

TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, December 20th, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

The Twelfth Regular 2011 Recreation Committee meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Township Office.

ATTENDANCE: All members of the Committee and the Secretary Colleen Sutton were in attendance.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Lisa Ross
2. Councillor Schmidt
3. Bruce Joy
4. Councillor Fielding
5. Cameron Tuck
6. Margaret Hauwert

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion: MOVED by Councillor Roth and SECONDED by Mary Helen Hohenadel;
THAT: The Minutes of the Eleventh Regular 2011 Recreation Committee Meeting dated November 15, 2011 be and are hereby adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Nil.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- i) Groups with own funds – Checked with Brenda Law and she advises that there are no Township regulations regarding these groups holding their own bank accounts. We will become involved if and when any of these groups request that the Township look after their funds. Maybe if the Tennis Club has all this money, they would be interested in contributing to the work to be done in the parking lot.
- ii) Accessibility Audit – Robert Kelly, CBO, is looking into the requirements.
- iii) Hydro – Brenda Law is waiting to hear from Hydro One.
- iv) Farmers Market – Matthew Bulmer provided some points to have included in the contract. Colleen to come up with a contract and then have Mr. Murphy look at. Does the Committee have concerns? They should be addressed and included in the contract.
- v) User Fees – Other municipalities charge per game or per season or per hour and we charge per registration. It would appear that other municipalities are generating more income than we do. Should we be looking at renting facilities instead of user fees? We are slowly looking at some changes and in the future this may be something to look at. We need to start some data building and looking at the future (hours of use compared to hours in work to maintain). All parties involved should be on a Committee looking at the feasibility of these changes.
More discussion in the future and contacting of each individual group for their input on the direction we want to go in the future.

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DELEGATIONS:

1. Paul Hohenadel attended the meeting and requested permission to add a second seat and seat belts and a plexi-glass enclosure for the Olympia so that kids could be given rides on it.
 - Question the liability issue and a legal opinion would be a good idea
 - If you have to go to the lawyer, Mr. Hohenadel suggested the subject be dropped
 - Ministry of Labour could have an issue with it
 - Liability is an issue; when would we give these rides? Time would have to be set aside
 - Most of the drivers are volunteers and not really certified in zamboni operation – would they even want to do it?
 - Great idea but we would need to check into the liability and would certainly need a prototype before going forward
 - June Williams will check with the Ministry of Labour and Colleen to check with the insurance company

2. Ken Williams attended the meeting on behalf of the Optimist Club. He advised that they wish to replace the existing roadside sign with a digital sign operated via a lap top. This sign would be \$50,000.00 approximately. A scoreboard has been ordered. There has been some paving of the area between the fence and the boards so that the Olympia can be returned to the garage along the outside and the landscaping has begun. These items have been paid for from excess funds that the Optimist Club (not including the digital sign). It has been suggested that the old sign be moved to Badenoch or sold. Optimist Club is looking for direction for the name. There can be 4 messages installed at a time. The 4 name signs are interchangeable. County of Wellington (Library) has agreed to provide funds. The Farmers Market also may have some funds to contribute. Hydro locates have been done. The existing sign will remain until the new sign is installed and up and running. Buildings have been issued both by the County and the Township. Hydro can be hooked into the tennis courts if the existing hydro is not sufficient. The Commission is very please that the new sign is coming. The time and temperature will be at the top of the sign. The lap top is not included in the purchase price (Township has one).

The advertising on the boards is coming along. Ken has 5 companies signed up for advertising for one year (\$1500.00 per year).

Thanks to Ken Williams for all his hard work on all aspects of the Optimist Recreation Centre.

Thank you letters should go to Davan Lanscape, Fred Prior Construction , Capital Paving and the Optimist Club.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

- i) Lisa is still working on Groupex but it is proving to be a bit of a challenge.
- ii) Consider an ice machine – Colleen to get an average monthly cost of ice from Northern Ice.
- iii) Add a short description of the expenses on the sheets for Committee member's information.

MOTION: MOVED by Councillor Stokley and SECONDED by Fred Law;
 THAT : We acknowledge payment of the November statement of general expenses.
 CARRIED.

MOTION: MOVED by Mary Helen Hohenadel and SECONDED by Councillor Roth;
 THAT: We acknowledge payment of the November statement of ORC expenses.
 CARRIED.

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BOOKING AGENT REPORT:

- i) Lisa needs to know how many hours of free time she needs to leave for the rink. Free time needs to be blocked off at a consistent time rather than floating around. Free ice time – skating only – no sticks. Free time per week needs to be set aside.

MOVED by Councillor Stokley and SECONDED by Councillor Roth;
THAT: Free skating is for skating only – no sticks. If sticks are wanted to be used, the ice needs to be rented.

Recorded vote requested: In favor – Ken Roth, Wayne Stokley

Against – Mary Helen Hohenadel

Fred Law

June Williams

Jim McMillan

DEFEATED.

MOVED by Fred Law and SECONDED by Councillor Stokley;

THAT : Free time will be split up as follows: free time skating only; free time with sticks for 12 and under; free time with sticks for 13-15 year olds.

DEFEATED.

- ❖ The web-site should have a clause that says “Ice Manager has the ability to remove people if things are getting out of hand or there are too many people on the ice at one time.”

MOVED by Councillor Stokley and SECONDED by Councillor Roth;

THAT: A no-stick rule for free time be for the holidays only (December 25 – January 17) and reconsidered at the January Recreation meeting.

Recorded vote requested: In favor – Fred Law

Wayne Stokley

Ken Roth

Jim McMillan

Against – June Williams

Mary Helen Hohenadel

DEFEATED.

Hours of Family Skating	Monday to Friday	12noon – 1 p.m. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
	Saturday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
	Sunday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- i) Storage Units/Storage Room – A letter was received from Robert Kelly, CBO, with his input on the proposed use of storage units at the Community Centre. Committee members will take his comments under advisement.
- ii) Letter from residents on Maple Leaf Lane for information only. Council is dealing with the concerns of these residents.
- iii) Five Year Capital Budget – some up-dates were made. We need to act on the accessibility audit as soon as possible. If the storage room is approved, maybe the accessibility changes to the washrooms should be done at the same time?
- iv) Up-date from Brenda on the Optimist Recreation Centre for information only.
- v) Paul Hohenadel requested permission to remove the gates at the ORC to make ploughing easier. Permission was granted. Gates to be stored in the Green Shed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- i) Letter was received from Whistle Stop with a request for permission to refurbish the cupboards in the Alf Hales Room. They were looking for a financial contribution from the Recreation Commission.
What is Whistle Stop willing to contribute? What amount of work is to be done? Should the other groups that use the cupboards also contribute and to what extent? We should be getting the quotes for the work ourselves.
- ii) Two e-mail requests from Minor Soccer were discussed. The first request asked the Recreation Commission to cover the line painting costs (approximately \$3700.00). The Township will cover grass cutting expenses only.
Puslinch Minor Soccer is going to partner with the Children's Foundation to allow underprivileged children to play soccer in Puslinch. Their request is for the Township to waive the user fees for the children that are approved for this program.
MOVED by Mary Helen Hohenadel and SECONDED by Councillor Roth;
THAT: The Puslinch Recreation Commission agree to waive the user fees for the children approved by the Children's Foundation and registered to play soccer in Puslinch up to a maximum of \$250.00.
CARRIED.
- iii) Invitation from Duff's Church to participate in their 'Priceless Puslinch Showcase' to be held on Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25. If we wish to participate, we must RSVP on or before January 20, 2012.
- iv) John Alexander's e-mail with his regrets for not attending the meeting due to business concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: MOVED by Fred Law and SECONDED by June Williams;
THAT : The Twelfth Regular 2011 Recreation Commission does hereby adjourn at 9:43 p.m
CARRIED.

Chairman

Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 17th, 2012
7:00 p.m.