



**Date:** July 26, 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 July 18, 2023 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

**1. (FAM) FAMILIARIZATION TOUR DATES**

Based on discussion with the CAO, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department created itineraries for familiarization tours of East Hants. The purpose of the tours would be to provide Council and senior leadership with an opportunity to visit a wide variety of Municipal assets as a group, including tours and interpretation of specific sites.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council direct staff to budget funds for a tour to occur for the new Council after the October 2024 municipal election.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee also *recommends that Council direct staff to create a virtual familiarization tour to address the municipal sites in the Municipality (including the Rawdon RCMP Department).*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee also *recommends that Council authorize staff to send an email to Council to coordinate site visits and a tour of the Municipality and its facilities.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

**2. EAST HANTS SPORTSPLEX - REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES - FINANCIAL VARIANCES**

Following a request by the East Hants Arena Association to raise field and ice rental rates and a subsequent presentation by the East Hants Sportsplex General Manager, Council directed the General Manager by motion C23(220) to provide Finance staff with the 2018 financial statements and budget to compare to the current year for the purpose of bringing a staff report in July.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council approve the 4% rate increase on ice rentals, and 3% on field rentals; and, instruct the CAO to again communicate Articles 8.3, and 8.4 of the July 2021 facility management agreement to the EHAA Board Members and General Manager. This communication is to emphasize the need to soon prepare a forecast of revenue and expenditures for 2023-24 and to take appropriate steps to increase revenues and/or decrease expenditures should a deficit be forecasted. As well, it should be emphasized that any surplus in a fiscal year is to be forwarded to EH to include with the EH Sportsplex Capital Repairs Reserve.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

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