

Media Advisory

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For Immediate Release: Regional Recreation Facility Feasibility Study

Together with the Towns of Wolfville and Kentville, the Municipality of the County of Kings is inviting proposals from experienced consulting firms to complete a two phase Regional Recreation Facility Feasibility Study.

The three Municipal units are excited to begin a focused study to look at the potential need for a Regional Recreation Facility. There has been much discussion in the past few years by various community groups, individuals, and respective Councils as to the need for such a Facility. Conversations regarding access to current facilities was further highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic when existing non-Municipal facilities had their own restrictions in place.

Equitable access to high quality recreation opportunities and infrastructure is an important component of healthy and thriving communities. Investment in these initiatives can take many forms and are informed by present and future community need. It is anticipated that Phase 1 of this study will commence late summer 2021 and be completed by early in 2022. Further, this study shall give substantial thought to ensure that any potential future facility would meet or exceed Rick Hanson accessibility standards, as well as design components that would help to ensure a welcoming inclusive environment where all people belong.

Key components of this project include but are not limited to:

- Community recreation needs
- Social, environmental and economic impacts
- Physical siting options
- Accessible and inclusive design
- Ownership/partnership models

The Request for Proposal will be posted to the Provincial Tender site, as well as the Municipalities website. Submissions containing all technical and financial aspects of the proposed work must be received before 2:00 p.m. local time on July 16, 2021.

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