

# **Festival Hall Committee Meeting**

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
September 19, 2019  
10:30 a.m.

## **Present:**

Representing the Town of Petawawa:  
Chair, Councillor Murray Rutz  
Community Services Director, Kelly Williams

Representing the Township of Laurentian Valley:  
Councillor Jennifer Gauthier

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 10:30 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 Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Gauthier

That the agenda of the Festival Hall Committee of September 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

## **4. Receiving of Minutes – April 25, 2019**

### **Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Gauthier

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the minutes of the Festival Hall Committee of April 25, 2019 be received as circulated.

**Carried**

## **5. Business Arising from Minutes**

Councillor Rutz spoke to the matter of the chairs for Festival Hall that Cassidy's had delivered. He made contact with the company and there were no issues raised regarding the activity undertaken.

**6. New Business****a. New Parking Lot Update**

Terry Lapierre provided an update on the parking lot advising that it was now complete and that the school was using it during school hours, namely 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the school year. It was also available at other times for use by the public including Festival Hall in the evenings. Councillor Reavie advised that the City's Advisory Committee had toured the lot.

**b. Financial Update**

Terry Lapierre provided an overview of the financial update report submitted by the City's Treasurer. It indicated that currently there is an accumulated surplus available for capital projects in the amount of \$9,758.69. It also indicated that all Consortium partners had fully paid their annual contributions.

**c. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Details/Discussion**

A discussion took place with respect to this matter. Rick Wharton advised that Glass Tiger was confirmed and that local singer/musician Sierra Levesque would be participating in the opening. The MP and MPP had been invited and the intent of the evening is to promote the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary while hopefully breaking even. A number of souvenirs have been acquired by the Hall for handout to guests. There was additional discussion with respect to local entertainers putting on a show. The consensus was to wait until perhaps the spring of 2020 in order to focus on the signature event for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**d. Festival Hall Update**

Rick Wharton advised that everything is going well. There are some issues with the school with respect to who is responsible for cleaning during times that the school uses the facility. As well locks are to be investigated by the school to ensure individuals are not coming into the Hall when they shouldn't be. Rick Wharton reported on the winter programming for the Hall and indicated that it was booked very well and all traditional user groups are back. The movies will be back again this year and the symphony orchestra is also back. Christmas programming has been confirmed and there will be a Neil Diamond tribute.

**e. Councillor Comments, Concerns or Questions**

Councillor Reavie raised the matter of the possibility of initiating a fund-raising campaign in 2020 for new seats for Festival Hall. It was discussed that perhaps donations should be an option on tickets so that individuals can pay an additional amount with proceeds going to new seats, and that a Purchase-a-Chair campaign may be in order. Rick Wharton is to review the different types of chairs that would be most suitable for the Hall. It was also discussed that perhaps a 50/50 ticket campaign could be initiated to raise funds.

**f. Next Meeting Date**

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

**7. Adjournment****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Gauthier

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the meeting of the Festival Hall Committee of September 19, 2019 adjourn.

**Carried**