

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION



REPORT TO: Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: Tuesday January 12, 2010
REPORT NO.: DOR 10 14
SUBJECT: Craigleith Community Centre Partnership
PREPARED BY: Suzanne Purdy, Curator

A. Recommendations

THAT Council accept Staff Report DOR 10 14 "Craigleith Community Centre Partnership" for information purposes.

B. Background

Below please find a summary of minutes taken from the Craigleith Community Centre meeting of Nov.18, 2009.

Meeting date/time : November 18th, 2009 7:00pm

Location: Craigleith Community Centre

Purpose: To discuss next steps in moving forward with a partnership between the Craigleith Heritage Depot and the Craigleith Community Centre.

In attendance: Pat McCarthy, Dave Holroyd, Bruce Loveless, Suzanne Purdy

After introductions were made, Suzanne thanked the group for allowing her to take part in the meeting.

Dave Holroyd began by explaining the Community Centre's operations;

- Rewiring done past spring, next project will be to paint inside.
- Committee looks after bookings of building at a cost of \$50/1/2 day, \$35/2hrs, \$100/full day
- Year round church run by Bruce each Sunday
- Cleaning up after events is responsibility of renters
- Cleaning lady is hired once/week and payment for this service comes out of the rental dollars
- 5 Board of Management, under the Recreation umbrella
- Used to have special events but have found they have petered off somewhat.

Suzanne explained the operations of the Depot with a special focus on the educational programs, the first of which to be launched the following week. Suzanne asked if the Depot could book the Community Centre to assist with curriculum based programs.

The committee answered, “yes”, and the process would be to phone Dave and book the building in advance. Suzanne explained curriculum based programs would start at the community centre where students would receive an overview of the subject they are to explore. Half the class would stay at the community centre and do a hands on activity with one Depot staff member, while Suzanne takes the other half of the class to the Depot for the exploratory portion of the program. In one half hour, the students switch locations. Curriculum based programs will be continued in 2010 subject to budget approval of part time staff.

Suzanne mentioned perhaps hosting joint events in the future such as re-introducing Kenn Knapman’s “Lilac Festival” or other events. The Depot would take care of the marketing for any joint events.

The group discussed different artisan events, yard sales, Canada Day and Applefest activities that had happened in the past and the feasibility of jointly offering similar events in future.

The subject switched to volunteers. Dave mentioned that the volunteer pool for the community centre had dropped off recently. Suzanne explained that “on paper” the Depot has 24 volunteers but activity has also diminished. She invited Dave to a volunteer meeting scheduled for the Friday of the following week.

Meeting adjourned.

C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community.

D. Budget Impact

None at this time

E. Environmental Impacts

N/A

F. Attached

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

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