

**THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009**

There was a meeting of the Recreation Committee held at the Horton Township Municipal Chambers on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Present were: Chair Bob Kingsbury, Councillor Dave Bennett, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Gladys Miller, Tim McDonald, Valerie Miller, Sharon Bennett, Leona Warren, & Ralph Miller, Program Manager Julie Hawley and Guest Presenters Valerie Miller and Liz Wolfe.

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 15, 2009 Recreation Committee meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 15, 2009 Recreation Committee meeting.

4. Business Arising:

Julie Hawley provided a brief update on the progress of Bonnie Keefe's talent show, and Scott Humphries' Arts Initiative. It was noted that we have yet to pick up Doug Campbell's cooler unit, a donation to the Community Centre.

5. Guests'; Valerie Miller and Liz Wolfe (Nellie McEwen memorial bench)

Ms. Miller presented a brief history of Nellie McEwen, who passed away in recent years. The Town of Renfrew has forwarded to the Township of Horton, a sum of money (\$1 117.00). This money has been set up in a fund to go towards purchasing a comfortable and lasting bench. A maintenance free natural garden will be set up to commemorate Nellie's love of gardening, and the importance of having a spot to sit and enjoy nature's view. It was agreed that Valerie would co ordinate with Julie Hawley to accomplish this goal.

6. Julie Hawley – Program Manager's Report

The Program Manager gave a report on existing programs and the possibility of hosting a hockey tournament in January 2010. Julie will be concentrating on trying to attract local businesses to rent the community centre for Christmas functions, and is pursuing a meeting date with Jim McBain, a specialist in security issues. She stressed the importance of our paper work, and our collection system for various funds generated by the community centre's events.

It was agreed to accept Tim McDonald's offer to set up an on line link from the Horton website to a Horton Community Centre website, where we could advertise upcoming programs, events, and maintain an updated calendar. This offer will save the Recreation Committee a \$200 set up fee through the township's webmaster. If this is not agreeable to township staff, the \$200 will come from the general budget, not the recreation budget. It is hoped that Tim's offer will save the township's money.

7. Sub-Committee Reports:

Sports Sub-Committee

- Unpaid 2008 Recreation User Fees

There are two unpaid user fees, down one from last month. Julie Hawley will notify Renfrew Recreation that these two will not be covered under the agreement for 2010.

- Update on 2009

Julie Hawley is in frequent contact with Renfrew Recreation, and Renfrew has agreed to send potential Horton registrants to our township office to purchase a User Fee card before they can register for any Renfrew Recreation activities.

- Fall schedule for shuffleboard, volleyball, hockey

Shuffleboard will commence on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> and will run from 7:00pm 8:30pm. Competitive volleyball will follow shuffleboard, starting at 8:30.

- Rink Cover Update

It was reported that we are waiting on soil samples to be completed, and then we can move forward with the quotes we have.

Bar Sub-Committee

Ralph Miller, Chair

Ralph Miller requested that Julie Hawley provide an Incident Log Book for the Bar. It was also noted that the fan doesn't work, and he was advised to borrow one of the fans from the kitchen

Entertainment/Fundraising Sub-Committee

Tim McDonald, Chair

Tim McDonald reported a \$58.00 profit from the September 18<sup>th</sup> Country Dance with the Brysonaires. Bands are booked for both October and November dances.

Moved by Sharon Bennett; seconded by Leona Warren

That the Recreation Committee, on the advice of the Entertainment Chair, Tim McDonald hold separate dances for the volunteers and the Horton township staff in the month of December.

Carried.

Consequently, there will be a volunteer appreciation dance on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December and the regular Country Dance on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

- Harvest supper fundraiser update (Val Miller)

Valerie Miller reported that she has 9 volunteers, and that the baking is taken care of. The vegetables will be from McGregor's produce, and we are trying to secure local beef from a butcher. Natalie and John Atkins from Rocky Mountain House are helping us get prepared in the kitchen. Tim McDonald will volunteer a DJ service to have music for the event. The event will be an advertised fundraiser for the rink cover, and will happen on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Mayor Johnston; seconded by Chair Kingsbury

That the Recreation Committee will not open the bar facilities for this Harvest Supper.

Special Events Sub-Committee

Chair Robert Kingsbury

It was noted that the Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Julie Hawley will have to advise Councillor Don Eady that Barb Dickson will not be serving tea/ coffee on this day.

Public Relations Sub-Committee

Leona Warren, Chair

Leona will advertise for the aforementioned events on October 16<sup>th</sup> (dance) and October 17<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper. There will be no advertising for the volunteer dance on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Rentals & Kitchen Sub-Committee

Sharon Bennett, Chair

Sharon Bennett informed the Committee that Arnold and Barb Dickson will no longer be volunteering at the dances, and Valerie Miller will no longer be volunteering for euchre nights. Sharon needs some relief from all the kitchen duties, Julie Hawley will continue to try and find volunteers for the kitchen for these events. Sharon has indicated that she may have to step down from the Chair position in June 2010 if there are no new regular volunteers to help out. Sharon asked if Julie Hawley could call Mark Lambert and verify the details on Smart Serve training and volunteers. Specifically, do kitchen volunteers need this training.

Maintenance Sub-Committee

David Bennett, Chair

A thank you letter will go out to Rilla St Michael for her excellent job on resurfacing the floor at the community centre. Councillor Dave Bennett noted that the leaks in the roof have been fixed, and there will be repairs to the building inside, notably the ceiling upstairs, and on the wall above the door leading to the bar and washrooms.

- Revenue and Expenditures

The Committee reviewed the Revenue and Expenditures Report. Julie Hawley gave updates and a brief explanation of the changes that have been carried out. The changes helped to put the monies in their proper place, so as to more accurately reflect the revenues and expenditures.

8. Other Business

Councillor Dave Bennett expressed that he would have liked to have been informed of the process that was happening with the Nellie McEwan fund that has already been accepted and set up. He noted that it was a project that should have received approval from council. Julie Hawley apologized for having taken these steps without council approval.

It was also noted that we must find a way to shorten subsequent meetings.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.

10. Confirmation Resolution

Moved by Sharon Bennett; Seconded by Dave Bennett

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to cover any actions or decisions given during the open portion of this Committee Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law of resolution.

Carried.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Ralph Miller; Seconded by Tim McDonald

That the Recreation Committee meeting adjourns at 9:00 p.m.

Carried.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY