

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

There was a meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Wednesday September 19, 2007. Present were chair Bob Kingsbury, Leona Warren, Carl Warren, Sharon Bennett, Norman Eady, Arnold Dickson, Barb Dickson, Valerie Miller, Larry Rawn, Ralph Miller, Dave Bennett and Tim MacDonald.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2007 AND RINK SITE MEETINGS AUGUST 7 & 22, 2007

Committee members reviewed the July 19 and August 7 & 22 Committee Meeting Minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Newspaper advertisement thanking Canada Day Volunteers – done

Thank you to Stuart Nicholson – done

Pepsi Machine – has been filled

Heritage Radio – has been requested for advertising possibilities and we are awaiting a response

Work Bee September 22 – to be cancelled and rescheduled

Hot Water Tank – Councillor Bennett said that he has explored three options. We basically need 5.2 gallons of hot water per minutes and the only system that will provide this on a consistent basis is a propane instant heating system – cost about \$2,400 installed. Propane lines would have to be brought around the building. It would be best to keep the electric heater for other occasions. There are several gas contractors who would bid on this job. The Committee agreed that we need more hot water as it runs out very quickly.

Moved by Arnold Dickson, seconded by Tim MacDonald.

That the Recreation Committee recommends to Council that they request a quote for a Propane Water Heating System for the Horton Community Centre.

**Carried.**

Ralph Miller informed the Committee, that sometimes as Bar Tender, he sees caterers washing dishes – are they permitted to do this, as he understood that they took their dirty dishes home? The bar workers have no idea what is going on in the kitchen. Sharon Bennett will consider putting up a sign “No Grease down Sink” etc.

5. DELEGATIONS

Marilyn Delarge – Presentation of Trophy in Memory of Wayne Delarge

Mrs Delarge offered to supply a Trophy for the Euchre Parties for most lone hands in a year. Arnold Dickson noted that Norman Eady has also donated a Trophy for the most points in a season. Mrs Delarge offered to help assisting on Euchre Nights. The Committee expressed their appreciation to Mrs Delarge for donating this Trophy and also to Norman Eady for his donation.

Mike Martin – Youth Group Use of Community Centre

Mike Martin did not attend the meeting.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Sports Committee – Peter Bowles, Chair

Peter Bowles was not present. Ralph Miller noted that there are reports in the recent Renfrew Paper that Renfrew Soccer is having difficulty getting coaches and it may cease. Do we still want to develop a soccer pitch? Chair Kingsbury said, at the next meeting, he

will ask the Committee Members to develop a ten year capital forecast. This would be part of that study. He also noted that we would need more land from Norman and Willis Eady.

Bar Sub-Committee – Ralph Miller, Chair

Mr. Miller reported that there were no big parties recently, except the Country Dance, which is gaining in popularity. The CAO/Clerk noted that there is a booking September 22, 2007 requesting the Bar from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, which is outside the regular bar hours. Copy of the Rental Agreement is to be forwarded to Mr. Miller.

There was discussion on when the summer help will end – which will be the end of September. Chair Kingsbury asked Mr Ralph Miller as Bar Chair, if he would take over responsibility for stocking the Bar? Mr. Miller said yes.

Entertainment / Fundraising Committee – Tim McDonald, Chair

Tim McDonald reported that he has bands booked for the third Friday of September, October and November for a County Dance. He has a question about a December Dance as the third Friday would be four days before Christmas. Tim was asked to check with Councillor Don Eady about a joint Dance / Volunteer Dinner that night. Tim said that on November 3, 2007, there is a Dinner/Theatre with Lawrence Mahusky and Occasions Catering. Ticket prices are being determined. On October 28, 2007 there is a Halloween Party for Children in the afternoon.

Tim asked what the process would be to organize Basketball and Volleyball for teenagers? Chair Kingsbury said that an organizer should organize this and request the use of the Building through the Municipal Office.

Special Events Sub-Committee – Robert Kingsbury, Chair

Chair Kingsbury said that there are no Special Events planned except the November 11 Celebration, and Councillor Eady is organizing this.

Public Relations Sub-Committee – Leona Warren

Mrs Warren asked for copies of the dates of the special events and dances, which Tim McDonald will email to her. Valerie Miller noted that the Community has installed a Bulletin Board at the Mailboxes at the former Castleford Store, community events can be posted there.

Tim McDonald asked when the next Tax Bills are going out so he could add a tax insert of future announcements and he was told it would be in January 2008.

Rentals and Kitchen Sub-Committee – Sharon Bennett, Chair

Mrs Bennet said she would like an updated list of names and email addresses for all Committee Members. It was noted earlier that Norman Eady is donating a trophy for euchre. The euchre working group have decided to donate a small version of the trophy for the winner to take home.

Chair Kingsbury asked Mrs Bennett to review the Rental Prices that are being quoted by the Office.

The CAO/Clerk said that a request has been received for a Dog Obedience Classes for eight weeks on Saturday mornings – after discussion, the Committee agreed that they did not want dogs in the building.

Maintenance Sub-Committee – David Bennett, Chair

Mr. Bennett informed the Committee that Ontario Hydro have a grant program similar to Bell Canada, which we were successful in obtaining for the rink. We have to agree on a project that is needed by the Community Centre. \$25,000 would be the amount of the grant. After discussion the possibilities would be covering the rink, a new sports field and a storage/change building for the rink. It was agreed by the Committee that the application would be for a Storage/Change Building for the Rink. This information will be provided to Deputy Mayor Hall, who will coordinate the application.

Dave Bennett reported on the Outdoor Rink. Now with the crushed dust surface it can be used for summer events. Lighting will go into blocks that are located beside the rink boards now, which can be removed and used elsewhere if a cover is put over the Rink.

Mr. Bennett noted that two weeks ago an opportunity to purchase a tractor type zamboni came up in the I-Sell Magazine. It was located in Georgetown at a price of \$1200, he canvassed Council and it was purchased. It is now sitting at the Public Works Garage.

The Committee Members said that the size of the Rink is very impressive and noted that are lots of good comments in the community about the Rink.

Dave Bennett noted that to construct a Storage/Change Room we would need to include washrooms, heated storage for the zamboni and extra storage for sports equipment. He suggested that \$25,000 would be tight to construct a building of this size. Sharon Bennett noted that we cannot forget that there is a need also to purchase card tables.

Moved by Ralph Miller, seconded by Sharon Bennett

That the Recreation Committee apply for a Hydro One Grant for a Storage/Change Room for our Community Rink.

**Carried.**

Mr. Bennett reported on the outside lights. He is to finalise with Valley Automation to have the lights installed.

The Committee authorized Dave and Sharon Bennett to research the price of card tables again, as the current card tables are not sturdy enough.

Mr. Bennett noted that the rink boards will not be painted this year, on the recommendation of the pressure treated wood Company. Also the plastic strip that goes on the bottom of the rink is in stock but will not be put on until after the rink boards are painted next year.

7. FINANCE

Budget to Actual Report

Chair Kingsbury presented the Budget to Actual and pointed out several accounts. He asked the members to familiarize themselves with this report and bring it back to the next meeting for discussion on a 2008 Draft Budget.

There was discussion on the need for a caretaker, now that the summer student is leaving, and the Township has a rink. Chair Kingsbury will develop an advertisement.

2008 Draft Budget

Chair Kingsbury asked the members to be prepared to put 2008 draft budget numbers into the Report for the next meeting.

Ten Year Capital Forecast

Chair Kingsbury said this is where the Committee determines if we want ball soccer fields etc., including extra property. Larry Rawn suggested that we plan out first what sports we want and then plot them on a diagram of the property to see where the sports fields will be put. The Committee agreed

8. RENFREW RECREATION COMMITTEE – MEETING TO DISCUSS USER FEES

Chair Kingsbury reported that Greater Madawaska Township has informed Renfrew Recreation Committee that they will no longer pay user fees for adults as of January 2008. A meeting to discuss this has been arranged for October 11, 2007 at 9:00 am and Horton has been invited to attend this meeting. Chair Kingsbury and the CAO/Clerk will attend.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Tim McDonald noted that the youth have asked to a slipperier floor to hold a teen dance. Chair Kingsbury said he and Mr. Bennett are investigating waxing requirements.

Larry Rawn reported that people have mentioned they would be interested in forming a Dart League similar to the old Community Centre Dart League. Chair Kingsbury said that there would be need for the boards and floor mats.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Wednesday October 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Chair Kingsbury noted that he will be away on that date and Dave Bennett agreed to chair that meeting.

11. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Tim McDonald, seconded by Ralph Miller

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

**Carried.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sharon Bennett, seconded by Valerie Miller

That this Recreation Committee Meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk