

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2015		
Subject: Lake District Recreation Association Service Agreement Request		
<p>Motion to request that Regional Council direct staff to prepare a report to respond to a request from the Lake District Recreation Association (letter attached) for HRM to negotiate a service agreement to provide annual funding of \$50,000, indexed to the cost of living.</p>		
<p>Reason:</p> <p>Lake District Recreation Association owns and operates the Sackville and District Arena for the benefit of citizens and the arena is included by Halifax Regional Municipality in the arena inventory.</p>		
<p>Outcome Sought:</p> <p>To determine appropriateness, and if advisable the scope of a Lake District Recreation Association and Halifax Regional Municipality service agreement.</p>		
<i>Councillor Steve Craig</i>	Original Signed	<i>District 15</i>

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Dear Mr. Craig,

Lake District Recreation Association respectfully requests HRM to consider and approve a service agreement between LDRA and HRM for HRM to provide an annual fund of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), indexed to cost of living. The purpose of the funds would be ongoing capital repair.

LDRA operates a community arena servicing Sackville, Lucasville, Beaverbank, Fall River, Waverley and areas beyond since 1971. Without the citizens of Sackville building and maintaining this facility, HRM or the former County of Halifax would have built a similar facility, operated and maintained it.

We are of the opinion that HRM currently enjoys the benefits of this facility by not having to own and maintain on of its own. HRM would have to provide a similar facility to manage all the services currently provided by the LDRA facility.

The community arena is used extensively year round. Summer usage includes lacrosse for 12 weeks, attracting 500+ attendees, Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Annual Ceremonial Review, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps Annual Ceremonial Review, CCS Relay for Life, boxing events, concerts, school reunions and community patriot day's events attracting thousands of people. Year round the arena is used for family events, weddings, anniversary and birthday parties and patron and public meetings.

The arena is host to Sackville Minor Hockey Association, which attracts 10,000+ fans per week and the local Junior B Hockey Team which attracts 300+ fans per game. We also host 3 area high school hockey teams; Lockview High, Millwood High and Sackville High, which attract 1000+ fans per week and 4 area junior high hockey teams with attendance near 400+ fans per week. Ringette and various hockey groups are additional uses.

The support of HRM will allow the LDRA board to continue to maintain the arena at a high level, ensuring that the facility lasts another 45 years. LDRA has done an exceptional job maintaining and operating the arena and all who visit are impressed with the smart appearance and updates. With the support of HRM, Sackville Community Arena will continue to be used extensively by the community, negating the need for HRM to build and operate a like facility.

We look toward a positive response to our request.

Kind Regards,

Robert (Bob) Rines, President
Lake District Recreation Association