

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook, Chair
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- George El-Jakl – Arrived at 7:09 p.m.

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the last meeting held April 9, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION – SHELBURNE COUNTY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

Steven Nickerson and Alton Smith of the Shelburne County Fish and Game Association appeared before the meeting to present their request for funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 to assist with the cost of the development of a barrier-free fishpond at the Barrington Exhibition Grounds. Rose Crowell of the Barrington Exhibition Association was also in attendance. Details of the project are attached and form part of the minutes.

The Association is also requesting a letter in support of their project that can be used when applying for other grants.

They were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Former VIC Building/Barrington Ballfield Washroom and Storage Facility

In advance of the meeting, members were provided with a briefing paper regarding a design option for the former VIC building/Barrington Ballfield Washroom and Storage Facility. A copy of the paper is attached and forms part of the minutes.

During discussion it was noted that Our House is interested in leasing the building for a two-year term. Ms. MacKinnon has also expressed an interest in exploring a future purchase agreement for the building.

A number of options were suggested to meet the needs of the ballfield.

Resolution COW240402

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into a rental agreement with Our House Youth Wellness Centre for the Former VIC, located at 2517 Highway 3, Barrington, for a two-year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW NO. 40 RE: BARRINGTON LAKE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

As a result of a request received from the Barrington Lake Road Association to remove Harold Smith (in care of Dale Smith) from the taxation agreement for improvements and maintenance of the Barrington Lake Road, draft amendments have been prepared to amend By-law No. 40 "A By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Barrington Lake Road".

It is proposed that the map contained in the By-law showing affected properties be removed and the "Charge Area" be described as the area in which the Charge is imposed and properties subject to the charge be identified by Assessment Account Number and contained on a list approved and provided by the Barrington Lake Road Association.

It was agreed that proposed amendments to the by-law be referred to Council for consideration.

2nd DRAFT 2024/25 BUDGET

Leah d'Eon, Director of Finance, was present for this portion of the meeting.

In advance of the meeting members were provided with a budget adjustment sheet for consideration of members. Budget adjustments were reviewed in detail with a number of items being confirmed which will be incorporated into the Municipal Budget.

Resolution COW240403

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the 2024-2025 Municipal Budget be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

NSFM UPDATE

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet covering the period March 19th to April 15, 2024.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

Shelburne County Fish and Game Association

cc.

Misty James-Recreation Director, Municipality of Barrington-
mjames@barringtonmunicipality.com

Anna Haanstra-Recreation Nova Scotia-annahaanstra@novascotia.com

Ed Nickerson Warden Municipality of Barrington-
enickerson@barringtonmunicipality.com

Barrington Exhibition Committee -

Marielle Turner -McGowen Fish Hatchery-Marielle.turner@novascotia.ca

Barrington Municipal Council -Debbie mader-dmader@barringtonmunicipality.com

Shelburne County Fish and Game Association has been hosting a fishing derby for young people at various locations for almost twenty 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 and controlled 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.

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
Eddie Nickerson -Warden Barrington Municipality
Misty Naus - Recreation Director Barrington Municipality
Nowlan Young-MLA (nolan.young@shelburne.ca)

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
 BOW 1E0

EMAIL: info@barringtonmunicipality.com
DROP OFF: 2447, Highway #3, Barrington, NS
ONLINE: www.barringtonmunicipality.com

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
	Total Expenses	<u>\$69,000.00</u>

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
	Total Revenue	<u>\$69,000.00</u>

*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.

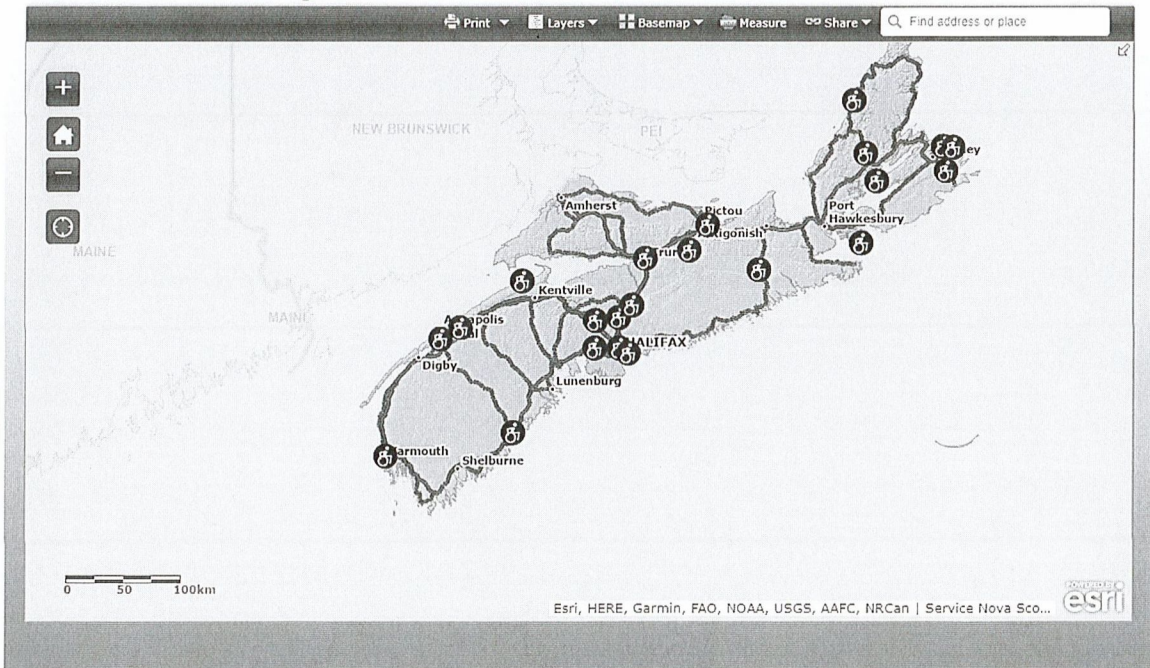
Misty James, who has been helpful in assessing funding programs and planning, has expressed an interest in using the pond for multiple recreational programs. We have the support and cooperation of the Barrington Exhibition Committee and the Municipal Recreation Department. We have contacted the Dept 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



BRIEFING PAPER

SUBMITTED BY: Chris Frotten

DATE: April 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Former VIC Building Design Options/Meeting with Amy MacKinnon

BACKGROUND

At last week's Committee of the Whole meeting, direction was given to me to meet with Our House to discuss renovation options of the former VIC building that would incorporate washroom and canteen amenities for the ballfield and space for the group's continue use. I met with Amy on Wednesday, April 10 and this paper provides a summary of the meeting, including Amy's input regarding their preferences and requirements for the building's renovation design.

ANALYSIS

Overall, the meeting was productive, and Amy's input was valuable in understanding their needs and preferences. This has helped me suggest the most appropriate design option which, I believe, meets the direction given to me.

First, Amy expressed their preference of excluding amenities for the ballfield within the building. That said, they are open to the attached design, which includes one washroom for public use (with outside access), one shared canteen/community kitchen space, and the rest of the building practically unchanged which would be leased to them for their use.

The community group has indicated their interest in leasing the building for a two-year term.

It's worth noting that during her presentation last week, Amy expressed interest in exploring a future purchase agreement for the building. If that is of interest to you, it may be beneficial to consider including language in the lease agreement regarding potential options such as lease-to-own or a right of first refusal.

CAUTIONARY NOTES

N/A

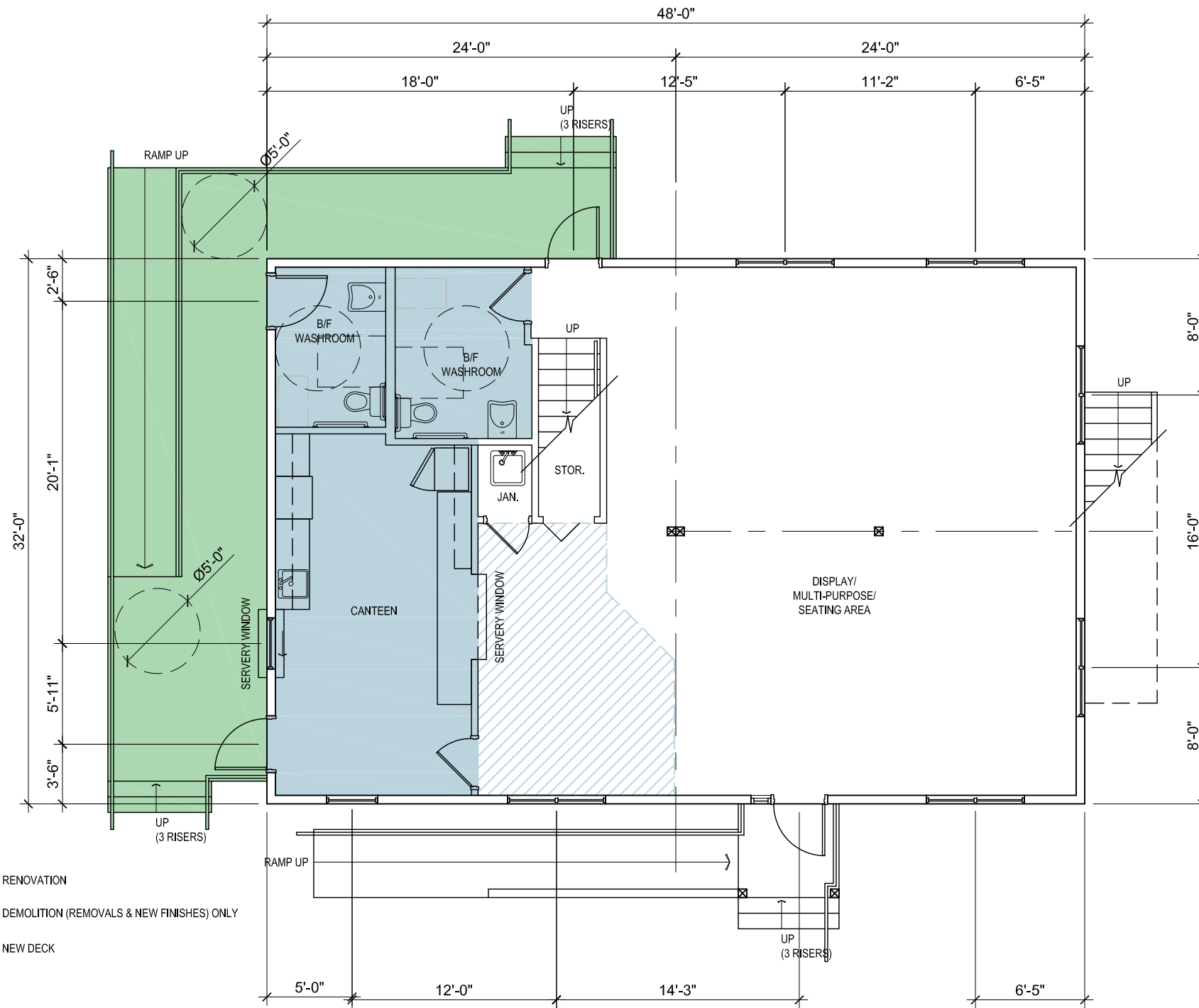
FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

While a lease would generate revenue, this approach would mean that we would retain ownership of the building and remain responsible for its major repairs and maintenance.

The lease payments from the community group would likely cover most, if not all, of the operating expenses associated with the building. However, it's important to note that after covering these expenses, there may be limited funds remaining to address other financial obligations or unforeseen circumstances.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

I believe the attached design would achieve our desire to have washroom and canteen amenities at our ballfield, all while providing space for Our House to continue providing their services.



Canteen & Storage Facility

Plan - Level 1

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 April 11, 2024

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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