# **SCHEDULE F**

**Community Stadium Letters of Support** 

Schooners Sports and Entertainment Attention: Anthony LeBlanc, President and CEO

#### Dear Anthony:

On behalf of the Canadian Sport Centre (CSCA), I would like to give my support for the multi-use, community stadium at Shannon Park. The development of community facilities that meet the broad range of user groups across the region is essential to ensure our citizens have opportunities to pursue a healthy lifestyle.

One of the main barriers to increasing number of participants is safe, cost-efficient and appropriate facilities. There is currently a lack of suitable, accessible facilities in Nova Scotia, particularly in the Halifax Regional Municipality. This is especially true during the winter months. Halifax currently has a limited number of indoor fields for sports and recreation. The stadium's operating model -- which I understand would see the facility used year-round by provincial sports organizations at no, or minimal, cost provides an excellent opportunity to address this issue in a positive manner.

The CSCA is particularity interested in partnering with Schooners Sports and Entertainment in supporting the highperformance athlete pathway for the athletes in Nova Scotia. We have had very positive discussions with Schooners Sports and Entertainment regarding the potential synergies to help create the conditions for our Nova Scotian athletes to realize their potential. The infrastructure created through this project will meet our specific needs that are currently absent in our community.

We look forward to helping this essential piece of infrastructure to be available to all citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality and fully support the project.

Yours in Sport

Ken Bagnell, President Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic



June 18<sup>th</sup> , 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to lend my support for Schooners Sports and Entertainment to develop the proposed multi-use, community stadium at Shannon Park.

For the past 7 years, I have been the provincial coach of Rugby Nova Scotia. During that time, I have seen firsthand the impact that accessible and affordable Rugby facilities can have on the development of healthy, active citizens, as well as the growth of communities and regions.

Rugby in Nova Scotia is a sport which is competing at a high level nationally, although we struggle to find appropriate facilities each year due to lack of them in the greater HRM area.

In fact, conservatively, we project that the Rugby Nova Scotia in conjunction with Rugby Canada, could program and use the community stadium over 40 days a year, representing 150 hours per year. This means that over 200 rugby athletes/participants would access and use the facility in any given year. I am also confident that this facility could be used to attract national, international and professional events, such as international 7s and 15s events.

This partnership between Schooners Sports and Entertainment and Sport Nova Scotia will be a catalyst for the development of Rugby in the Halifax Regional Municipality and throughout the Province of Nova Scotia. Rugby has become a year-round sport in all parts of the world. However, in areas with more challenging climates, like here in Nova Scotia, this is not possible. The winter sport dome that will be erected over the field of play at the community stadium will allow our athletes greater opportunity to develop and grow year-round.

An increased prominence of Rugby in Halifax by virtue of access to the community stadium will build a more physically active and engaged community and province. Under-serviced areas will have access to inclusive and accessible programs and the public will have access to a top caliber recreational facility.















An investment by governments in the stadium is an investment in the future of Nova Scotia youth and amateur sport.

Sincerely,

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June 7, 2019

### To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to lend my support for Schooners Sports and Entertainment to develop the proposed multi-use, community stadium at Shannon Park, in partnership with Sport Nova Scotia, the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada.

For the past twelve years, I have been the Executive Director of Football Nova Scotia. During that time, I have seen firsthand the impact that accessible and affordable football facilities can have on the development of healthy, active citizens, as well as the growth of communities and regions.

Our PSO is constantly challenged to get access to adequate field times at reasonable costs. The stadium's operating model — which would see the community facility used and programmed, year-round, primarily by provincial and community sports organizations at no, or minimal, cost — provides a great opportunity to address this issue in a positive manner.

In fact, conservatively, we project that the Football Nova Scotia could program and use the community stadium over 180 days a year, representing 1080 hours per year. This means that over 2500 football athletes/participants would access and use the facility in any given year. Moreover, in addition to using the community facility to develop programs for grassroots, intermediate and advanced players, I am confident that this facility could be used to showcase national, international and professional events, such as 2024 World Junior Championships, 2026 World Men's and Women's Flag Championships, 2024 & 2025 U16 Eastern Canadian Championships, 2025 Football Canada Cup and the 2027 & 2028 U18 National Flag Championships & U16 Regional Flag Championships.

I am confident that this community asset can, and will, become a catalyst for the development of both contact and non-contact football in the Halifax Regional Municipality and throughout the Province of Nova Scotia. Football has become a year-round sport in all parts of the world. However, in areas with more challenging climates, like Canada, this is often not possible. The winter sport dome that will be erected over the field of play at the community stadium will allow our athletes greater opportunity to develop and grow year-round on the only domed football field in the province — something that will level the playing field for our athletes competing against those in other cities in Canada and around the world.

An increased prominence of football in Halifax by virtue of access to the community stadium will build a more physically active and engaged community and province. Underserviced areas will have access to inclusive and accessible programs and the public will have access to a top caliber recreational facility that can serve diverse community needs while also developing the next generation of athletes from the region.

An investment by government in the stadium is an investment in the future of Nova Scotia youth and amateur sport, and in the Halifax Regional Municipality and Atlantic Canada community in general.

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Sincerely,

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June 6, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today in support of the construction of a stadium in the Halifax region. The Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation is the largest sport organization in the Province of Nova Scotia. The Federation has one hundred eighty-five member schools across the province representing close to forty thousand participants in seventeen sports. Our high school soccer competition has close to two hundred school teams and our football program is one of the most popular spectator sports of the federation.

Our metro high school leagues would benefit from an additional field where they could play regular season games as well as host regional and provincial championships that would include schools from across the region and the province. Our Junior High schools could host jamboree events in several field sports that could make use of the stadium field.

The NSSAF understands the importance of community sport facilities to both local schools and the community at large. The NSSAF is a community based organization so the addition of community facilities aligns with the mandate of the Federation so we support the effort to construct the new stadium in Halifax.

Sincerely,

Stephen Gallant

**Executive Director** 

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Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation