

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
RECREATION COMMITTEE
JULY 13, 2011

There was a meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday July 13, 2011. Present were Chair Margaret Whyte, Mayor Don Eady, Robert A. Johnston, Dave Bennett, Arnold Dickson, Barb Dickson, Tim McDonald, Ralph Miller, Gladys Miller, Sandy Black, Valerie Miller. Staff present was Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk and Kathleen Rogers, Acting Receptionist/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Margaret Whyte called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of Pecuniary Interest by the members of the committee or staff.

3. MINUTES OF June 15, 2011

Chair Whyte briefly reviewed the June 15, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes, which have been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- SPORTS SUB-CHAIR AD

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren said that the Ad for Chair of Sports was in the paper this week. It was requested that it be put in again next week.

- UNAUTHORIZED LONG DISTANCE CALLS AT COMMUNITY CENTRE – CAO/CLERK TO REPORT

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren reported that he has spoken with Noron's regarding the security system and they do not require a long distance number to connect with the security company. It is an 800 number and does not require long distance so the Mr. McLaren may cancel the long distance coverage if the abuse continues.

- FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND - VERN BARR CALLED TO SAY BBQ WAS NOT PROCEEDING

CAO/Clerk reported that the application was sent to the Public Health Unit for coverage but in the end Vern Barr called to say that the Family Fishing weekend would not be proceeding.

- RECREATION SERVICES WITH THE TOWN OF RENFREW – COUNCIL APPROVED THE COMMITTEE'S SUGGESTION TO MEET WITH RENFREW TO REVIEW.

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren reported that the Council has approved the committee suggestion to meet with Renfrew to review the user fees. Mayor Eady & Chair Marg Whyte will set up a meeting with Renfrew and whoever is our new Chair of Sports will attend with them.

- HALL CLEAN UP AFTER MAJOR EVENTS.

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren reported that Nelson St. Michael has agreed to clean up the hall after each event and put away the tables and chairs to prevent unnecessary damage for a fee of \$50.00 per event over and above the \$250.00 monthly fee he already receives.

5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Robert A. Johnston requested the Beach Project be Added to the Agenda under Other Business. Valerie Miller would like the V.I.T'S added to the agenda.

Moved by Dave Bennett

Seconded by Arnold Dickson

That the Recreation Committee approve the agenda for the July 13, 2011 meeting.

Carried

6. DEPARTMENT REPORT

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren said he received a complaint this past weekend from Rilla St. Michael about the use of Confetti or metallic party sprinkles depicting Happy Anniversary, Happy New Year or Happy Birthday. They are very hard to clean up and would like the wording in our Rental agreement to reflect that they are banned on all occasions.

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren reported that the Niagara Fruit is our next fundraiser and we will have to prepare for this Kathleen Rogers called Lakelee Orchards this week but they requested that we call back in 2 weeks (July 25) as they cannot give us the appropriate information on prices, packaging and delivery as of yet. Their growing season is about two weeks behind this year. Last Year the fruit was delivered on the 22 of August and we had no advance notice of delivery.

Chair Whyte wanted to know what our course of Action is. Valerie Miller said that we call all the past customers on our list to get orders and give prices. Dave Bennett said that we should have everything delivered to the fire hall so that we have easy access and he will bring a fork lift for easy loading and unloading. He said that it was very difficult last year taking everything into the community centre, dividing and then having to carry it back out. Tim suggested that we make calls from community centre as some people were getting confused by people making calls from their home numbers.

Kathleen Rogers will call and get exact prices and packaging info and a delivery date. She will make up an order sheet and scripted instructions to follow when phoning so we all give the same information. We will set up a calling list, get approximately 6 volunteers calling- Bailey Rogers, Kathleen Rogers, Marg Whyte and Sandy Black will call. Office staff will do some calling. We will contact the Fire Chief to see if we may use the fire hall on delivery day. Ralph and Gladys Miller will collect payments on delivery day. When placing our final order we should get a couple of extra cases to compensate for damaged fruit.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chair Whyte noted that Jennifer Barr, Finance Manager is still working on our annual budget so there is no report yet. Ms. Barr will spend time distributing and renaming accounts so we will be able to identify them more clearly.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

At present there is no Chair for Sports. An ad will be in this week's paper.

BAR SUB-COMMITTEE

RALPH MILLER, CHAIR

Ralph Miller reviewed the Alcohol and Gaming Commission newsletter. It says that security personnel must be licenced. He has made arrangements for 2 people to help him out this weekend as he has a young band and is worried about rowdiness. Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk will send an email to OPP Staff Sgt. Colin Slight asking for increased patrols of the parking lot to curb drinking from parked cars.

FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE

VALERIE MILLER, CHAIR

Valerie Miller asked if Carol Sulpher will be continuing with the VIT's, as she is moving from Horton. Valerie Miller will call and check with her.

Valerie Miller said she would like to have an appreciation day for VIT's where she would give them certificates, do a little tye dying and make VIT t-shirts and have hot dogs for lunch. Cost should be minimal. Kathleen Rogers has a tye dye kit. She will look into buying some inexpensive t-shirts. Valerie Miller asked if we had any budget for this. Kathleen Rogers said she did not know but the committee agreed that we should proceed and find the money.

The committee wanted to know how much profit was made from the charitable auction last summer. CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren suggested contacting Rick Lester as he is now looking after the Castleford Cemetery. The auction was put on by the Castleford Cemetery and the proceeds were going to help them pay for upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. Valerie Miller said that she will contact Rick Lester to see what the end results were.

- SPAGHETTI SUPPER PROFIT & LOSS

The Martin Cemetery Spaghetti Supper was very good. The delicious spaghetti sauce was made by Paul Ouellette.

	Income	\$915.00
	Expenses	\$584.41
Profit		\$350.59

- BLUEGRASS BAKE SALE PROFIT & LOSS

Very good turnout, next year Valerie Miller would like to sell tea. she had 3 great VIT to help for the weekend and had a \$100.00 charitable donation.

Income	634.40
Expenses Vendor Fee	\$ 64.00
Profit of	579.40

- CANADA DAY PROFIT & LOSS

Very good Turnout 554 adults served 54 children 40 volunteers
Volunteer help was amazing as always from Horton.

Income	\$5569.00
Expenses Vendor Fee	\$ 2460.49
Profit of	3108.51

A possible donation of \$500.00 may be coming from Arnprior Scotia Bank and Sylvia Giroux.

- GOLF TOURNAMENT MEETING

CAO/Clerk tried to contact Sheri Sexton to inquire about the golf tournament she offered to plan. He was unable to make contact. Mayor Eady said that there are too many Golf Fundraisers active at this time and doesn't think now is a good time. Kathleen Rogers will contact Ms. Sexton and discuss this further.

- MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT (NEED ORGANIZER)

Darlene Joyce has planned several of these and we just need to contact her to get some details. Valerie Miller will contact her and see if she will come to a Recreation meeting to explain it to us.

- HORTON TOWNSHIP'S SUMMER FAIR

This is a very involved and great event filled idea that will be better organized if we wait till next year when Valerie has time to rest and rejuvenate.

TELETHON

Chair Whyte has contacted Sherry Stevens and is going to sit down with her to discuss the possibility of a fundraiser telethon. She has successfully planned several before. Chair Whyte said that she has heard this can be a very expensive venture but she will investigate further.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

DAVE BENNETT, CHAIR

- DRAINAGE UPDATE

Dave Bennett reported that the drainage issues cannot be tackled in July as the Community Centre is booked every weekend so the best available work week would be August 8 – 14. Fulton's has the retaining blocks. Kathleen Rogers will let Jamey Larone and Glen Campbell know that this timeline has been changed.

The Expo 150 tree has been planted at the community centre and mulch has been added around it. It looks good. The tree was donated by The County of Renfrew for their 150 celebration.

ENTERTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

TIM MCDONALD, CHAIR

- JUNE DANCE PROFIT AND LOSS

Brysonaires entertained to a full house.

Income	1204.25
Expenses	828.50
Profit	375.75

Next dance is scheduled for September 16, 2011 the Brysonaires. Valerie Miller asked if we would consider hiring Ray Kholsmith & Friends seeing as they gave their services for free for the potato bar and everybody loved the entertainment. Tim McDonald noted that our two most popular Bands are the Countrymen and The Brysonaires. He asked that we advertise for these dances for at least 2 weeks in advance in Horton Corner and on Heritage Radio – free community events will advertise 8 days in advance. We need to check to see how many spots we have remaining with the radio station. It was recommended that Mayor Eady and Chair Whyte will pay a visit to Heritage Radio and speak with the new director Bill Parker who has joined Heritage Radio. They will check to see if we may exchange advertising for free lottery licensing fees.

Moved By Robert A. Johnston

Seconded by Arnold Dickson

That representatives of the Recreation Committee contact Heritage Radio to review our advertising in exchange for free lottery licence arrangements.

Discussion

Dave Bennett recommended that we advertise during a specific program every day, we could sponsor a spot like Rob Jamieson's Barnyard Breakdown.

Carried

It was recommended that we get some hanging signs to attach to our Horton Road signs that can be changed during each event we offer. Dave Bennett will check into the cost of this.

Tim McDonald would like to host another Bluegrass Event and asked Robert A. Johnston how much it would cost for the Spinney Brothers. They could be out of our price range. He will meet with Arnold Dickson & Bob Johnston to see what they can arrange.

Tim MacDonald would like to host a Fall Market in September under the Rink Roof. We would invite local vendors to come and sell their wares and produce. We will pick September 3, 2011, so as not to interfere with the fair date. Hours will be 7:00 am to 1:00 p.m. we will advertise for vendors in the Horton Corner in August.

We will have to check pricing to see if we will charge by vendor or by table and if we will supply the tables and how much we will charge. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea and said that he may go ahead and plan.

Tim MacDonald would like his website hortonrecreation.com put in our Horton Corner and on our website www.hortonrec.com Tim would like to hear feedback and comments. The committee agreed this would be good.

KITCHEN SUB-COMMITTEE

CHRISTINE BIDGOOD-HENDERSON, CHAIR

Chair of the Kitchen was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

ANN LIMLAW, CHAIR

- SUMMARY OF EVENTS TO BE ADVERTISED / WHERE
Niagara Fruit Order in August
September 3, Fall Market & Craft Fair

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
These were addressed in the financial report.
- BOAT LAUNCH FEES – MEMBER COMMENTS

Boat Launch fees process discussed. Many options were suggested. Dave Bennett said the system the Hospital has in place for parking fees would be perfect for our boat launch. This would have to be investigated further if we were interested in their system. Chair Whyte and Valerie Miller volunteered to take turns collecting fees and selling passes at the boat launch. CAO/Clerk will draft up a letter that can be distributed to users.

- SOUND SYSTEM – USEAGE & FEES

It was suggested that the committee charge a rental fees for the use of the halls Sound System. If requested for a speaking engagement such as a meeting then we would charge a fee of \$25.00. If it was for karaoke night or music related event then we would charge a fee of \$50.00. The money from these rentals would go into a separate account to cover the replacement cost of the system when it either gets old or breaks. We also need to label the micro phone to try to prevent it from disappearing.

- BEACH PROJECT

Robert A. Johnston would like to know what is happening with the beach project. He will donate time to help complete the project but he cannot do it by himself. Fencing- Chair Whyte wanted to know what kind of a fence we were putting up. Would the fence be to keep beach goers off of the Ballantyne's and Welsh's property?

Mr. Johnston would like to see the ground asphalt graded and he will coordinate after the July 20 Public Works meeting. Chair Whyte noted that there has been no funds allocated in this year's budget for this but maybe they can find some for next year. Mayor Eady asked that this be added to the Public Works agenda for the next meeting.

We need to follow up with Mike Welsh re: Beach access to our Road.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held Wednesday September 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

11. CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION

Moved By Barb Dickson

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 or resolution.

Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Arnold Dickson;

Seconded by Val Miller

That this Recreation Committee Meeting be adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Carried

Chair

CAO/Clerk