

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

PARCA MEETING

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March 23rd 2015

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Leslie GAMBLE **COUNCILLORS:** Patricia HNATUIK, Harry HOBBS, Glenda MASSICOTTE, Thoma MIEDEMA, Charlie SMITH, Susan SONNENBURG **STAFF LIASONS:** Brady ROPP ( Parks & Recreation Coordinator), Kelli BRACKEN, Sherri FROST (Webbwood Recreation Committee)

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<u>Group</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Action</u>
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A) **GENERAL**

A1) **ESPANOLA RIVERMEN**

Brady Ropp has been working with league president to acquire the Espanola Rivermen Hockey Team. Memo was circulated to Council with the details of conversations between Brady Ropp and the league President for review. Regardless of what happens with the Rivermen and their contract with Espanola, Massey is seen as a viable location and venue to host a team of this stature. The Massey Arena would host the team and their games at no cost to the Township through ice times paid by the organization – the organization would benefit through ticket sales – the arena would benefit from increased sales (canteen, bar sales). The agreement is that the Township would not have to make any adjustments or improvements to the arena building – all infrastructure to remain as is with the exception of new bleachers (capital project for 2015)

Discussion took place regarding why Espanola no longer wants the team – Mayor Les Gamble voiced his concern with the character of the hockey league’s President citing a news release which stated the league neglected to pay fees owed to another municipality – Brady Ropp pointed out that it is the responsibility of the team owner to pay fee not the President.

Brady Ropp will be meeting with the Rivermen owner later this week and will provide Council with updates as they arise.

B) **PARKS & FACILITIES**

B1) **SADOWSKI STAGE**

Replacing the stage in the Sadowski Room with a modular stage. The new stage is mobile and will be purchased with a cart for easy transportation and used for all arena events. Council approved the cost for four sections of stage and Brady will move forward with the disassembly of the current stage.

**FACILITIES CON'T:**

In adding the new stage, the following improvements are to be made to the Sadowski room – replacing a number of ceiling tiles, painting of tile frames, painting of cross beam on ceiling. Once the stage is in place, the electronic Bingo sign will be mounted on the wall for better viewing.

**C) PROGRAMS**

**C1) SUMMER FUN PROGRAM**

Summer Fun Program was a proposal brought to Kelli Bracken and Brady Ropp by Laurentian University student Kelsey LeClair. The Program would run six week for five days a week for six hours per day offering children ages 4-12 an opportunity to attend a 'day camp' environment with games, sports, arts and daily activities from the Massey Arena. Sadly, Kelsey had to accept employment elsewhere and cannot run the Program but did offer to design a six week calendar of events for the Township to utilize.

Upon discussion with area residents, committing to five days per week in the summer months may be too much yet they would commit to one or two days per week. Kelli Bracken will redesign the Program to meet the needs of residents and expand the Program to include Walford and Webbwood. Progress will be reported at the next PARCA meeting.

**C2) PAN AM PRESENTATION**

Kelli Bracken provided an overview and update of the Pan Am Torch Relay Community Events. Torch bearer was announced March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Emily McLeod will carry the torch Chris V and Paul Anderson have been named alternates. Community events will take place at the Massey and Area Museum with students from S. Geiger and St. Mary's schools providing entertainment in the form of dance & music. Kelli Bracken to contact school in Sagamok for participation. Alternate Mode of Transportation (AMT) will be provided by Pat Hnatuik in the form of a Dog Cart which will be pulled by area children – a contest will take place to see who pulls the cart as suggested by Glenda Massicotte. Events will take place at the Arena and Heritage Park – OPP or Fire truck with beacon present to slow traffic.

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D) **GOVERNMENT**

D1) **ICE IN/OUT POLICY**

Concerns from public that ice out too early. As per policy set forth in 2011, the operating season begins Oct 1 and ends after the first full weekend in March unless the arena receives a minimum of 15 additional hours in ice rentals to justify keeping the arena operational for the extra week. Suggestion made by Glenda Massicotte to advertise the ice out date by mid-February 2016 in order to attract more rental time. Minor Hockey Association is in agreement with current times and alternate arrangements are made for players.

D2) **FACILITY RENTAL POLICY**

Facility rental policy needs to be reviewed and updated with current Ontario laws surrounding behaviour management to include bullying and additional forms of harassment as outlined by the Province's Health & Safety guidelines. Brady Ropp will provide a draft for May PARCA meeting and all PARCA members are encouraged to review the policies and make suggestions for improvement where needed.

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**New Business:**

Harry Hobbs would like to see increased bar sales at the arena – offer alcoholic beverages at more arena events.