



**Date:** June 28, 2023  
**To:** Municipal Council  
**cc:** Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Councillor Rhyno, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Chairperson  
**RE:** Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting June 20, 2023 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

**1. SHUBENACADIE BALLFIELD SOFTBALL AGREEMENT**

East Hants Minor Softball Association has requested to use the ballfield for practices and games for the remainder of the 2023 season. As per council motion, this request is coming forward to Council for decision.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council give the CAO direction to enter into a usage agreement with East Hants Minor Softball for use of the ball field at the Shubenacadie River Park.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

**2. DISTRICT RECREATION FUND (2<sup>ND</sup> INTAKE)**

Five applications were received and presented to Executive Committee. Councillors discussed committing available funds to cover the entire project costs.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council approve the following District Recreation Funding 2023-2024 (intake 2):*

Applicant	Funding
<b>Lions Memorial Park</b>	
Dist. 3	\$ 5,750
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 5,750</b>
<b>Milford Recreation Association</b>	
Dist. 2	\$ 7,400
Dist. 3	\$ 8,973
Dist. 7	\$ 3,427
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 19,800</b>
<b>EH Horne School Preservation Society</b>	
Dist. 1	\$ 7,648

Dist. 10	\$ 6,301
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 13,949</b>
<b>East Gore Community Club</b>	
Dist. 3 Milford/NMR- Gore 0.01	\$ 8,351
Dist. 11 Rawdon/Gore- Gore 0.01	\$ 3,942
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 12,293</b>
<b>Empire Trails Association</b>	
Dist. 11 Rawdon/Gore- Gore 0.01	\$ 3,058
Dist. 11	\$ 12,500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 15,558</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 67,350</b>

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

### 3. [EAST HANTS AQUATIC CENTRE PROGRAM REGISTRATION](#)

Following registration of seasonal programs, some East Hants residents have indicated issues with enrolling in programs at the East Hants Aquatic Centre. Some residents feel that there should be a priority registration for East Hants residents, and others that feel a facility membership holder should have priority registration. Staff presented an analysis of the number of East Hants residents in aquatics programs versus residents outside the municipality; as well as the results of a jurisdictional scan on priority registration models in Nova Scotia and across Canada. Committee members discussed the pros and cons of priority registration.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council maintains the current registration model for aquatics and recreation programs that does not prioritize registration for East Hants residents or membership holders at the East Hants Aquatics Centre.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

### 4. [EAST HANTS ARENA ASSOCIATION - SPORTSPLES REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES](#)

Mr. Scott Forward, General Manager of the East Hants Sportsplex, gave a presentation to the committee on the current financial status of the facility and noted the East Hants Arena Association Board is requesting permission to increase facility rates. Discussion was held regarding the impacts of Covid-19, programming, potential revenue streams and budgeting.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council direct the East Hants Sportsplex General Manager to provide staff with the 2018 financial statements and budget to compare to the current year for the purpose of bringing a staff report to Committee in July.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

5. SHUBIE RIVER PARK BALLFIELD

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommended *that Council move forward with outfitting the Shubie River Park ballfield with outlets to provide power for community events, installation of which to be paid for from the Shubenacadie Recreation Fund Reserve.*

Council gave approval by Motion C23(178) during the Council (Policy & In-Camera) meeting held on June 20, 2023. No further motions are required.

**As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.**