



East Hants Farmers' Market Co-operative
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To: The Municipality of East Hants Council

The East Hants Farmers' Market was established in 2025 for the purpose of bringing locally produced goods directly to the consumer. The Co-operative aims to strengthen the sense of community within the municipality, enhance food security, and reduce costs to the consumer and producers through a weekly farmers' market. The board of directors are a group of volunteers, all living within the Municipality of East Hants, who care deeply about local food, sustainability, and building strong communities. We plan to launch a weekly market on Saturdays starting in the Spring of 2026.

The East Hants Farmers' Market Co-operative is planning three pop-up markets in the Fall and Winter months of 2025 (October, November, and December). Hosting a series of pop-up markets in the Fall and Winter months of 2025 will give the Co-operative's board the opportunity to plan for the 2026 season. These pop-up markets will allow for gauging community interest, fine tuning the logistics, and pilot the set up for the full time market. As this is our first year of operations, we are currently in the process of securing funds for the upcoming 2026 season and do not have the resources to book spaces in the remaining months of 2025.

The East Hants Farmers' Market Co-operative is requesting approval from Council to access communal spaces in the East Hants Sportsplex at no cost for the three Fall/Winter market pop-up events. With Council's approval to hold these events, we would continue to work with municipal staff to choose appropriate dates and to further plan the logistics for these pop-up markets.

We are planning to re-submit a Community Partnership Fund Application and will soon request to present to the Council to introduce our Co-operative and the ways we could work together within the municipality.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to me, Ashley, at the email address below.

Sincerely,
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