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**To:** Maxine Orman

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Good morning

I understand you had reached out to members of East Hants Council regarding youth curling at the East Hants Sportsplex.

The youth curling program you mentioned below is run by the East Hants Youth Links group where they do rent an hour of ice time to provide a free opportunity for youth to curl. This is similar to how the group offers free open swims by periodically renting the East Hants Aquatic Centre.

The Municipality supports the Youth Links group specifically by providing the group \$8000 in operating funds as part of the Community Partnership Fund, which in turn enables the group to offer free programming opportunities to youth in the area.

As your email below was sent directly to Council members, I will be posting this emailed response as part of the Correspondence for Information section of the February Council meeting agenda. As a result, it will be a public document, but I can assure you that your personal details (i.e. address) will be removed for privacy.

If you have any questions related to this, please feel free to let me know.

Kind regards  
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I'm sending this to all Counselors because I believe it is relevant to all areas of East Hants.

Watching the Scotties, I was truly proud that Nova Scotia had 2 teams reach the playoffs. It says a lot for the future of the sport in our province.

That said I was also proud that youth were able to try curling for free on Thursday afternoon at the Sportsplex. Then I found out that the Municipality, this year, requires the ice time to be paid for. Even though it is set up for morning/evening curling (paid for) and can not be used for anything else on that day.

Can someone please explain the change? Also, why introducing youth to the sport with the opportunity to try it for free, and just plain have something to do, was not worth continuing?

East Hants Curling Association has been trying since before 1993 to get a facility. With this change it seems like the Municipality would rather hinder rather than help the sport grow.

Respectfully,

Maxine Orman

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