

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 10, 2008

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Monday, March 10, 2008. Present were: Chair Bob Kingsbury; Sub-Committee Chairs Sharon Bennett, Tim McDonald and Ralph Miller; Committee Member Valerie Miller; and members of the public Gladys Miller, Lindsay Miller, Pat Weiland and Tara Roffey.

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 by members of the Committee.

3. Tara Roffey – potential volunteer for sports director

Chair Kingsbury welcomed Tara to the meeting. He gave a brief outline of the Committee and its sub-committees and their various roles. Also, he outlined the various outdoor and indoor recreational activities the Committee is hoping to carry out at the rink and the community centre. He noted that the Committee would appreciate Tara as a volunteer for sports directing should she chose to join and offered the Committee's help should she require it.

4. REC USER GUESTS

Chair Kingsbury noted that a letter had been sent out to delinquent user fee participants inviting them to attend this committee meeting. This was to allow them to address their reasons/concerns for non-payment of the mandatory recreation user fee imposed by the Town of Renfrew for outsiders who participate in their recreation programs. None of these participants accepted this invitation.

5. MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2008 MEETING

The Committee reviewed the Minutes of the February 11, 2008 Meeting.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

- Report on Rec User Fee meeting with Town of Renfrew representatives

Chair Kingsbury reported on the above meeting. He noted that it was a cordial meeting and the Town agreed to try and reduce the number of delinquent users by insisting that participants pay the Horton user fee up front before they join a Renfrew program. Hopefully, this would allow Horton to continue their Recreation agreement with the Town of Renfrew.

- Pipe Band useage of Community Centre for band practice

Chair Kingsbury noted that a response had been received in regards to the rental fee for band practice at the community centre. The band will be using a local school for their practice. He will request that the CAO asks the band member for the community centre key and that the band remove any equipment they are storing at the community centre.

- Summer Day Camp Program

The secretary noted that an application has been completed for two subsidized day camp positions through Summer Jobs Service, Algonquin College. One position is for day camp leader at \$12.00/hour and the other is for day camp assistant at \$10.00/hour. The program would be for 12 weeks – June 16 to August 22, 2008.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Sports Sub-Committee

- exploring the option of constructing a dome over the outdoor rink

Chair Kingsbury reported that Council has discussed the possibility of constructing a dome over the outdoor rink. This would increase the useage of the rink as it will be better protected from the weather elements.

- Bar Sub-Committee

Ralph Miller, Chair of this committee gave a brief report.

- Entertainment/Fundraising Sub-Committee

Tim MacDonald, Chair of this sub-committee gave a brief report. He noted that both the winter carnival and the fishing derby were successful. After discussion, committee members noted that this seemed to be too much activity for one weekend and next year we should consider having them at separate times.

After his report, Pat Weiland noted that she would be interested in joining this sub-committee. The committee agreed and welcomed her as a new member.

- Public Relations Sub-Committee

There was no report for this sub-committee.

- Rentals & Kitchen Sub-Committee

Sharon Bennett, Chair of this sub-committee gave a brief report. She noted that extra coat racks were needed for the community centre. Chair Kingsbury authorized her to go ahead and purchase these as well as two new coffee makers.

- Maintenance Sub-Committee

There was no report for this sub-committee.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- Caretaking Duties – community centre

The committee reviewed the duties of the caretaker for the community centre. After discussion the following caretaker duties were outlined:

- o He will open the hall to show to renters/potential renters.
- o For day rentals – he will open and close.
- o For evening rentals and decorating purposes he will open the hall and disarm the alarm. The renter is required to pick up the key at the municipal office prior to their event and hand in to bar staff at the end of the event. The bar staff will accept the key and set the alarm. Renters are responsible for setting up and taking down.
- o He will open the hall and set up for Horton events.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was set for Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre.

10. CONFIRMATION

Moved by Ralph Miller
Seconded by Tim McDonald

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

Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sharon Bennett
Seconded by Valerie Miller

That the Recreation Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY