

Item 10.3.2

Community Planning Presentation

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Bedford Skating Club

Mission

Provide the highest quality programs in a welcoming environment to everyone who want to skate:
promoting fitness and a life-long passion for our sport.

Volunteer Leadership

Our club is run by dedicated volunteers.

Professional Coaching

We provide highquality professional
coaching for all levels.

Inclusive Programming

Everyone is welcome to participate and
enjoy skating.

Community Impact

1 of 5 Clubs in HRM
1 of 16 in Nova Scotia

Bedford Skating Club - About Us

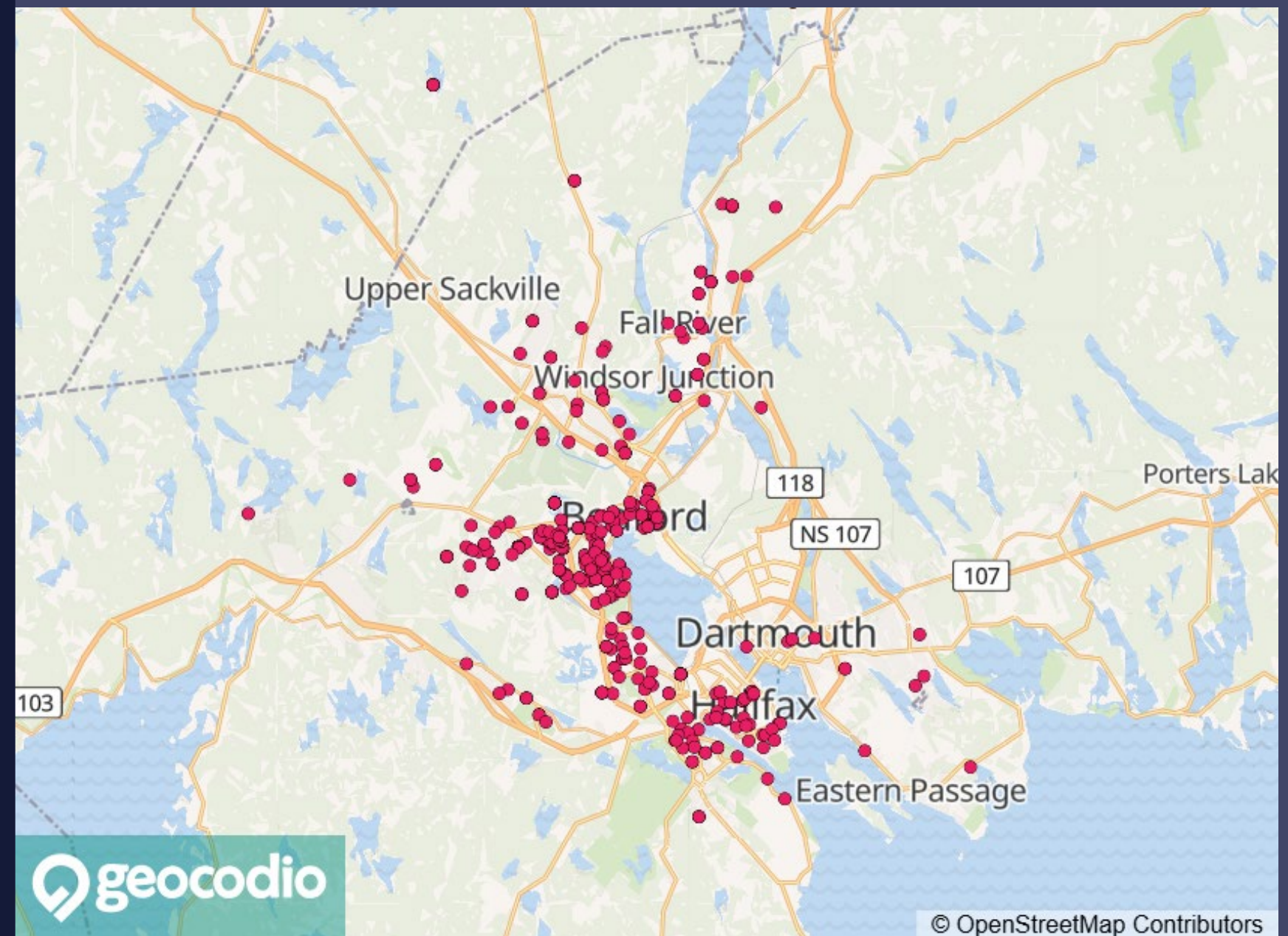
National Club/School Award winner for Nova Scotia in 2025

- Recognized for CanSkate program
- Efforts for inclusive CanSkate program

Running most (but not all) of the possible Skate Canada programs for 478 skaters

- Waitlist of 268 across all programs
- 2025/26 cancel classes for teens to continue core programs
- 75% female athletes

Skaters seeking national team placements leave for other provinces





Overview of Skate Canada

Skate Canada offers a variety of programs, including **CanSkate** and **Competitive**, catering to all ages and skill levels.

Skate Canada Programs Overview

01 CanSkate: Introduction to Basic Skills

Focuses on fundamental skating skills for beginners.

02 STARSkate: Individual Progress and Skill Development

Offers a pathway for skaters to advance their skills.

03 CompetitiveSkate: Training for Competitive Environments

Prepares skaters for competitive events and performances.

Key Issues Overview

HRM Rate Fee ByLaw

- Sets the regular season as Oct 1 - Mar 31
 - Competitive season begins in summer and qualifying is complete by November
 - Skating commitment is September-March 31
- Importance of year-round morning ticket ice
 - March 14/25 letter cancelling ticket ice





Key Issues Overview

Ice Allocation

- Policy driven:
 - Imperfect model
 - Assumptions in data collection challenge for skating
- Commitment to time for a season
- *Thank you to staff who have been working through this with us*

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Ice Availability

- Primary rink assignment is LeBrun
 - Opens and closes based on “regular” season
- All available ice time compatible with skater availability is assigned (school days/late nights/holidays)
- Requirements to create a financially sustainable pipeline for non profit sports club
 - CanSkate is the gateway to ice sports, StarSkate & Podium become volunteers for CanSkate and then officials and coaches





Request to CPED

01 Evaluate impacts of HRM Rate Fee ByLaw

Season is based on what sports?

02 Policy & Processes for Ice Allocation

Can the model be built with inclusion of all ice sports?

03 Review of ice time availability

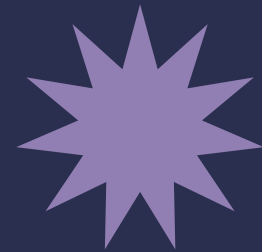
An update of the ice surfaces review and indoor ice surfaces review that includes consultation and a review of Long-Term Athlete Development for key ice use groups.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.



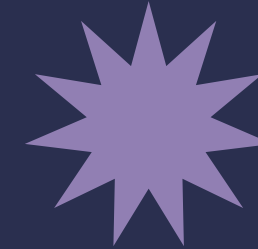
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