

Festival Hall Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
April 25, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Present:

Representing the Town of Petawawa:
Chair, Councillor Murray Rutz

Representing the Township of Laurentian Valley:
Councillor Jennifer Gauthier
Treasurer, Charlene Jackson

Representing the City of Pembroke:
Councillor Christine Reavie
CAO, Terry Lapierre

Representing Eventure Entertainment/Festival Hall:
Manager of Festival Hall, Rick Wharton

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gauthier

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the agenda of the Festival Hall Committee of April 25, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Carried

4. Receiving of Minutes – January 17, 2019

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Gauthier

That the minutes of the Festival Hall Committee of January 17, 2019 be received as circulated.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. New Business**a. 40th Anniversary Discussion**

Councillor Rutz raised the idea of a special event recognizing the 40th anniversary of Festival Hall in 2019. It was suggested that the mayors of the three participating municipalities as well as a representative of the French School Board should participate. There should be some type of memento developed, ie. a mug, gift, something to that effect. It was suggested also that the event take place in either September, October or December on one evening.

b. Festival Hall Update

Rick Wharton tabled the director's report dated April 25, 2019, as well as the Rental Handbook for Festival Hall and the Volunteer Handbook. He indicated that things were going well at Festival Hall with many new volunteers coming on board and that there had been upwards of 10,000 people come through the doors in the past four months and that June was fully booked. A discussion took place with respect to the sound equipment for the Hall, which was provided from raised funds in the community. Mr. Wharton agreed that the equipment belongs to Festival Hall and will confirm in writing for the record. He indicated that things were going well with respect to the partnership with the school. There are certain issues such as accessible doors that need attention and the Festival Hall room is still an issue. Discussion took place with respect to the chairs that were initially sourced for the hall. Councillor Rutz is to contact Cassidy's Transfer and Storage to ensure that the matter is now considered closed and that there are no ill feelings. Rental rates have not increased for years and Mr. Wharton has indicated that he is going to be reviewing the matter to determine if a minor increase is warranted. He indicated that Festival Hall is not rented to promoters directly if it is for a for-profit basis. The hall is however, rented to non-profit groups.

c. Rick Wharton Eventure Entertainment Contract

A discussion took place with respect to the contract for the Festival Hall Manager. Terry Lapierre advised that in the fall of 2019 a request for proposals would be initiated in order that the process can occur early in 2020.

d. Councillor Comments, Concerns or Questions

Councillor Reavie felt that it might be nice to have the symphony orchestra play O Canada at the 40th anniversary celebration and perhaps Sierra Levesque could be invited to participate.

e. Next Meeting Date

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at the call of the Chair.

7. Adjournment**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Gauthier

That the meeting of the Festival Hall Committee of April 25, 2019 adjourn.

Carried