



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

RECREATION COMMITTEE

February 9th, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:
 - i. January 12th, 2023
4. Open Issues/Reports/Updates:
 - i. Ontario Winter Games - February 2023
 - ii. HRA (Horton Recreation Association)
 - iii. Fencing around ice surface
 - iv. Smart Serve Course
 - v. Signage for Millennium Trail
 - vi. Rink Ice Update
 - vii. Carnival - March 4th
 - viii. Trivia Night – April 15th
 - ix. Easter Event – April 8th
5. New Business:
 - i. User Fee Review
 - ii. Avalon Ranch Hall Use for dog training
 - iii. Carnival Ideas – info booth
6. Staff/Member Concerns
7. Next Meeting:
 - i. March 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers
8. Adjournment

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Recreation Committee Meeting

January 12, 2023
9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday January 12th, 2023. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Mayor Dave Bennett and Public Advisory Members Sharon Bennett and Nellie Kingsbury. Staff in attendance was and Amanda Ryan Receptionist/Clerk– Recording Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Humphries called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved by Sharon Bennett

Seconded by Doug Humphries

THAT the Recreation Committee approve the October 21st, 2022 Minutes.

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS:

i. Ontario Winter Games

Mayor Bennett informed the committee that there is still a need for about 200 volunteers. Public Advisory Member Kingsbury questioned if vulnerable sector checks would have to be completed for these volunteers. Ms. Ryan is to attain from the council packet the information on how to become a volunteer and post it on the website and the Facebook page.

ii. Horton Recreation Association

Chair Humphries expressed that there was no exposure of the HRA during COVID. A date needs to be chosen to gather those who expressed interest at an earlier time to be part of the group.

- iii. **Fencing Around Ice Surface**
Chair Humphries stated that Public Works Manager Adam Knapp has stated there is no one doing fencing at the present time. This topic is to be tabled.
- iv. **Smart Serve Course**
Chair Humphries informed the group that efforts to assist Ralph Miller with the bar and bartending require the ability to be able to call individuals who are certified to tend the bar. Ms. Ryan commented that she reached out to former CAO/Clerk Sue Klatt as directed last meeting and received a contact from AGCO. This individual cannot teach the course but can come and talk about the rules and regulations that are part of the course. The topic was tabled for the next meeting.
- v. **Signage for Millennium Trail**
Chair Humphries stated that efforts are continuing to find out from the County what is acceptable for signage. Wanting signage for emergency response as discussed at a previous time would involve input from the Paramedic Service as well.
- vi. **Rink Ice Update**
Ms. Ryan reported that as per Public Works Manager Adam Knapp, the ice is coming along well. Line painting should happen mid next week with hopes for the ice to be ready for skating the weekend of the the 21st and 22nd. Ms. Ryan has the ice schedule drafted following the time frames of the previous years which include free play, parent & tot skating, kids shinny and public skating. Updates continue to be posted on the website and Facebook to keep the public informed and negate phone calls.
- vii. **Remembrance Day Update**
Chair Humphries expressed that the Ladies Catering put on a good meal and having the Colour Guard in our presence that day added a special dynamic to the ceremony. Thanks to Mackie McLaren, Bruce Golden, Burt Virgin and Amanda Ryan were expressed for their efforts in making the event a successful one. Ms. Ryan stated that the hall for the 2023 event has already been reserved.

Craft Sale Update

Ms. Ryan stated that the event was successful with 12 crafters and 1 vender in attendance. After speaking with all the crafters, the consensus was that the time frame was great, there were patrons through the door steady, the

spacing between tables was excellent and the food being offered by the kitchen was tasty. There were vendors asking if the date was set for next year. As it may have been difficult to attain crafters, the fact that there were a few sales on that day may have helped as shoppers were out and hitting all the craft sales that day. Tables were rented at \$30 each and spaced to ensure that no-like crafters were next to each other.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

i. Winter Carnival

Ms. Ryan informed the committee that she had been speaking with a few of the Catering Ladies to see if they would be interested in cooking breakfast for a winter event. Ideas of sleigh rides came forth with hot chocolate and entertainment. Ms. Ryan stated that Claire Rouble had gotten back to her with names of people who could do sleigh rides. Ms. Ryan will follow up with these people. Insurance for the sleigh rides is the challenge. Public Advisory Member Kingsbury will investigate a magician as well as fundraising for this event. Hopes are that the ice will still be good to use. A tentative date of February 25th had been set aside by Ms. Ryan, however, to ensure attendance of Recreation Chair Humphries the Horton Winter event has been set for Saturday March 4th.

ii. Trivia Night

Ms. Ryan stated that she would like to host another Trivia Night. It was well received by the public and the feed back was positive. The cost this time would be \$10 per person. A date after Easter of April 15th was set for this event. This will allow Ms. Ryan time to start working on questions.

iii. Third Public Advisory Member

Ms. Ryan stated that Claire Rouble has put her name forth as a Recreation Public Advisory member.

Moved by Nellie Kingsbury
Seconded by Sharon Bennett

THAT council approve the application from Claire Rouble for Recreation Public Advisory Member.

Carried

iv. **Participation Grant**

Ms. Ryan outlined the criteria for the Participation Grant. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that there is a lot of work that would have to go into this for it to be a success and to win the grand prize. It was expressed that other things could be done to increase physical exercise in the community. The grant will not be applied for.

6. STAFF/MEMBER CONCERNS:

There was a brief discussion on past events and ideas for fundraising came forth. Ms. Ryan stated that someone has come forward interested in volunteering to teach ballroom dancing lessons.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Regular scheduled meeting

- i. February 9th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough

From: Mary Spurrell <avalonranch.ca@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 1:04 PM
To: Hope Dillabough <hdillabough@hortontownship.ca>
Subject: Special Request re: rental of the Community Centre

To: Council,

I would like to request an exemption to the No Dogs rule in the Community Centre in order to offer Scenting Detection classes there on Sunday mornings.

I own Avalon Ranch where I have been offering dog sports in Horton Township for over 15 years. Scent Detection or Nosework is where the dogs search for a hidden odor. The odors are essential oils, safe for dogs and humans, placed on a cotton swab in a container. There would be a maximum of 6 dogs in the class and they are all well behaved family pets. Dogs are crated during the class with only 1 dog working at a time.

We were previously working at the Rec Centre in Renfrew. You can contact Donna at 613-432-3131 for a reference on how the classes were held and the state of the room at the end of each session.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.



Mary Spurrell
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