

East Hants Curling Association


8 September 2026

Attention: East Hants Municipal Councillors/CAO/Director Parks Recreation and Culture
East Hants Municipal Council
15 Commerce Court
Elmsdale, Nova Scotia B2S 3K5

EAST HANTS CURLING ASSOCIATION (EHCA)
DECISION ON FUNDING FOR CURLING FACILITY

1. EHCA is forwarding this letter out of frustration and the timeline in providing a decision on an East Hants Curling Association Multi-purpose Curling Facility that has been at least 25 years in the pipeline. The most recent recreation and infrastructure survey: EHCA fully expects will support a curling facility today.
2. There was supposed to be a curling facility, firstly, when the Sportsplex was constructed and then secondly, when the Sportsplex was expanded. Thirdly, there was funding provided, although insufficient at the time, \$600,000.00, so there was support from council and the community to construct and pay for a curling facility. History has proven there is a firm desire for an East Hants curling facility: the EHCA has been providing curling for the last nine years. The curling program has touched many community members who curl, youth curling, three annual curling bonspiels, home and homes, support for fund raisers and the list goes on and on.
3. The present curling program of one day a week, on Thursday's, was always meant to be a interim solution and to demonstrate that curling was very viable in EH: not a permanent solution. The weekly tasks of installing curling ice, putting out equipment in the morning and then putting away the same equipment each night is onerous and a dedicated facility will negate this tedious activity. The delays are also having curlers say, I do not want to continue with the present process of weekly ice that is not consistent with a full time curling facility and paying for curling ice that is sub-standard. I want to curl in East Hants and East Hants Municipal Council should act on the will of the taxpayers and curlers who have put in the effort to ensure that a new facility will be operational and profitable from first stone to the button, on day one. EHCA has exceeded their due diligence to ensure that the community is ready for a dedicated Curling Facility.
4. EHCA expected the most recent survey to be completed and a funding decision already made at this time in the very long process: the data is available so a decision should be able to be communicated to EHCA members today. EHCA expressed this in a 19 June 2026 meeting with Councillor Craig Merriam and Alana Tapper in regards to the immediate way ahead: a robust and very meaningful meeting. An email is attached that was forwarded following the meeting: Mon 2026-07-06 10:37 AM.
5. There is much more that could be added to this correspondence, but the points would be repetitive from the past years and much correspondence submitted to East Hants Municipal Council and Councillors. The ASK/DECISION: EHCA requests a decision in regards to: **Is there or is there not** going to be funding support from the East Hants Municipal Council for an East Hants Curling

Association Multi-purpose Curling facility. A yes decision will allow work to be commenced now to acquire Provincial and Federal funding.

6. Thank you and EHCA, EHM taxpayers, awaits EHMC decision, soonest, on this very important and successful community recreation program.

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