

Denise Holmes

From: Kim Miles [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Denise Holmes
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Horning's Mills Community Hall

Denise,

I have recently become aware of the issues surrounding the Township's lack of financial support for the HM Community Hall. Having spent my first sixteen years living & growing up in the Village I have fond memories of the unique opportunity for a child to enjoy the miracle of a small community wrapped in the beauty of nature at her best.

The Miles Family was a significant contributor to life in the Village for many years, operating the Hardware Store and George's Barber Shop as well as contributing to the Hockey and Baseball enjoyment and even careers of many young children. As well, our Mother, Bertha, donated the land now referred to as Miles Gardens to the Women's Institute with the understanding that the property would remain pristine and cared for as it is.

The Institute Hall represents the spirit and soul of the community and functions solely on the collective will and heart of the residents through their participation and voluntarism. For the Township of Melancthon to chose to ignore its financial obligation to support the heritage and fabric of the Village and the Township is unfathomable. In my opinion, the Leadership of the Township should seek out opportunities such as this to reinforce that which matters most, support for the residents and their hundreds of years of toiling together to make life better for one another. Through experience, I understand the operating mandates and fiscal responsibilities of a Board of Directors and I can't imagine a higher calling than the opportunity to work together with the citizens of Horning's Mills to resolve a rather modest investment in the Heritage of the Township of Melancthon. I have faith in the process and know several of the family names I see on the list of Council Members and Staff, this familiarity leads me to believe a resolution to the next hundred years of community life at the Hall is attainable.

I offer my best wishes and continued interest in the well-being of our Village.

Regards,

Kim
[REDACTED]

Denise Holmes

From: Janet Burke [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Denise Holmes
Subject: Horning's Mills Hall

Dear Mayor White and Council Members,

In response to your posted agenda for the meeting tonight, I am in agreement with either proposal 1 or proposal 4. In my experience as a former board member, I believe the hall board has been working very well with rentals, maintenance, improvements, renovations, and a wide range of types of events and services. I hope that for continuity, the majority of last term's members will continue to serve. New members and volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged. The hall will continue to be of huge benefit responding to the needs of Melancthon Township, especially with the wholehearted support of the township council and adequate funding for operating expenses. The town councillor who serves on the board should be a team player and an enthusiastic believer in the role the hall plays in fostering community wellbeing.

While I do not agree with the proposal that there should be one board for both the park and the hall, I think the hall board and the park board should work together for Founder's Day in June, a large event with music, food, games, fireworks, etc.

Proposal 4 to return the hall to the Women's Institute is a sound and viable option. The W. I. can engage a board of community members. There are different options for funding but I would hope the township will still provide the small amount it gave yearly three years ago, as it sends much more money to recreational and cultural facilities in Honeywood, Dundalk and Shelburne.

With
Kind Regards , Janet Burke

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From: John Fallis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Denise Holmes
Subject: Horning's Mills Hall

To whom it may concern;

Although the Pine River Institute is in Mulmur, we strongly support the re-opening of the hall as it was in the past. We used to rent the hall for various Pine River functions, perhaps 5 or 6 times annually. We now miss these opportunities to rent a local facility.

On occasion, we would receive requests for student help from local groups. Obviously, these requests have stopped and our students have missed the chance to help out and integrate with the local community.

The Hall is a great asset to this growing community. I think it is reasonable to assume that demand for a space such as this will grow as the surrounding area continues to grow.

We look forward to hearing the outcome of this meeting and let us know if there is any way that we could help.

Thank-you,

John

John Fallis
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Denise Holmes

From: Charlene Timmins [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Denise Holmes
Subject: Re; The Hornings Mills Hall

Good Afternoon

I am very sad to have to even think we could be closing down the Hornings Mills Community Hall.

I have lived about 3 minutes from the hall for 18 years and I am so happy and blessed for the memories and hope for future memories for the community.

My family and I have met our community friends and neighbours for Easter egg hunts, Santa and Christmas craft sales, dances, wedding receptions, baby showers, the wonderful Halloween supper and haunted house, exercising, Pancake breakfasts fundraisers and of course for elections/voting.

This rural community has always given my family and I a sense of belonging, instead of always running to a town for events especially when my 3 children were younger. It was so nice watching my children hunt for Easter eggs while I stood and talked to all the parents and watching and hearing the relaxing river running alongside, not worrying about a big crowd/strangers. My children and I always would say thank you to all the volunteers and help out. The volunteers put their heart and soul into each event.

I feel like a part of history would be lost when something is so good in our world- the Hornings Mills community. Keeping the hall is teaching the future generation about respecting those that have given to the community. Going through my photo albums my children now 23,21 and 17 years of age say "theres the Halloween supper, yummy that was so good- look at us with our neighbours. Look at the straw and the eggs and the hall and the river and our friends."

Its time to give back!!

Thank You, please make the right decision.

Charlene, Darcy, Megan, Cole and Emma Timmins