

# Shelburne County Fish and Game Association

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Finding a location that provides easy access for everyone and is a safe place to fish and a place that will hold fish has been a challenge. Some of the lakes we have used have rocky and hazardous shores and required a fair bit of travelling to get there.

Kids leave with a positive experience of fishing with fishing related prizes in their hand that encourage them to get out and try it again. We would like to make a pond close

to home where we can hold more than one fishing derby a year and offer better accessibility to small children and children with mobility issues.

The Barrington Exhibition Committee has offered us a piece of land to use that already has parking, electricity and future plans include having a picnic area and toilet facilities. They have given us a written agreement to lease the land at no charge .They have been looking at hosting an outdoor woods person competition each year that would include water sports such as canoeing, log rolling etc. Since we are home to two world champion logrolling champions and the Scott Timber show which has travelled all over the world we would hope to include them in our activities .

Plans for the future could include a gazebo, wheelchair access and a pond that is used for multiple purposes year round. Misty James ( recreation director) has expressed an interest in using the pond for multiple recreational programs and has been very helpful in helping us navigate the paperwork and getting us in touch with there right people

We have the support and co operation of the Barrington Exhibition Committee and the Barrington Municipal Council has allocated nearly twenty five thousand dollars toward the construction based on us getting money from the province.

Between the activities Shelburne County Fish & Game have planned, the recreation departments water sports programs and the exhibition committee's future plans it would be well used.

Sincerely yours,

Shelburne County Fish and Game Association

## Shelburne County Fish & Game Association

February 1, 2024

Chris Frotten - CAO Barrington Municipality  
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Misty Naus - Recreation Director Barrington Municipality  
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We are asking Barrington Municipal council to make an exemption to the grants and organizations policy at their next meeting of the committee of the whole.

Shelburne County Fish and Game Assoc. has been hosting a kids fishing derby each year for the last 15 years. Usually 100 to 150 kids show up for the day for supervised fishing, prizes and a barbecue. Generous local sponsors have enabled us to hand out a thousand dollars worth of prizes and for some kids it is their first experience catching a fish. We have had to move around each year because finding a place that is accessible, safe, will hold the fish we release , etc has been difficult.

We started meeting with The Barrington Exhibition committee before covid and received an agreement that we could lease land from them and partner with them on digging a multi purpose pond . Misty Naus has been on board from day one and has been a big help and we have had several meetings with her .

Shelburne County Fish & Game Assoc. does no fundraising and charges a membership fee to cover our operational costs and inland fisheries stock the pond we use with trout. We can help with managing construction, and help with whatever activities the recreation dept. and the exhibition committee do but can not offer any funds.

With a commitment from the municipality that they support this project and that they will help fund it money will be available from the various provincial recreational departments such as sport and recreation and inland fisheries.

Some of the things we have discussed with Misty and with the exhibition committee are handicapped excess, a gazebo , picnic tables and toilets

Yours truly

Shelburne County Fish & Game Assoc.



SCHEDULE "B"  
MUNICIPALITY OF BARRINGTON  
APPLICATION FORM

RECEIVED

NOV 30 2023

ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING CAPITAL GRANTS

Grant Requests of \$501 to \$2,499 and Grant Requests of \$2,500 or Above

NAME OF APPLICANT ORGANIZATION: Shelburne County Fish & Game Assoc.

CONTACT PERSON: GREGORY SEARS or BOHN O'CONNELL

ADDRESS: SHERDS E ISLAND NEWELLTON

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NS REGISTRY OF JOINT STOCKS NUMBER: 3012250

FEDERAL CHARITABLE STATUS NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have either of the above numbers, provide the name and contact information of the organization that you are affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please indicate the grant amount for which you are applying: \$ 25,000

2. Please identify the community, area and/or group(s) your organization serves:

SCFGA Serves ALL of SHELBURNE COUNTY

3. Please describe your organization's capital project. (If additional space is required, please attach a separate sheet):

SEE ATTACHED sheet

4. Please describe the benefits your capital project will provide to the community and/or municipality:


See attached sheet

5. Please ensure your submission includes the following:

- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM
- PROOF OF CURRENT REGISTRATION AS A NON-PROFIT OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
- MOST RECENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT
- DETAILS OF FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT PROJECT
- YOUR ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR OR PROJECT
- LIST OF YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6. Authorization:

Application prepared By:  GREGORY SEARS 18/11/23  
 (Contact Person) Signature Print DD/MM/YY

Board/Committee:  \_\_\_\_\_ 18/11/23  
 (Signing Officer) Signature Print DD/MM/YY

7. SUBMISSION:

**MAIL:** MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF BARRINGTON  
 GRANTS PROGRAM  
 P.O. BOX 100  
 BARRINGTON, NS  
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# Shelburne County Fish & Game Association

## Income Statement

Period Jan 1 2023 to Aug 31 2023

***Bank Balance as of Jan 1 /2023*** \$5,838.80

***Revenues:***

Deposit Interest	\$48.65	
Fundraising	\$550.00	
Total:	<u>\$598.65</u>	\$6,437.45

***Expenses:***

Bank Charges	\$77.60	
NSFAH Dues	\$530.00	
NSFAH Course Charge	\$390.00	
Fundraising Supplies	\$121.90	
Room Rental for Fundraising	\$172.50	
Fundraising Supplies	\$1,954.98	
	<u>\$3,246.98</u>	

***Bank Balance as of Aug 31 2023*** \$3,190.47

# Shelburne County Fish & Game Association Fish Pond Project

Expenses	Land clearing	\$10,000.00
	Boardwalk/ ramps	\$12,000.00
	Bench seating	\$3,000.00
	Pond (150 x 150 foot with 45 degree slope	\$25,000.00
	Dug well	\$10,000.00
	Subtotal	\$60,000.00
	HST	\$9,000.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$69,000.00</u></b>

Revenue	SCFGA Contribution (in kind)	\$10,000.00
	Fundraising*	\$2,250.00
	Project Funding - Provincial	\$33,750.00
	Project Funding - Municipality of Barrington	\$23,000.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$69,000.00</u></b>

\*community donations, partner events

Shelburne County Fish and Game Association is seeking funding to develop a barrier-free fishpond at the Barrington Exhibition Grounds. This phase of the project would include a 150x150 foot pond with boardwalk around approximately half the circumference. Bench seating and 3 accessible picnic tables to be included. This project will also include a dug well to enable future upgrades and expansion of the site infrastructure. Rationale for doing the well now is because the equipment will be on site and there is currently no potable water available which severely restricts activities. The project will also support a long-term strategic plan for the Barrington Exhibition Committee and may impact several organizations including 4-H, Barrington Bay Horse & Pony Club, Bay Side Home and the Barrington Farmer's Market.

The SCFGA has been hosting a fishing derby for young people at various locations for many years. The McGowen fish hatchery has donated and delivered trout in June each year free of charge. Local businesses have generously sponsored the derby and the association has awarded over \$1000 each year in prizes to kids and nobody goes home empty-handed. We have a barbecue in addition to the activity of fishing and for many families it is an annual outing. The derby provides children with their first opportunity of catching a fish in a safe environment and watching others do the same. Before covid shut us down we were using a lake that is 30 km away and even then, we were getting 100-150 participants. Families and children leave with a positive experience of fishing with fishing related prizes in their hand that encourage them to get out and try it again. The location we were using rough and hazardous, and we and parents were always concerned about safety and lack of bathroom facilities.

We would like to make a pond close in a central location where we can hold more than one fishing derby a year and offer better accessibility to small children and people with mobility issues.

The Barrington Exhibition Committee has offered us a piece of land to use that already has parking, electricity and future plans include accessible washrooms and additional seating/ picnic area. They have given us a written agreement to lease the land at no charge. They have been looking at hosting an outdoor woods person competition each year that would include water sports such as canoeing, log rolling etc. Since we are home to two world champion logrolling champions and the Scott Timber show which has travelled all over the world, we would hope to partner in hosting activities at this site. There is interest in maintaining this park year-round with potential for ice skating and winter fishing.

Misty James, who has been helpful in assessing funding programs and planning, has expressed an interest in using the pond for multiple recreational programs. We have the support and cooperation of the Barrington Exhibition Committee and the Municipal Recreation Department. We have contacted the Dept of Environment and as far as they are concerned there are no restrictions on the site that would involve them. Covid shut us down for the last while and we are just getting back to regular meetings and a priority was to revisit this project and gain

needed support. Our fundraising has been limited in the past due to apace and resources available as well as aging club leadership. At a recent meeting many younger members expressed interest in continuing the work of the SCFGA and this project.

Up to now, the limited funds we raise each year is used to pay for the operating costs of the fishing derby, sending members to meetings in Truro and participating in the Annual General meeting of the Nova Scotia Anglers and hunters. With an addition of the fishpond and related infrastructure, the association can expand their programming and fundraising abilities with events and activities including fly tying workshops, archery, learn-to-fish workshops, additional derbies, winter activities, woodsman competitions, and more. The pond will be maintained by the SCFGA and stocked through their partnership with DNRR and the McGowan Fish Hatchery.

We have contacted NS Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage about this project and will be applying to their Recreation Facility Development Program to complete this project in addition to Municipal Support and our project contributions. Anna Haanstra, South Shore Regional Manager has indicated that this project is unique and is supportive. Barrier free fishing sites have been developed in all regions of NS but lacking in this area. Below is a map indicating all sites. We are excited to be able to fill this gap for our communities.

### Barrier Free Fishing Sites

