 Meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sports Sub-Committee – Peter Bowles Chair

Mr. Bowles was not present. Chair Kingsbury presented the following items, Rink Construction, Ice Surface. Councillor Bennett said the base will have to be constructed with pit run (granular B), leveled out, graded and compacted and then several inches of white stone aggregate will be placed on top. However, it will be two to three weeks before the ground is hard enough to let us bring trucks on to the property.

Rink Boards

The Committee agreed that they would try to cover the cost of the rink boards and construction through the sale of sponsorship of boards. Cost of the construction was discussed, that it may take upwards of half of the \$25,000 grant. There may not be enough funds this year to construct the rink and the change building, if that is the case, an option would be to use an Office Trailer as a temporary use. Seventy-five percent of the Grant is to be expended by June 30, 2007. There was a suggestion that we may have to purchase the boards and have them installed and sell advertising over the next three or four years, in order to recoup the cost.

Chair Kingsbury suggested that we need to advertise for a contractor now. The Committee authorized Mayor Johnston and Councillor Bennett to draw up the specs for the boards and provide them to the CAO/Clerk who will then advertise the quotation.

Badminton Nets and Holders

Chair Kingsbury said he has a request from a young lady for the Committee to set up two Badminton Courts. The area inside the hall is approximately the same size as a school gym. The lady will then organize Badminton Tournaments. Chair Kingsbury has investigated costs, the net is fairly inexpensive at \$50.00, however, the stands are upwards from \$905 a pair.

Councillor Bennett felt that the stands could be manufactured locally, cheaper. The Committee authorized the Township to purchase the nets and to investigate the manufacture of stands.

Beach Volley Ball

Chair Kingsbury said the Mayor Johnston and Councillor Bennett walked the Community Centre property and several locations for Beach Volley Ball were suggested. The latest location is between the end of the septic field and the creek. Councillor Kingsbury noted that there are no funds in the budget this year for equipment rental to construct the beach

volley ball area. It was suggested that we put together the cost of bulldozer rental, trucking, drainage pipes, 6 x 6 posts etc for the next meeting, to see what costs are involved and if opportunities for donations by companies would be available.

Bar Sub-Committee

Ralph Miller, Chair, reviewed the several Stag & Does that are coming up, noting that he has been in touch with the OPP and they will do a walk through. He asked where the drink machine is? The CAO/Clerk will check. Ralph discussed that the Rental Forms are not completely filled out, there are times that phone numbers are not included, and whether or not a bar is required is not ticked off.

Entertainment/Fundraising Sub-Committee

Tim McDonald Chair, said that the Spring Fling is now organized, he will meet with Leona Warren to discuss advertising. He will also speak with Sharon Bennett later about the kitchen use for that event.

Councillor Kingsbury said that the same girl who asked about Volley Ball also asked about teen dances as there is no outlet for 14 – 17 year old young adults. The Committee Members expressed some concern and noted that there would be need for parental chaperons, definitely no alcohol would be permitted outside. The young lady is to be asked for more information on the type of event that is required.

Special Events Sub-Committee

Chair Kingsbury informed the Committee that the Canada Day Organization Meeting has been held, they discussed food and activities, there was a vote by the people present to hold Canada Day Breakfast on Canada Day being Sunday rather than the day before – Saturday. The Firemen have agreed to help out. Ralph & Gladys Miller will operate the front door. Sharon Bennett said her Kitchen Group have met and have a list of food organized. They want a list of volunteers available, the popcorn machine will be available. They have one more meeting to put things together. Chair Kingsbury noted that Norman Eady will, again, supply Maple Syrup for pancakes.

Public Relations Sub-Committee

Leona Warren, Chair, was not present.

Rentals & Kitchen Sub-Committee

Sharon Bennett, Chair, said she was not able to meet with Chair Kingsbury to discuss a revised Rental Contract. Chair Kingsbury said that he has advised the Office to add \$50.00 for cleaning to every booking now until the Committee does meet and discuss the issue of major maintenance to the floor after each event. He suggested that we can not take a loss on renting out the Hall. There were major scuff marks on the floor after a rental last Sunday to a Hockey Banquet (334 marks on the floor, from the new wheelie shoes).

Maintenance Sub-Committee

Councillor Bennett informed the Committee that we need new 2 x 4s for the stage and suggested that instead of 2 x 4s we use one inch HSS tubing so that it locks down, he will get a price. He is also concerned with the floor and the finish on floor that is allowing marks to happen. He would like to bring in two flooring contractors for advice on what to do with the floor. He has been in contact with a supply company in Pembroke who gave him the name of a product that is harder, it is actually machined in and six layers must be on the floor. The price to do 3,000 square feet was \$1,200. Chair Kingsbury added that the product on the floor is what the manufacturer recommended. Councillor Bennett said he will explore this issue further and possibly speak to people at the Renfrew Recreation Centre for some ideas on their floor.

Chair Kingsbury said that Norman Eady suggested having a cover made for the piano because it is getting marked up, he has asked Mrs Kingsbury to make a cover.

Councillor Bennett said that the steel has been ordered for the outside sign. The parking lot lights will be installed shortly with Valley Automation assisting. Chair Kingsbury added that the yard needs to be graded when the roads are up to standard.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Renfrew Recreation Meeting – April 17 Cancelled

Chair Kingsbury announced that we have a date for a rescheduled meeting on May 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the upstairs Boardroom at the Recreation Centre.

Caretaker Job Description – add lawn cutting approximately 200 hours

Chair Kingsbury reviewed the Caretaker Job Description. He informed the Committee that Council suggested adding all the lawn cutting the Township does, approximately 200 hours per year to this Job Description. It was agreed by the Committee to add this. The Committee Budget is \$3,000 for the Rink, \$5,000 for the Hall plus grass cutting. It was agreed that the hourly rate for this contract would be \$10.00 per hour.

Valerie Miller informed the Committee that a volunteer is prepared to build a grain table, would the Committee cover the cost of materials. Chair Kingsbury said that he has already met with this gentleman and there would be funds in the budget for materials. Valerie Miller asked if the Township has discussed the possibility of purchasing a defibrillator for the Community Centre? The Committee briefly discussed this, noting that it was a major item, approximately \$5,500. Money would need to be included in future budgets.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be May 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

8. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Sharon Bennett

That this 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ray Beimers, seconded by Valerie Miller

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk