
Fw: East Hants Curling Association - Follow Up to 19 June 2026 Meeting

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Alana, you asked me at the end of the meeting what EHCA was looking for and I want to expand on our conversation;

EHCA is looking for:

A four sheet curling facility with kitchen and bar. A six sheet facility would be great but EHCA is being realistic in asking for a four sheet facility.

EHCA will be hiring a Curling Club Manager, paid for by membership fees, to manage the day-to-day activities. Stand alone EHCA employee.

EHCA will be hiring an Ice Technician, paid for by membership fees, to install and maintain the curling ice throughout the year. Synergy with Sportsplex staff, reduce costs for both entities if possible.

Membership would be trained in ice maintenance under the supervision of Curling Facility Trained Curling Ice Technician.

EHCA will be responsible for cleaning the facility. There would be synergy with Sportsplex cleaning staff if possible to reduce costs for both buildings.

EHCA would run a kitchen and bar (most likely Club Manager would do during day and combination volunteer, paid employees at night).

In short EHCA will be responsible for all activities in regards to curling, NO day-to-day requirements or costs required from EHM Recreation.

EHCA will offer and be responsible to operate and maintain:

Monday morning league

Monday afternoon league

Monday night men's and women's league - timings would be worked out

Tuesday Morning league

Tuesday Night Stick League - 6:15 /Open League 7:30 - Business Sponsorship, naming

Wednesday Morning league/Stick curling league 1:00 PM,/Wednesday Night league 6:15 and 8:30

Thursday Morning league/Stick curling league/Night league at 6:15 and 8:30 - Business Sponsorship, naming

Friday Morning league/Stick Curling league/ Friday night Social and Novice league - to foster full community involvement

Saturday - Youth Curling League, Wheelchair League, Little Rocks, Learn to Curl

Sunday - U13 learn to curl-league/U18 Learn to curl-league

Anytime: high performance training for all ages by Nova Scotia Curling Association

Other groups: Junior Leagues, U13, U18, Middle School Leagues, High School Leagues, Mixed doubles - Juniors, Leagues, Seniors, Women's Morning League, Firefighters League (ie: local clubs like Lions, Knights of Columbus, etc: Mixed Leagues throughout the week.

EHCA would hold four(4) to (6) bonspiels to raise money, Cashspiels, other fun curling activities throughout the year and year end. Many, many possibilities.

EHCA like all other curling facilities would be VOLUNTEER CENTRIC and this would create a club ownership culture.

EHCA would hold Auctions, Raise funds by ticket sales on WEST JET FLIGHTS, SIDE OF BEEF, etc: endless opportunities with sponsorship.

EHCA presently has all the day to day equipment that would not be required as part of the building, start up costs. Approx \$150,000.00

EHCA would offer a large variety of leagues that accommodate a wide range of curlers: recreational player or competitive; all ages and abilities will be accommodated.

EHCA envisions a membership of 350 plus.

Curling is moving to create new opportunities and a modern curling facility would have the potential to be a year around operation with the support of Nova Scotia Curling Association and Curling Canada. High performance camps, leagues, etc, many new opportunities on the horizon.

FOLLOW ON:

You mentioned Mayflower - funding \$3M Provincial, \$4M Federal: Taj Mahal to what EHCA envisions: an eight (8) sheet facility, a boardroom, a banquet hall, multi-purpose room, upstairs lounge (there are two (2)), full-time kitchen and full bar and pro shop. Way to RICH for EHCA needs.

During the meeting the issue of funding was raised at the Provincial and Federal level with hesitation. EHCA strongly believe that we have strong proponents in the MLA and MP. Curling Canada and Curling Nova Scotia have also spoken of support. EHCA has always "punched above it weight" and EHCA will continue to do so getting to the funding stage. The project starts at the Municipal Level and EHCA wants and needs to be part of the process to ensure implementation and success.

The standard of \$21M for the Aquatic Centre is comparable in cost per person to a Curling Multi-purpose Facility. I have raised the use of EHM Reserves Funds of which I believe there is between \$45M and \$50M. Taxes do not have to increase, use of the reserve funds now and replenish over time is a good return for taxpayers whom which the funds came from in the form of surpluses in past years

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