



North Shore Curling Association

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His Worship, Darrell Mussatto
Mayor, City of North Vancouver
And Councillors
141 14th Street West
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Subject: Public Curling Facility for North Shore Citizens

We, the North Shore Curling Association, are offering a solution to re-establish public curling on the North Shore and request, on behalf of all curlers of the North Shore, that a space for a curling facility be accommodated in the redevelopment of the Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre.

In 2012, when a development study was undertaken, a curling centre was not considered for this site as there was an existing facility for public curling being provided at the North Shore Winter Club. In 2015 that all changed as the NSWC terminated its contract with the North Vancouver Recreation Commission and public curlers were displaced from that facility at the end of the 2014/15 curling season.

Curling is a sport that is played by people of all ages from young children to people in their 90's. It is also played by Paralympians and Special Olympians. Curling is non-contact and challenging – an excellent sport for the whole community. There are currently over 600 curlers on the North Shore – more if we had a local rink.

After two years of collecting and analyzing information on how successful curling programs are managed and operated, we are confident our organization, the North Shore Curling Association, can operate a successful curling centre in North Vancouver. We are exploring partnerships with other community groups to share a new facility that accommodates our curling programs and provides opportunity for other community activities and sports on a year-round basis.

As the Harry Jerome facility is centrally located with excellent transportation access for school children and our diverse user groups, we feel it is an excellent location to grow our sport beyond the curlers and renters that participated in our curling program at the NSWC facility and provide opportunities for other activities and sports who are also in need of a facility.

Please advise us on how we can become part of the Harry Jerome redevelopment.

Sincerely,

North Shore Curling Association