

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
Recreation Committee Minutes
January 12, 2015

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Monday January 12th, 2015. Present was Chair Robert A. Johnston, Vice Chair Glen Campbell, Dave Bennett, Val Miller, Barb Dickson, Arnold Dickson & Ralph Miller. Staff present was Kathleen Rogers, Recreation Program Manager. Absent were Mayor Robert Kingsbury and Sharon Bennett. Other spectators present were Lane Cleroux, Kirby Morrison, Carol Ann Flannery and Gladys Miller.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert A. Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Dave Bennett declared pecuniary interest on the Andy Kenopic delegation on the CN trail Grant as he was hired by the Sno Goers to make and install the new gates for their grant.

3. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF THE January 12th, 2015 AGENDA

Ralph Miller asked to add the hall rental agreement under other business. Chair Johnston welcomed Lane Cleroux and Kirby Morrison as spectators to our meeting and Carol Ann Flannery as a delegation. He introduced everyone on the committee to our new guests.

4. DELEGATIONS –

7:05 Carol Ann Flannery– re: Sunday March 15, 2015 Fundraiser.

Carol Ann Flannery introduced herself as an Actor and a Director. She writes and presents short skits or plays to a group or organization for fundraisers. Her short skits have paired well for a dessert fundraisers or Dinner Theatre. She proposed that she could write a play for us for a dinner event around St. Patrick's Day. It would be held on Sunday March 15 and as it is going to be a Baked Potatoe Bar Dinner she will focus it on the Great Potatoe Famine. She usually takes half of the gate proceeds. It was discussed that we would require more than half to cover our expenses. If the cost was \$15.00 at the door it could be a 3 way split between play, food and Horton. She would arrange for her own actors and all are local. She pays her performers \$25.00 per production. It will be a stage production and Councillor Campbell noted that it would be nice to make a dedication on the stage to initiate it as this would be the first official acting performance since the stage was installed. Carol Ann agreed that she could do that. The play would be 45 minutes long. Bob Johnston thanked Carol Ann for her presentation and she left at 7:20 and discussion ensued amongst the committee, they like the idea and discussed the timing of the event and the schedule for play and dinner. Val Miller was asked to bring back details on the event hours, play start time, meal time. Eg. Act 1, supper and then 2nd Act and then dessert or have the play and then have supper, 2 – 6 pm? Val Miller will bring back a plan to the next meeting.

7:20 Andy Kenopic – Sno Goers Grant Deadline Gates on CN Trail - must be completed by March 15 for their final submission.

Dave Bennett Declared pecuniary interest on this discussion as his company Marshalls was hired to make the gates for the CN trail Project. Kathleen Rogers noted that Mr. Kenopic was to come and discuss the issue of installation of the gates on the CN trail but failed to show up for the meeting. Kathleen Rogers asked Dave to elaborate on the project that needs to be completed before March 15, 2015 so the Sno Goers can meet and complete their Grant requirements. Dave noted that the gates are wider than the raised section of the trail and more gravel needs to be put on the trail to widen it to allow for proper gate installation. He contacted Fulton's and they will truck the gravel to the sites. Dave Bennett will tell Fulton's where to put the Gravel. It was noted that the amount of the Townships commitment to this project was supposed to be \$4100.00 and that amount has been reduced by the OFSC to \$1322.00, so that leaves \$2778.00 available to address the gravel installation which is expected to not exceed \$1500.00. Dave Bennett assured the committee that the project will be completed by the March 15th deadline.

5. MINUTES OF December 10, December 22, 2014 & January 7, 2015

Chair Robert A. Johnston reviewed the December 10 & 22 minutes previously approved by council. He also reviewed the January 7 minutes not yet approved by Council in which the committee agreed to hire Daryl and Katherine Mathieson and Clean Tech Janitorial to clean the Community Centre and Rink facility till the beginning of September 2015. The contract and position will be reassessed at that time.

Dave Bennett briefly discussed that we will need to add one more fundraising event to be directed solely to the Operating Budget. We need one big boost of \$20,000.00 to start. We have the new addition and we have agreed to fundraise for this, we need to increase revenue to help pay down the debt borrowed and financed from the Townships reserve funds, to be paid back over the next ten years.

It was recommended that we organize a meeting with Steve St. Michael ASAP to pursue the idea of having an outdoor music event this summer. The committee discussed timing and other events being held in the area. It was suggested that we permit overnight camping facilities so that people will not be drinking and driving. Bob Johnston noted that our property is too small, we are looking at purchasing more property in the future but right now we do not have it. If we have an event we will have to get permission from Willis Eady to use her field for parking as we do for Canada Day.

Moved By Dave Bennett

Seconded by Barb Dickson

The Recreation Committee accepts the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Recreation Meeting.

Carried

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Chair Robert A. Johnston reviewed the financial statement with the committee. It was very brief as we are just starting a new year. Ralph Miller asked if the Recreation Program Manager found out what the balance was in the Ice Pad Fundraising revenue, Kathleen Rogers reported that there is \$2935.00 in this account. Mr. Miller thought that the amount was higher around \$4500; Dave Bennett said it was probably referring to in kind donations. Ralph Miller asked what the total debt is remaining on the Rink Roof Structure. Recreation Program Manager Kathleen Rogers said that she did not have those figures but would ask

the Treasurer for the numbers. The committee has completed five years into their ten year fundraising agreement.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

RINK HOSE

Dave Bennett reported that he would pick up the new rubber rink hose in Ottawa this week.

TENDER REC 2014-02- CLEAN TECH JANITORIAL ACCEPTED

It was reported that the committee hired Clean Tech Janitorial to clean the Rink Building and the Community Centre at a cost of \$23.00 per hour for two people cleaning. The contract will run to Sept. 2015 when the position will be reassessed.

REC COMMITTEE – Moving Forward – New Members

Chair Robert Johnston welcomed Lane Cleroux and Kirby Morrison and thanked them for taking an interest in the Recreation Committee meeting, he told them that we are looking for new members to fill vacancies on our committee and to look for new volunteers to bring new ideas and renewed energy to the recreation committee. Chair Johnston asked the gentlemen what they could bring to the committee. Mr. Morrison noted that he is very busy with work plus personal and family commitments, but that he has a strong interest in the Township and the success and growth of recreation in the community, being a young father of two. He could commit to monthly meetings and offer feedback from a younger generation's perspective. Lane Cleroux said that he also has many commitments but that he too has a vested interest in the community and is presently assisting in volunteering at the Rink facility. He has enjoyed assisting in the last major fundraiser and would like to be involved in other fundraising activities and he could also offer new skill sets and ideas to the committee.

Kathleen Rogers noted that she had two other parties contact her to say they were also interested in becoming part of the committee, Andy Kenopic and Jen Fortin. Andy did not attend the meeting but is very involved with the SnoGoers Club. Kathleen noted the Jen Fortin is a very strong volunteer and has taken on organization of the Children's Christmas Party and has been involved in several other fundraising activities. It was noted that there are only two vacancies to be filled on the committee we cannot add a ninth without taking it to council first, but we welcome new volunteers.

Valerie Miller said that she is getting worn out and that she has been mentoring Jen in hopes that she will take over the fundraising end of events. She is a very friendly and outgoing individual and would be an asset to the committee. Val said that she would like to retire in six months. She can mentor Jen for the next six months and then she would step down and let Jen have her seat on the committee. She will continue to volunteer when needed but does not want to be responsible for organizing many of the fundraisers. The committee liked this idea.

Moved By Arnold Dickson

Seconded by Val Miller

That the recreation committee recommends to council to appoint Lane Cleroux, Kirby Morrison and Jen Fortin to join the Recreation Committee for one year. Jen will study under Val Miller as her replacement in six months. Jen Fortin will not be a voting member till Val Miller has officially resigned.

Carried

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS-

Kathleen Rogers requested names for this year's nominations for the Ontario Honors and Awards Secretariat, Volunteer Service Awards. The recommendations received were Randy & Karen Corbin, 10 years, Darryl & Josee Eady, 5 years, and Penny Jamieson, 5 years, Robert A. Johnston 60 years for the adult nominations and Amy Headrick 2 to 4 years for the Youth nomination.

GRANTS-

Kathleen Rogers reported that we have been successful in receiving funding from the Enabling Accessibility Application prepared by Rose Curley on our behalf for a Vertical Platform Lift for the Horton Community Centre stage. There will be a photo opportunity on Wednesday January 14, 2015 at 4 pm. The amount we will receive is \$12,318.00. The quote for the lift is \$18,950.00.

CARNIVAL –

The Kitchen Staff have requested that the children's dance be cancelled for the day so they won't be dancing above the heads of the volunteers preparing breakfast in the Kitchen for the winter carnival. Kathleen Rogers reported that she spoke to Melissa Friske and requested that she hold the dance lessons in the new storage room beside the stage to accommodate the kitchen volunteers and the dance participants. She also noted that there are 45 children registered for dance who come every Saturday with parents and siblings so you are potentially turning away a minimum of 90 people who would attend the carnival. They come for the dance lesson and stay for breakfast and the activities. After a lengthy discussion the committee decided that the dance lessons would be held in the new storage room till 11 am and Kathleen will pull the curtains and close off the storage room entrance. At 11 am Melissa may move to the upstairs for the remainder of her lessons.

FUNDRAISING- Pancake Supper -Tuesday Feb 24

Val Miller and Kathleen Rogers would like to host a new fundraiser Pancake Supper on the evening of Shrove Tuesday February 24, 2015 at 5-7 pm. There would just be pancakes and sausages. It is a popular day where some religions eat pancakes before their 40 day Lenten Fast. The committee thought it would be a great idea and Chair Bob Johnston and Glen Campbell said they would both donate a 40 oz. of Homemade Maple Syrup.

RINK BOARD ADVERTISING – was not discussed

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – FEB 7th

Kathleen informed the committee about the Fun Fantasy Hockey Tournament to be held by Florida Panthers, Hockey Trainer Ryan Johnston and his father Randall Johnston. They are bringing teams of children and adults from Florida to experience the Canadian Outdoor Ice Hockey experience. They will be using the Jerseys of the six original NHL Teams and they love our covered outdoor facility. They have requested a special day rate in the hopes that this will be a repeat tournament that may bring special attention to Horton and their facility and may assist with a future Kraft Hockey Ville submission. The committee discussed and agreed upon a onetime fee of \$500.00. Kathleen noted that we will be able to make revenue from the tournament by operating a canteen and a bar. Val Miller agreed that she would help organize the kitchen for the tournament.

DANCES

January 19 - Guy Jamieson & February 20 – The Countrymen

PLAQUE AT COMMUNITY CENTRE YEAR BUILT

Ralph Miller asked if we had ordered a sign to commemorate the building of the Horton Community Centre in 2004.

It was recommended by Lane Cleroux that if we are posting a historical plaque on the community centre to signify when it was erected, to not do it in Bronze as they tend to get stolen. Kathleen Rogers will check into this.

BUDGET 2015- the committee did not discuss due to time restrictions.

FEES & CHARGES – REVISIONS – the committee did not discuss

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR INTEREST IN HOUSE CATERER'S-
The committee did not discuss**

8. **OTHER BUSINESS –**
RESERVE MONEY FOR RINK – the committee did not discuss
10 YEARS CAPITAL FORECAST - the committee did not discuss
HALL RENTAL AGREEMENT – was not discussed, Ralph Miller gave his notes to Kathleen to make changes.
9. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE – February 12, 2015 – 7 PM**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Val Miller

Seconded by Barb Dickson

Chair Robert A. Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Carried

Chair Robert A. Johnston

Recreation Program Manager