## **Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 8:10 AM

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**Subject:** Lantz Recreation Society Expansion Project

Sheralee,

Please post for tonight's agenda:

The Lantz Recreation Society and MP Blois have approached East Hants to consider an upgrade and expansion of the Lantz Recreation site in Lantz. The current site has an old canteen and two community ball fields. There is an old soccer field on the property as well. The expansion could include: new bathrooms, club house, parking facilities, enlarged ball fields and the addition of a ball field, track & field infrastructure, walking trails, lawn bowling and seniors' activities, amongst others. The Municipality has already identified this property/facility as a strategic asset. Following the Recreation Facility Needs Assessment, the vision will be clearer however, there is an opportunity to support an application to the Federal Government for senior level government funding for this property.

To support this application, Lantz Recreation and MP Blois are looking for a letter of support from the Municipality for the expansion project. Although there is no specific ask from a dollar perspective at this stage, there are significant Open Space funds for this area and contributed Open Space land that is adjacent to the current site. Strategically, staff would be prepared to support Lantz Recreation in this project.

Should Council wish to support this request, the following motion is recommended:

That Council write a letter of support for the Lantz Recreation Society expansion project indicating that East Hants will work with Lantz Recreation Society on development of this strategic recreation asset for the region and a related operating model; and, that the municipality has open space funds and land in kind to donate to this project should senior level government funding be awarded to expand the site.