

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 22, 2007

There a meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Community Centre on Thursday February 22, 2007. Present were Reeve Robert A. Johnston, acting Chair, Councillor Dave Bennett, Arnold Dickson, Barb Dickson, Valerie Miller, Ralph Miller, Randy Corbin, Tim MacDonald, Natalie Atkins and Sharon Bennett (from 7:10 p.m.).

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

3. FIRE CHIEF CORBIN – FISHING DERBY

Chief Corbin was present, representing the Fire Association, who are sponsoring the meals during the Derby and Winter Carnival to be held at the Community Centre Saturday March 3, 2007. The Fishing Derby will be held at the Ottawa River near Thompson Road. Valerie Miller confirmed that games at the Community Centre will start at 10:00 a.m. and be finished shortly after 4:00 p.m.

At 4:00 p.m. the people fishing will come to the Community Centre for their prizes. There will be a dinner with a dance following. Chief Corbin noted that the Association has been preparing to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner during the event. Valerie Miller said that this is what they are looking for. There was discussion about how many potential people could be at each meal. Valerie Miller was asked to secure the number of people who attended last year. The bar will be open at 1:00 p.m.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Bennett referred to item 8, the OPP patrolling during events, and asked if there was any contact with the OPP yet? The CAO/Clerk, acting Secretary, said that he was not aware if it had been done. The Secretary was directed to send the calendar on a monthly basis to the Janice Sawbridge, Community Policing Officer of the OPP in Renfrew.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sports Sub-Committee

Peter Bowles is still in Afghanistan with the Canadian Forces. It is hoped that he is back in early March. It was noted that the sports equipment has now been delivered. Chair Johnston suggested that someone purchase several basketballs and volley balls from Walmart. It was noted that Larry Rawn has purchased two basket balls and is donating them to the Community Centre.

Bar Sub-Committee

Ralph Miller, Chair, asked if there is still money in the draft Budget for a person to coordinate the activities at the Community Centre. He suggested that this person would become the Business Manager, who would be responsible for the operation of the building and the property. This would include public relations, advertising and bookings. The draft Budget was reviewed and it was noted that there was \$5,000 in the budget for a caretaker and \$2,000 for janitorial. A job description would be required to develop this position.

Alcohol Policy

Ralph Miller said that he had reviewed the Alcohol Policy and was ready to make comments and asked if there were copies available for others? As there was not, the

Committee agreed that his copy with his notes would be given to the Secretary to be copied and given to all members for review at the next meeting.

As part of the policy Mr. Miller asked if the law has now been changed to allow people to take drinks into the Washroom, to protect them from the hazard of date drugs. The CAO/Clerk was to review the Licensing Website to see if the changes have been made.

Entertainment/Fundraising Sub-Committee

Tim McDonald, chair of this Committee discussed the Fishing Derby. He asked if they could use the upstairs Hall, over the kitchen, for a supervised Air hockey Table and other games during the Fishing Derby. After discussion it was agreed they could not, as the room is not handicapped accessible and is therefore not considered a public area.

Tim asked if the Entertainment Committee could have a 50/50 draw during the Carnival? The CAO/Clerk said that he would prepare a License for that purpose. He discussed the Magic Theatre Production which was a potential fundraiser for May 3, 2007, however, they have now learned that two days before this the Lions Club in Renfrew are bringing in a different Act and they believe they cannot compete at this time.

There was discussion on covering initial costs for the Carnival. Valerie Miller confirmed that several people are buying items with their own money. The CAO/Clerk said that this was not right as this was a Township event. After discussion the following resolution was passed.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Barb Dickson

That the Committee creates a \$200 float for the Horton Winter Carnival Event.

Carried.

Tim MacDonald also said he is working on a Fun Fair to be held in late Spring or early Summer and there are a few other events that are under consideration but it is too early in the planning stages to report at this time.

Special Events Committee

There was no Committee Member present to report.

Tim Macdonald asked when does the Committee start to prepare for the Canada Day events? The CAO/Clerk said that his understanding was that Chair Bob Kingsbury was starting this upon his return from his winter holiday in early March.

Public Relations Sub-Committee

It was announced by acting Chair Johnston that Natalie Atkins has "retired" as the Public Relations Chair. Leona Warren has volunteered to take this role on.

Moved by Arnold Dickson, seconded by Sharon Bennett

That Leona Warren be appointed as Chair of the Public Relation Sub-Committee.

Carried.

Rentals and Kitchen Sub-Committee

Sharron Bennett, Chair, asked when the Township is getting the new card tables? Councillor Bennett said that it is in the draft Budget. After discussion on whether the Committee can go ahead and order these tables before the Budget is passed, the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Sharon Bennett

That the Recreation Committee recommend to Council that the Committee be authorized to proceed and purchase the new card tables that are set out in the draft Recreation Budget.

Carried.

It was noted that the cost of the tables is coming out of the money that was raised through Euchre.

Maintenance Sub-Committee

Chair Bennett noted that the outdoor lights will not be ready until mid-March. He also added that they would need to get an edge around the Rink to protect skaters during the Carnival as there is one area where there is a drop-off and there are rocks. Natalie Atkins agreed.

Acting Chair Johnston suggested putting a snow bank around this piece of the property. Valerie Miller suggested bales of straw would work. Natalie suggested that this would be good for sitting on around the Rink as well. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Norman Eady to see if he would donate or sell bales for this purpose.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Town of Renfrew Response re: Recreation User Fees

Chair Johnston, read the letter from the Town of Renfrew Recreation Department dated February 18, 2007, which rejected our request to enter into a User Fee Agreement only for children 18 years of age and younger. Acting Chair Johnston explained the concern that the Township has is that some adult people are not reimbursing the Township for the user fee. There was an understanding, five or six years ago, that the Town would assist us and ensure that if the fee was not paid then the user would not play sports the next year until it was paid. However, that is not happening now and there are upwards of thirteen users in 2005 who have not paid and more in 2006.

There was discussion on what would happen if we did not have an agreement. The CAO/Clerk said that the users would have to pay a 20% surcharge on top of the user fee which currently is \$91.00 and we are waiting for the 2007 rate. He suggested that the Committee may want to consider going this route with the provision that we reimburse the 18 year olds and under, noting that we will be reimbursing it at 120%. He did a review of this and we would still save approximately \$2,000 on the overall cost of user fees compared to last year.

Natalie Atkins said that she would support this as she has witnessed the effort involved in controlling and tracking the user fees. She would estimate that this added \$5,000 to the cost of Administration a year. Councillor Bennett suggested that we meet with the Renfrew Recreation Committee to explain our position before any decision is made by this Committee. The Committee members agreed.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee agreed to meet March 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Centre.

8. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Sharon Bennett, seconded by Natalie Atkings

That the 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 will not be set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Valerie Miller, seconded by Arnold Dickson

That this Recreation Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carried.

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