

# HAVELOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE – MULTI USE COURT PROPOSAL

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MUNICIPALITY OF CLARE

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## The Proposal

### **The location**

The multi use court would be built behind the Havelock Community Centre (4628 Highway 340). We chose this location as Havelock and surrounding communities have an evident lack of recreational infrastructure and access to community sport. We decided to incorporate both basketball and ball hockey as these are two sports that are played most frequently by the children, young and older adults of the area. This multi use court will become an asset to the Community Centre and the Municipality as a whole. School teams, families, friends, and other community groups can gather here to play. The field also offers an abundance of space for future infrastructure (housing, playground, etc.)

The exact placement of the multi use court is up for discussion. We hope to use a part of the grounds that works best for all. In *Annex 1*, you will find two different location options, but we are not limited to these. The first is located directly behind the facility, where there is currently a driveway. This location is ideal as it is easier to access and does not restrict parking. The second location is set back further on the property, to the right of the field. This option does not obstruct the flow of traffic around the building but will require some sort of path to access the multi use court as well as additional lighting.

### **The design**

The multi use court would be approximately 15.25 m by 25 m. With 2 gates to access the court. The entire court will be closed in with chain link fence. The slab will be made of concrete and lines will be painted to define the court. We hope to install 2 permanent basketball nets and to purchase 2 ball hockey nets.

### **Building plan**

We are hopeful that the building process will begin early Summer 2022. Evidently, this is dependent on contractor and supply availability.

### **Budget**

The construction costs for the multi use court will be \$72,461.

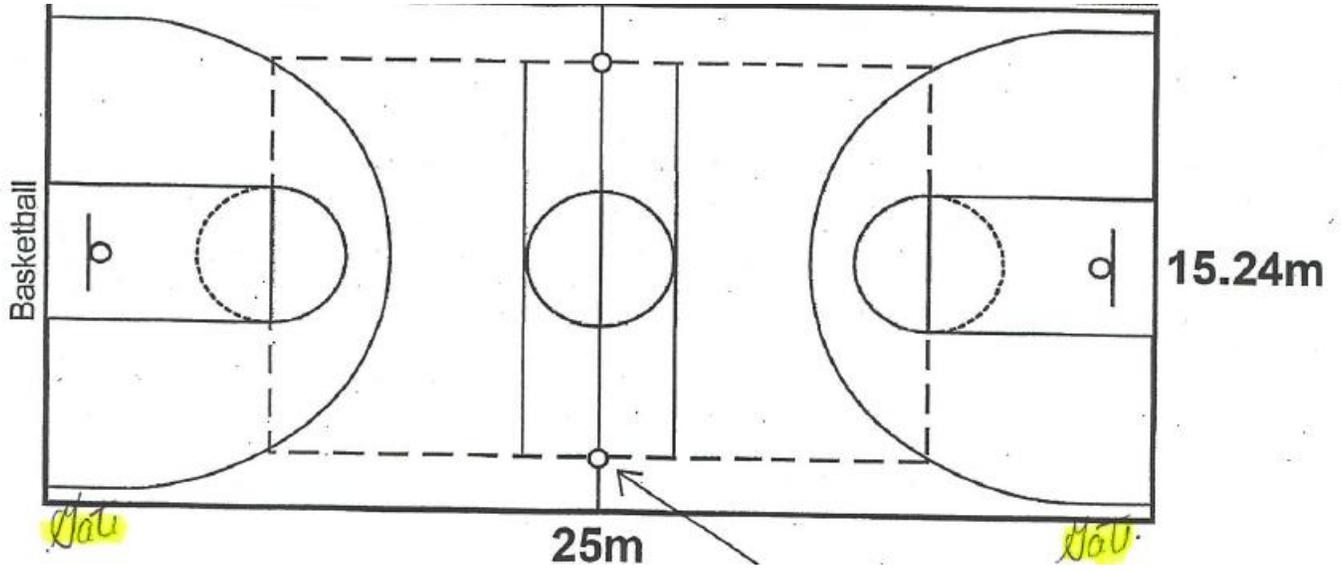
The Recreation Facility Development covers up to 1/3 of the cost of projects up to a total cost of \$150,000. That being said, there is always the possibility that we are not fully funded.

See *Annex 3* for the detailed budget.

Annex 1 – Location options



Annex 2 – Multi Use Court design



# EASTERN FENCE ERECTORS LIMITED

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January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

To: Municipality of Clare

Attn: Tori Comeau

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Email: [recreation@munclare.ca](mailto:recreation@munclare.ca)

Re: Havelock Community Centre

Dear Tori,

We are pleased to submit our quotation to you for the above noted project as follows:

**Scope of Work:**

- Supply and install all galvanized industrial grade chain link fence.
- Four-sided enclosure.
- 100' of 8' high for the two ends.
- 164' of 6' high for the sides.
- Two 4' wide by 6' high lockable gates.

**Quotation: \$11,886.00 + HST**

**Note: For two complete basketball posts, backboard and net would be an extra: \$5,100.00 + HST**

*Eastern Fence carries complete Workers Compensation coverage and Liability Insurance to protect our employees as well as you our customer. The establishment of property lines and the procurement of building permits, are the sole responsibility of the customer. Damage to un-located underground utilities is the sole responsibility of the customer.*

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above number. Price(s) are valid for 30 days, HST Extra.*

Regards,

Bill Brooks

Accepted By:

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Terms: Due Upon Receipt

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## Annex 3 – Budget

### Havelock Community Centre Multi Use Court

Concrete pad	\$50,987
<small>As the pad will be similar in size to the CVC rink, we have used this amount as an approximate amount. Supply expenses have likely increased</small>	
Fencing & nets	\$19,534
Line painting	\$500
Ball hockey nets	\$440
Additional equipment	\$1,000
<small>Hockey sticks, goalie pads, benches</small>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$72,461</b>
<b>NS Recreation Facility Development Grant</b>	<b>-\$24,153</b>
<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,308</b>

# Havelock Wesleyan Church

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January 31, 2021

Dear Municipalité du Clare,

We are the Lead Pastor and Assistant Pastor for the Havelock Wesleyan church located in the Havelock area of the municipality.

Over the past couple of years it has become apparent to us that a facility to meet the outdoor recreation needs of our community would be an amazing benefit. We met with Counsellor Danny Hill and the Havelock Community Centre Board to discuss the possibility of utilising the property for an outdoor ball hockey/basketball pad. Both Counsellor Hill and the Board gave us their full endorsement. As community leaders we feel that this would be a tremendous asset and investment for the community and municipality in the short-term and long-term future.

The Havelock Community Centre is located on the far side of Clare, removed from most amenities in Meteghan, Saulnierville, Digby, and Yarmouth. However, the population in this area is one that traditionally values community gatherings, recreation and outdoor living. In recent months, due to the pandemic, the community has also seen an increase in the number of young families coming to the area. While we are excited to have this new life in the community, we want to retain and continue to increase our population. One way to do this is to help these new families integrate into the once thriving community life here. By creating amenities at the community centre, a building we see could become a hub for our little corner of the world, there is opportunity for families and the community to flourish.

Since the beginning of the pandemic we have seen a reduction in access to recreational facilities and activities. This is in part due to the distance between our constituents and facilities in other areas. The nearest basketball court and outdoor hockey pad that is available for community use, free of charge, is close to an hour away. Not only does this discourage our community from engaging in recreation and outdoor physical activity, it has also contributed to isolation of children, adolescents, adults and seniors from their peers. Our residents are hungry for opportunities to come together in a safe way and continue building the sense of community that not long ago was the hallmark of this area.

Mental health across the province and country has seen a steady decline since the beginning of the pandemic and all that has come with it. Two items that have proven to be effective in improving mental health across populations are a feeling of connectedness and regular physical activity. By providing a space at the community centre for not just members of our community but the surrounding communities as well, we are providing an avenue for improved mental health. Something as simple as shooting a basketball or a hockey ball around can have a dramatic impact on the overall health of our community and the surrounding communities as well.

In closing, there is a greater need now for recreation facilities now more than before. The facility will provide improved mental health, retention and attraction of new families, improved access to resources for our little part of Clare, improved physical health. A hockey pad and basketball court at the Havelock Community Centre would breathe new life into the once thriving community of the Havelock and surrounding areas.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the financial investment into the future of our amazing community. Your leadership is appreciated in our municipality.

Respectfully Yours,

Shawn Craven  
*Lead Pastor*

Kathryn Brooks  
*Assistant Pastor*