

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON  
**Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
Sept 4, 2014

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Present was Chair Robert Kingsbury, Dave Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Val Miller, Robert A. Johnston, Barb & Arnold Dickson. Staff present was CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren & Kathleen Rogers Recreation Program Manager. Absent were Steve Osipenko & Ralph Miller.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kingsbury called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 pm

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was none.

**3. COUNCILS PROPOSED ACTION TO THE BEACH COMM. REPORT**

Recreation Chair Robert Kingsbury called the committee together for a special meeting to discuss Horton Council's proposed action to the Beach Committee's Study of the property located at 5234 River Rd.

Chair Kingsbury reported that council discussed the study at their September 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting. Councillor Larone moved to sell the property, the motion was not seconded. Chair Kingsbury requested the opportunity to present council's views to the recreation committee before proceeding with the resolution and Council agreed. Chair Kingsbury reported that Council was meeting tomorrow morning Friday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to discuss and receive Councillor Larone's resolution on selling the property at 5234 River Rd. for \$90,000.00.

Dave Bennett asked if a residence could be put up on the property and is any of the property above the flood plain. CAO/ Clerk Mackie McLaren reported that an Appraiser valued the property at \$40,000 as he considered it to be water access only. He said that a building 46' wide could be built as long as it is above the flood line. The Beach Sub Committee did not have the flood plain question in their terms of reference so it was not addressed in their Report. This flood plain question needs to be answered.

It was also noted that waterfront lots are not plentiful in Horton Township and all developable waterfront lots start at \$150,000.00 and \$90,000.00 is too low of a price to ask if we are to sell this land to build up recreation reserves.

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren noted that there are two ways to sell the land; Set a price or tender. We will need an additional appraisal if a building site is found near the River's edge and a Public Notice.

It was noted that Councillor Larone wanted this issue settled in this term of council.

It was asked if the Councillor Larone had given reasoning for wanting to sell the property. It was noted that he felt it was not a safe property and did not want to see the Township held liable should there be a mishap. Dave Bennett recommended that council put this decision to sell the property on hold until it can be determined if the property is developable

and above the flood plain and he requested that a second appraisal be done.

Bob Johnston asked if one was able to request permission to speak at the special public meeting. CAO/Clerk noted that you need a majority vote of council to be able to speak and that a written request must be received 7 days in advance. It was also noted that it is not possible to request permission to speak 7 days in advance as the meeting was just set 2 days ago. It was noted that Beach Study Committee representative Sandy Black has already requested permission to speak. Dave said that he would speak on the recreation committee's behalf if given the opportunity. He will speak with Sandy Black tonight to review her concerns.

It was noted by recreation that a committee was formed and requested to do a lengthy study of Councils terms of reference, which was completed very thoroughly by the beach study committee and recreation feels that council has completely ignored the beach committee's work and recommendations.

All members have agreed to attend Friday mornings meeting at 8:30 to hear councils decision.

**4. NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday September 17, 2014 - 4 p.m.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Robert A. Johnston

Seconded by Barb Dickson

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Carried

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CHAIR

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CAO/Clerk