

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Beach Sub-Committee

December 5, 2013

There was a Meeting of the Beach Sub-Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Thursday December 5, 2013. Present was Chair Mackie McLaren, Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Margaret Whyte and Sandy Black. Staff present was Kathleen Rogers, Recreation Program Manager. Absent were Ralph Miller and Steve Osipenko.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McLaren called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest expressed by Members of the Committee or by Staff.

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2013 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair McLaren asked the Members to review the October 23 Meeting Minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Appraisal – Farrell’s Landing

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee Members that the appraisal was submitted to Joel and Sherri Elliott, owner of the property the Committee Members were to investigate as a potential municipal beach/park. The Elliott’s have rejected the appraisal and the agreement with the Township has been terminated. The deposit cheque is being returned at this moment.

Draft Survey

The Chair presented a list he prepared of the survey questions suggested by the Members since the October Meeting. Three members submitted sample questions. The Members reviewed the questions and the following comments were made:

- Do we ask how many people are in a household and age ranges
- People respond to quick and easy simple surveys
- Short introduction should be included
- The survey should only contain 5 or 6 easy questions. People are not going to read a book or write a book in response
- Have a comment area
- Options should be given to response over the internet, by drop off or by mail back
- Some basic financial data/costs involved
- We haven’t determined actual costs to develop or operate yet
- Market the property as “natural park” or “trail”.
- Include a question on holding the property but not developing at this time.

The question was asked if there was a 911 number created for the beach property off River Road. The Chair will investigate.

An additional suggestion was to get a report on population to assist with analyzing the survey results.

After further discussion, the Committee Members accepted the following survey wording:

*The Township owns property on the Ottawa River located at 5234 River Road, formerly part of the old Timbertown property. A sub-Committee is currently in the process of considering a beach/picnic area in the Township.*

*Would you and/or your family members enjoy having access to a beach/picnic area in Horton Township on the Ottawa River:*

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe? \_\_\_

*This project could be developed and maintained largely with volunteer and/or in kind services. Would you be interested in volunteering or providing in kind services to enable this project to become a reality?*

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*Would you be in favour of Horton Council proceeding toward the development of a Beach/Park facility?*

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*How many people are in your household?*

*Ages: 0 – 5 \_\_\_ 6 – 12 \_\_\_ 13 - 25 \_\_\_ 26 – 50 \_\_\_ 51 and over \_\_\_*

*Would you like a town hall meeting on this topic? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_*

*Please provide your comments:*

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*You may respond to this questionnaire from our website, by dropping it off at the Municipal Office or by mailing it back.*

*Thank you for you for providing your input.*

The Members agreed that the survey should not be sent out with the February Interim Tax bills but with the landfill card mail out at the end of December.

The Chair asked the Members to provide any final comments on the survey wording by December 11. A copy will be provided to Council for their input.

## 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair briefly reviewed the outstanding terms of reference.

## 6. MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

The following people provided documents:

Steve Osipenko – reported on all his assigned tasks

Margaret Whyte – reported on the costs to develop the property and on annual maintenance costs.

## 7. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The members agreed to meet January 14, 2014 at 9 am.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Margaret Whyte, Seconded by Robert A. Johnston that this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Carried.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY