

Lakeshore Curling Club

Request to Reconsider Grant Application

About Lakeshore Curling Club

- Operated at Sackville Sports Stadium for 25 Years as the anchor tenant. Have a new ten year lease to remain at the club.
- Membership from “the Sackville’s”, Bedford, Fall River, Beavercreek, Hammonds Plains and elsewhere in HRM.
- Host curling for all ages. Includes Seniors Curling, Wheelchair Curling, Special Olympics Curling and a robust Junior Curling Program starting at five years of age. Fully Wheelchair Accessible.
- Provide curling programming in partnership with HRM Recreation.

Background of Grant Request

- With the signing of the ten year lease, HRM did not want to replace the curling rocks at the club. Used curling rocks were supplied by HRM when the club opened as part of the lease.
- Lakeshore curling club now responsible for all Capital Equipment in respect to curling such as curling rocks, ice finishing equipment, furniture etc. This includes annual maintenance of the equipment.
- Lakeshore applied for an HRM Grant to put towards the cost of the rock replacement. (Rocks are ten years passed the due date of replacement and can no longer be repaired)

Results of Grant Request

- The budgeted cost of new curling rocks is just in excess of \$90,000.00
- The Lakeshore Curling Club asked for \$25,000.00 in the HRM Grant Request.
- Lakeshore Curling Club has now raised \$26,000.00 towards the budgeted cost.
- The Grant Request was not funded.

Details of the Refusal of Request

- The Request was refused for three specific reasons
 1. The rationale for importing the equipment at additional cost (shipping, currency exchange rate) was not clearly demonstrated.
 2. The request does not meet the criteria for a capital grant: the cost is a function of volume and none of the items cost more than \$5,000 each (Policy, Section 5).”
 3. Equipment purchases could be phased as funds permit.

Response to Refusal

1. There is only one supplier of curling rocks at present. That company is Kays of Scotland. The other supplier Canada Curling Stone shut down its Quarry at the beginning of Covid and has not reopened.
2. & 3. Curling rocks are not bought individually. They are acquired as a whole lot. This is the technical requirement of the sport. They are all matched perfectly. They are purchased at the same time. They are never purchased by the ones. There are sixteen rocks on a sheet of curling ice. Lakeshore has six sheets of ice. Ninety six rocks must all be purchased in one lot at the same time. It is not possible to phase in a purchase of curling rocks.

Request to Reconsider

Lakeshore Curling Club requests a reconsideration of our grant request to maintain a quality curling experience for the residents of our districts.

It is evident that our grant application was not refused for any reason related to the lack of importance of curling at the Lakeshore Curling Club. The refusal was created by a lack of knowledge of the technical nature of curling on part of the review process. We hope this provides clarification.

We see reconsideration.

Thank You!

- We appreciate the time and the work of the committee.