

# MINUTES OF THE NORMANBY RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## For SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 MEETING

**PRESENT:** Carol Leibold, Joyce Nuhn, Janice Norley, Mary Lou Pfeffer, Dave Foerster, Carol Lawrence (council rep.), Tom Culliton (staff)

**ABSENT:** Aaron Culliton, Wayne Pfeffer

**GUEST:** Sherry Pfeffer

**DELEGATION:** Klassy Metal Art Demonstration

1. **Welcome and Call Meeting to Order:** The Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, September 27 in the arena board room, chaired by Vice Chairperson, Carol Leibold. Carol opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. welcoming everyone to the meeting. There were no pecuniary interests declared.
2. August's minutes were adopted on a motion by Janice Norley and seconded by Dave Foerster, "**that the previous meeting minutes be adopted as presented**". Carried.
3. Chairperson, Carol Leibold, introduced Charlene Klassen from Ayton (Klassy Metal Art) who introduced us to her work making impressive intricate metal art outdoor/indoor signs. Ms. Klassen explained how this art could be incorporated throughout the village, attached to various hydro poles on main street using symbols of each business based on a common A. Perhaps rural homes and farms could also be involved and perhaps use an N as their base. These signs are coated for outdoor use but in time would need refreshing and can be painted any colour. This could be a point of interest that people would make a point of visiting the various signs throughout the village. The signs would cost from \$300-\$600 depending on the details as each would be personally designed. These signs would be mounted on a metal cuff, tied around a pole by plastic straps. Permission from Hydro would be necessary to mount these. Carol thanked her for coming and bringing a few samples for us to see. No further action was taken at this time.

#### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

##### -Ayton Town Signs Up-Date

The work on the 3 town entrance signs has just started. The West entrance is complete. The south and north signs are under construction as of today. Ground Effects is using the plants in their design as these plants have a warranty so the original bushes from last year will be used in other flower beds (firehall and library bed and possibly a new flowerbed east of the Centennial hall) in Ayton. John Geilen has removed these plants and have them balled so they can be planted next spring. Joyce reminded the committee that these three areas must be included the grass cutting tender for next year. A suggestion was made that perhaps the people who mow the Union or Catholic

Cemeteries might be able to mow the West entrance area. No action was taken at this time.

**-New Christmas Lights**

Joyce Nuhn will get the sponsor letter ready (concerning sponsoring \$ for a new Christmas light near their business). Two business, AC/DC and The Rec Committee have sponsored a Christmas light. The Ayton Firemen bought a light so we have 21 lights ordered. The lights should be here by the end of October. No invoice has been received to date. A comment about having a light at Weppler's Farm Equipment was discussed but the pole does not have a plug in. Thoughts were that it would be an inviting sight entering Ayton from the east and south.

**-Ayton Ball Park Bleachers Restoration**

No action was taken at this time. \$10,000 has been set in the 2018 budget. Further discussion is required.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**-Alex Pfeffer's Resignation**

It is with regret that this committee has accepted the resignation of Alex Pfeffer from this board. Joyce Nuhn motioned **"to remove Alex from the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee to the sub committee and that a letter of thanks to be sent to her"**, seconded by Janice Norley. Carried."

As Wayne Pfeffer received the attendance letter at the beginning of the year and has missed 3 consecutive meetings, as per policy, Joyce motioned **"that Wayne Pfeffer be moved from the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee to the sub committee and that a letter to that intent be forwarded to him"**, seconded by Janice Norley. Carried.

A copy of this letter be kept on record.

Joyce Nuhn motioned **"to ask West Grey Council accept Sherry Pfeffer and to move her name from the sub committee to the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee"**.

Seconded by Dave Foerster. Carried.

**-2018 Budget and Capital Expenditures**

Much time was spent reviewing and debating the amounts on the presented **"10 year Capital Expenditure Projects"** budget. Upgrades to the arena hall were discussed. One idea would be to deal with the floor one year, walls the next and the ceiling in the third year. Tom is to contact local arenas to find out what type of flooring is being used. A suggestion to ask a few flooring suppliers to come to the arena hall and give the committee some ideas and quotes about possible choices of flooring. Presently we have linoleum tile squares with a cement boarder (very easy to clean). Tom asked us to consider what we can do to the arena hall to up grade it and make it more modern, possibly garnering more business. Perhaps the walls could be dry-walled or have several windows installed.

Tom explained that 2 new humidifies for the ice surface will be required shortly. The present machines are becoming out-dated. After some discussion, it was decided to

leave the \$60,000 in next year's budget as the price may rise if we defer from purchasing both at the same time.

Playground improvement was discussed as it was felt that parents need to see that we are indeed working to improve the equipment to continue to enjoy their support for our various activities. One suggestion was to extend the south fence of the playground to include swings for the older children (but leave a space of a vehicle for unloading materials). We have some reserve funds which can be utilized next year.

Upgrades to the Centennial Hall were also discussed. It was suggested that we could plan for a minor facelift with a dishwasher in the island, adding above counter cupboards for storage, new countertops and the painting of the cupboards. These smaller updates would spruce up the kitchen (50 years) for perhaps \$15,000. Some money is in reserves.

#### **-Durham and Normanby Arena's Summer and Winter Ice Rates**

Carol Lawrence reported that a tax-payer was upset that in September, the Durham arena charges \$95 per hour for Minor Hockey ice rental while the Normanby arena charges \$160 per hour (for any team) for September as this is the summer rate until Oct. 1 when it reverts to \$95 per hour for West Grey Minor Hockey. This \$160 rate was set by West Grey Council for summer ice rentals since Normanby arena has summer ice from July – September while the Durham arena's ice begins in early September. Local arenas have been offering ice earlier in September in the last few years. Normanby has other outside hockey teams using ice in September and charges \$160 per hour. In October, Normanby charges outside teams \$124 per hour and West Grey Minor Hockey \$95 per hour. Higher charges are necessary for summer ice as higher costs are incurred. The committee decided that since the West Grey Council initiated the rates, they must change the Normanby rate for Minor Hockey in September to \$95 per hour to be in line with Durham.

#### **-A Special Request**

Carol Leibold broached the subject of asking West Grey to entertain a request to lower rental rates specifically for fundraising events that will raise money that will go directly back into Municipal buildings and activities to off-set operating costs and help with tax-levy.

### **6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS**

#### **-Elvis**

Janice has been in contact with Julie Boeve. Ticket sales are set at \$25 per ticket. No early bird rates will be offered. All systems are a go. Janice is looking for an item for draw along with other items for special draws or fund raising activities.

#### **-Movie Night**

Sherry reported that everyone had a great time at the Jungle Carnival and Movie Night. However, the attendance was lower than expected. Carol Leibold thanked Sherry and Jess Farquharson for all of their work. Several high school students worked there for their hours. Many prizes are left over. Perhaps this activity could be incorporated into

the Family Ball Tournament. Sherry and Jess would like to work on the Snow Volleyball on the Family Day week-end. The games would begin in the morning rather than the afternoon.

#### **-Special Dates**

Carol Lawrence reported that several events are happening in West Grey: (Durham) a Showing event on November 25, Neustadt Craft Show in Nov. 4, and the West Grey Kids Christmas Party on December 8 (must be pre-registered).

#### **-New Year's Eve Party**

Joyce Nuhn reported the ticket prices are presently \$30.00 each. A hot lunch will be available. Special activities will be planned, such as Trivia. Joyce will contact Fay Harrison (Normanby Knox) about preparing a hot meal. The Optimists declined to make a hot meal as formerly planned. This event is semi-formal with colours red, white and black.

#### **Canada 150 Activities**

-Planting the sesquicentennial tree will be on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. not September 30, behind the arena. Mary Lou Pfeffer phoned a company in Chesley who will contact Tom to give him some info about the cost of resurfacing the tennis court. A question was raised about how we gather possible names for creating a group to oversee the use of the tennis court. A question was asked if we could use the tennis court next summer in its present condition. The speaker series has had two evenings at the Lutheran Church with one presentation left on Oct. 11 with Chris Van Hout and Laryssa Marie. Mary Lou is going to speak the Mount Forest and Clifford Post Offices to check out why people in Normanby (getting mail from those offices) are not receiving the newsletters that we sent. Some people have remarked that they like receiving a list of activities to which they can refer. Mary Lou made a motion to "offer Dennis and Denis Fischer free tickets to either Elvis or the New Year's Eve Gala as a thank-you to them for all of their work for Harvest Day that was held at their farm on Saturday, August 5. Janice Norlay seconded the motion. Carried.

#### **7. VOUCHERS AND FUNDRAISING REPORTS TO DATE**

-Voucher #17 was presented. Voucher #16 was unavailable. Joyce motioned "to accept the voucher as presented", seconded by Janice Norley. Carried.

#### **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

The minutes of the Neustadt and Durham Recreation Committees were presented as information.

#### **9. MONTHLY RENTAL REPORT**

Tom passed out the monthly rental report to the members.

#### **10. RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT**

-Tom reported that the exterior steel is installed and the exterior work is 99% completed. The name has still to be placed on the outside.

He requested that all anticipated expenditures be pre-approved at the meetings so when he is asked to give consent for payment he is aware of each bill's source.

At 10:30 p.m. Janice made a motion to adjourn. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Aaron Celliton  
