

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL BOARD
AND
HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK BOARD
Joint Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, March 16, 2022

The Horning's Mills Community Hall Board and the Horning's Mills Community Park Board held a joint Zoom meeting on the 16th day of March 2022 at 5:30 pm. Members present from the Hall Board were Chair Ruth Plowright, Utra Hebden, Blaise Meunier, and Larry Taman. Park Board members in attendance were Councillor James McLean, Mayor Darren White, Jim Hill, and Lynn Hodgson. Nanci Malek joined the meeting at approximately 6:03 pm. Michael Mehlhorn, President of the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Association, was unable to attend and sent his regrets.

CALL TO ORDER:

James McLean, Councillor/Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:

Councillor McLean recited the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of the Agenda was moved by Plowright, seconded by Hebden. Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

None

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:

As this was the first joint meeting of the boards, there were no previous minutes to be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

POINT OF PRIVILEGE OR PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

No members of the public were present.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Horning's Mills Community Hall Trillium Grant Project:

Councillor McLean conveyed that the application submitted for the Trillium Grant by Melancthon Township had been successful, and that the township will be receiving approximately \$62,000 in funding to make necessary upgrades to the Horning's Mills Community Hall. Improvements will begin this year. Plowright is awaiting the list of hall needs that was originally submitted for this grant. Once received, items will need to be prioritized, with the side fire exit stairs taking top priority. Mayor White mentioned that when the new Hall Board was formed, Burnside and Associates completed a Building Condition Assessment Report. The necessary upgrades will be covered by the Trillium Grant. Melancthon Township

plans to hire an external project manager for this position, who will communicate and deal with the board, township, contractors, etc. This expense will be funded by Melancthon Township.

Easter Event In Horning's Mills:

Plowright has been working with Meunier in planning the Easter Event, which will take place on Good Friday, April 15, 2022, at the Horning's Mills Community Hall. The event will kick off with a pancake sundae bar at 9:30 am with face painting and games. The egg hunt will commence at 11:00 am, having children participate in various age groups. Event advertising and making of posters is in progress. Finding enough volunteers will be the challenge. Plowright will contact Centre Dufferin District High School to see if any students would be interested in filling some of their volunteer hours, as well as reach out to the Pine River Institute. Meunier will also post the need on the Horning's Mills Facebook page. Some supplies still need to be purchased.

Councillor McLean noted that Melancthon Council will hopefully be finalizing and approving the hall rental fees at their next meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Interest has already been shown regarding rentals of the hall, with hopes it will be reopened by May 1, 2022.

Summer Event - Canada Day Or Melancthon Day:

The Hall Board and Park Board decided that they would jointly organize and put on the summer event. Melancthon Day will be celebrated on Saturday, June 25, 2022, therefore avoiding any conflicts with other local community functions. The event will need to consist of enough content/entertainment to hold the interests of people of all ages.

Draft Plans For The Hall

Vendors Market

The market will be held at the hall earlier in the day and will include 15 to 20 indoor and potentially outdoor local vendors marketing crafts and foods. It may include a silent auction/raffle draw. Plowright will connect with Malek to compile a potential list of vendors to reach out to, to see if interested in participating. A small fee would be charged per vendor table. Service/business displays may also be a possibility depending on the availability of space.

Draft Plans For The Park

The park events will potentially begin around 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

BBQ

There will be a small cost to purchase food items at the BBQ.

Softball Game

Councillor McLean, with assistance, will organize ball game, providing there is time prior to the fireworks needing to be set up on the diamond and in the outfield. If unable to accommodate a ball game, other games will be organized for the children. Will inquire about the time frame needed to prepare the fireworks display. Meunier suggested making improvements to the old, existing scoreboard at the park so it could be used during the game.

Emergency Personnel

Councillor McLean expressed that the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department was interested in participating/volunteering at the event and potentially may have a raffle draw. The Ontario Provincial Police may be asked to attend.

Displays/Booths

- Mayor White will reach out to the County of Dufferin Waste Services concerning free compost giveaway.

- Dufferin County Outdoor Recreation Plan Refresh/Regrow/Recreate, which is seeking community input on the recreational use of the Dufferin County Forest and the County-owned Rail Trail.
- Museum of Dufferin with info on the history of Horning's Mills and Melancthon Township.
- Township of Melancthon Heritage Committee will introduce the launch of the Historical Plaque Program for homeowners if approved by Council.

Live Music

Meunier will reach out to the Dufferin County Line Band with regards to providing the music.

Movie

A movie will potentially be shown to keep people entertained prior to the fireworks. Plowright has an 8x4 indoor LED sign, which could possibly be used as a large movie screen but would need to be sheltered by the pavilion. Will look further into the screen needed. Popcorn may be sold.

Fireworks

The fireworks will begin around 9:30 pm. Councillor McLean will follow up with Malek as to who has been hired in previous years. Mayor White will approach Melancthon Council to see if they are willing to cover the costs of the fireworks or will make a donation towards the expense.

Miscellaneous

Potentially having a Dunk Tank and Cow Paddy Bingo was briefly mentioned.

It was inquired if the event should be licensed to serve alcohol. Was decided this is a family event and if licensed there would be many legalities.

Meunier volunteered to design the posters and Facebook page, as well as advertise if anyone is interested in having a vendor table at the market. Will collaborate with Malek, who will post on alternative sites. Councillor McLean and Plowright will collectively draft an agenda outlining the time frames of the specific events.

Other:

Malek inquired if the Horning's Mills Community Hall would be interested in hosting a Mum Market on a separate date. Will get market organizer to contact Plowright.

DELEGATIONS:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

None

NOTICE OF MOTION:

None

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW:

Not applicable.

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting date will be decided upon by the call of Councillor/Chair McLean and Chair Plowright following the Easter Event.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm. Moved by Malek, seconded by Plowright. Carried.