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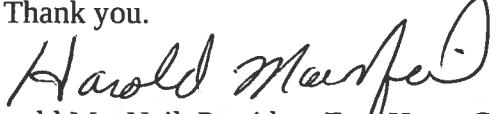
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**EAST HANTS CURLING ASSOCIATION (EHCA)**

**PROPOSED 4TH ANNUAL RISING TIDES CURLING BONSPIEL NOVEMBER 2026**

1. This correspondence is forwarded as a result of a resolution made at the EHCA Board of Directors meeting 8 January 2026.
2. The cost of \$9,301.05 for the East Hants Curling Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rising Tides Curling Bonspiel 28-30 November 2025 is considered to be cost prohibitive for future years. Bonspiels for a dedicated curling facility should be a revenue generator vice an exorbitant cost event. EHCA provided daily cost(s) for a dedicated facility and a one day a week event and neither costs were approved by EHM Council to facilitate a reasonable cost for a Bonspiel. All other East Hants recreational activities are charged a fee based on a survey of local facilities: Why not curling?
3. The event was programmed in April 2025 because EHCA expected the Recreation Facilities Master Plan would be completed prior to the November 2025 event and the EHCA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Curling Bonspiel had the potential to be held in a new East Hants Multi-purpose Curling facility. This is clearly not going to occur in 2026. The membership is very disappointed in the present delay and timelines for approval of a dedicated curling facility.
4. The EHCA submitted a Business Plan 2020 and the curling facility concept needs to be dusted off and an updated price requested from a contractor. Lindsay's Construction was the lone proposal submitted in 2020. EHCA BOD has much to offer in this process.
5. EHCA would most definitely consider a curling bonspiel in the November 2026 if a significant reduction in ice rental costs was approved. EHCA BOD will be approving the 2026/2027 curling schedule in late March or early April 2026 as part of yearly wrap up and to provide a schedule to the East Hants Sportsplex for ice allocations.

6. Thank you.



Harold MacNeil, President East Hants Curling Association

Approved by BOD: Terry Isenor, Caius Doyle, Pam Taylor, Kevin Cruickshank, Lawrence Williams, Jackie Malley, Sylvia Stobbart

cc: EH Director of Parks Recreation and Culture  
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