

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - 3.1. Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 6, 2024
4. **PROCLAMATIONS**
5. **PRESENTATION**
 - 5.1. Nictaux Baptist Church – Inn from the Cold – Rev. Jeff Milne
 - 5.2. Bridgetown Sports Hub – Lawrence Emms
6. **ANYTHING BY CITIZENS**

Procedure: A thirty-minute period will be provided for members of the public to address Council regarding questions, concerns and/or ideas. Each person will have a maximum of two minutes to address Council with a second two-minute period provided there is time remaining within the thirty-minute "Anything by Citizens" period.
7. **ACTION ITEMS**
8. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 8.1. Dangerous and Unsightly Status Report for May 2024 - CAO
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
10. **ANTHING BY MEMBERS**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

June 3rd, Middleton Meeting of the Whole.

Inn From the Cold Middleton - Public Report.

- In operation from Feb 20 to April 27, 2024, and opened 66 of a potential 68 nights (two closures were necessary due to volunteer/scheduling issues, praise God several others were averted because of dedicated volunteers).
- We had 26 different volunteers who gave their time overnight to make this possible. Additionally, we had several people who baked muffins or did laundry.
- In the course of the 66 nights we were in operation, we saw 11 different guests use the shelter and had 166 overnight stays according to registrations.
- On our biggest night we had 5 guests stay the entire night
- We had 7 occurrences where people came to the shelter but left before lights out or through the night (anxiety and/or discomfort with others around them seemed to be behind these occurrences).
- We had one instance where an individual was turned away. This was due to late arrival.
- There were no incident reports filed. Two instances of "concern" were raised by guests. These instances were not actually shelter-related, but rather "adjacent" to the shelter. These were carefully investigated and found to be untrue. Questionable mental health (in my opinion) is believed to be a factor in both these instances.
- Assistance from the police was not needed at any time.
- Preparations/Needs for Fall of 2024

Respectfully Submitted by; Rev. Jeff Milne (presenter & co-organizer), Diane Thurber & Linda Thorsen (co-organizers)

Annapolis County Outdoor Sports Hub

Public Consultation, Pt.1
Feb. 15, 2024

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Fully Lit Artificial Soccer Pitch



Fully Lit, Artificial 8-Lane Track



Steeplechase, High Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump



Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Hammer Throw



Natural Turf Soccer Pitch



Natural Turf Practice Area/Youth Soccer Pitch



Memorial Garden





BIRD

Chimney Swift Colony



Tennis Courts



Accessible Washrooms and Canteen









QUESTIONS?
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Middleton Committee of the Whole Presentation

The Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports HUB (the HUB) is a collection of outdoor sports facilities. The HUB, built by the Province, is owned by the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and is operated, maintained and promoted by ACOSS. ACOSS is negotiating an agreement with the Annapolis Valley Regional Education Center (AVREC) related to the School Soccer Pitch and the School Beach Volley Ball Court.

The HUB contains three Soccer Pitches. Two of the pitches (the School Pitch and the Youth Soccer Pitch) have natural turf. The third pitch has an artificial surface, is fully lined and is fully lit for after dark use. The artificial surface is unique to the western end of Nova Scotia. The lighting system is also unique and complies with professional and Olympic standards.

The HUB contains a complete Track and Field component. The eight-lane Track, which like the Soccer Pitch, has an artificial surface and is fully lit for after dark use. The Track has a Steeple Chase feature. The Track was designed and built with a surface for Wheelchair racing. Other elements of the Track and Field system include jumping pits for high jumping, broad jumping, and skip and hop jumping. Features to accommodate discus and javelin throwing, and shot putting are located on the School Soccer Pitch.

The HUB is the only non-College and University owned artificial turf and fully lighted outdoor sports facility in western Nova Scotia.

The HUB contains two Tennis Courts, lined as well for Pickle Ball and a Beach Volley Ball Court.

Memorial Park, located on Granville Street, is part of the HUB. The Park has an endangered species Chimney Swift Roost, walking paths, memorial plantings, information signage and an Electronic Sign to promote community activities. The Park is located at the entry to the HUB, as is a parking Lot for HUB users and spectators.

The HUB is fully accessible to people with handicaps. The HUB has a Canteen Building that also contains three full accessible washrooms.

ACOSS is the Annapolis County Outdoor Sports Society. ACOSS was formed to operate, maintain and promote the Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports HUB (the HUB). The HUB belongs to the Municipality of the County of Annapolis. ACOSS has a five year agreement with the County to look after the HUB.

ACOSS is a volunteer organization, registered with the Province's Joint Stock organization. ACOSS is fully insured to protect the volunteers.

ACOSS was formed in early 2023 by a number of people who saw the potential of the HUB. We developed an Agreement with the County and are currently negotiating an agreement with the Annapolis Valley Regional Education Centre (AVREC). The agreement with AVREC will provide for the operation and maintenance of the School Soccer Pitch and the School Beach Volley Ball Court. ACOSS is also working with the AVREC to build a trail to connect the School parking lot to the Harvest Trail (on the

abandoned railway right of way) and the Annapolis River. The Trail, which is partially funded by the Province, is wholly located on the AVREC property.

ACOSS operates in accordance with a set of simple principles:

ACOSS is welcoming and engaging,

ACOSS fosters respect for users and spectators

ACOSS operates in a manner that promotes equity, diversity and inclusion,

ACOSS will make the HUB accessible to all,

ACOSS will strive to make the use of the HUB affordable to all,

ACOSS will operate based on a principle of sustainability.

The ACOSS Board meets on an as-required basis. Most meetings are held in the morning in the Bridgetown Library. In the fall of 2024, ACOSS will shift to an evening meeting format to enable people who work for a living to participate.

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY 2023

Complaints and Status Report

Complaint #	Date Complaint Received	Address of Owner	Complaint Form Completed	Property Inspection and Form Completed	Initial Notice Sent	Complainant Updated	Follow-up Inspection Must Be Done By:	Follow-up Property Inspection Completed	Is Clean Up Required? Y / N	Estimate of Cost for Clean Up \$\$	Council Approval for Clean Up Y / N	Notice to Owner of Clean Up	Owner Invoiced for Costs or Lien Placed	STATUS	Mark Complete When File is Closed
23-DU002	5-Jun-23	82 Victoria	7-Jun-23	8-Jun-23	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y			14-Nov-23		Owner requested extension of 4 months to previous deadline of March 14th 2024. Working on new Order to issue with new deadline.	
23-DU004	5-Jun-23 24-Aug-23	50 School	7-Jun-23	7-Jun-23										Fire Inspection was conducted Nov 21/23. Administrator to follow up with inspectors and re-visit property for outside inspection.	
23-DU006	6-Jun-23	121 Main	7-Jun-23	7-Jun-23	30-Jun-23	2-Aug-23	15-Jul-23	25-Jul-23	N	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Property Owner intends to renovate building but is awaiting funding. In the meantime, a coat of paint will be put on. Paint of coat has not been put on. Contacted Building Manager May 30/24.	
23-DU007	7-Jun-23	75 Victoria	7-Jun-23	7-Jun-23	30-Jun-23 31-May-24		15-Jul-23							Property is changing hands. Property was re-visited on May 30/24 and is still dangerous/unsightly. Letter will be sent.	
23-DU009	16-Jun-23	153 Meadow Lane	16-Jun-23	31-Aug-23	31-May-24									Property was re-visited on May 30/24 and is still unsightly. Letter will be sent.	
23-DU011	16-Jun-23	174 Main	16-Jun-23	31-Aug-23	31-May-24									Property was re-visited on May 30/24 and is still unsightly. Letter will be sent.	
23-DU013	16-Jun-23	28 Bridge	16-Jun-23	31-Aug-23	31-May-24									Property was re-visited on May 30/24 and is still unsightly. Letter will be sent.	
23-DU016	16-Jun-23 1-Aug-23	8 Spring Garden	16-Jun-23	29-Aug-23	31-May-24									Property was re-visited on May 30/24 and is still unsightly. Letter will be sent.	
23-DU018	16-Jun-2023 13-May-2024	5 George	16-Jun-2023 13-May-2024	31-Aug-23	31-May-24									Property was re-visited on May 30/24 and is still unsightly. Letter will be sent.	
23-DU019	5-Jun-23	54 School	16-Jun-23	7-Jun-23	25-Jul-23		8-Aug-23	30-May-24						Met with property owner on Jul 31/23 and they communicated that the conveyor belt will be removed by mid-November. Property was re-visited May 30/24 and conveyor belt has not been removed. Reminder letter to be issued.	

