



**PUBLIC BUDGET REQUEST FORM**

[Unless requested, the information on this document will be included on a public agenda]

**A. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name (or Organization): SHUSWAP MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Mailing Address: PO BOX 1106

City: SALMON ARM

Postal Code: V1E 4P2

Primary Contact & Title: CONNOR MALTAIS - PRESIDENT

Email: PRESIDENT@SHUSWAPMINORLACROSSE.COM Phone:

**B. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**  
(If you are not an organization making a request, proceed to section "C")

1. Is the organization a charitable or non-profit organization?

- Yes
- No

2. Is the organization in compliance with all municipal policies, plans, bylaws and other applicable regulations (i.e. business licensing, permits and zoning)?

- Yes
- No - If No, please explain:

3. Describe the goal(s) or purpose(s) of the organization:

The purposes of the Society are: a) To promote, teach and perpetuate the game of lacrosse; b) To teach sportsmanship to the participants and to emphasize the necessity of fair play; c) To teach mutual respect among players, officials, coaches and spectators; d) To develop community spirit among all of the aforementioned persons

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4. Does the organization have a current contractual relationship with the City of Salmon Arm? i.e. Lease of City lands, Contract for service etc.

- No  
 Yes - If Yes, please identify the agreement(s):

LEASE FOR STORAGE CONTAINER AT LITTLE MOUNTAIN FACILITY RENTALS - FIELDS & ARENAS THROUGH SHUSWAP REC SOCIETY?

5. Has the organization received grants from the City of Salmon Arm in the last 3 years? i.e. Grant-in-Lieu, Tax Exemption, Annual Grant

- No  
 Yes - If Yes, please indicate the following:

YEAR	TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT
2025	SHUSWAP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$2,600.00

6. Has additional funding for the request been secured?

- No  
 Yes - If Yes, please indicate the following:

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT

7. List all Agencies to whom funding has been requested and note amount of request and status (approved, denied or pending) of application:

AGENCY	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DECISION

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8. Please demonstrate the organization's financial need by submitting a budget for your request, if applicable.

Financial Budget

## C. BUDGET REQUEST (For individual and organizational requests)

9. Describe your budget request:

Value (if known): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Proposal to City of Salmon Arm For Construction Of Multi-Use Sports Court \*\*\*\*\* REPORT ATTACHED\*\*\*\*\*

### Challenges with Lacrosse/Other Recreational Activities in SA

- Facility Availability - due to timing of hockey and ice removal, we often don't get access to the facilities until mid-way through our season (end of April). For example this past year, our teams had their first game before they even experienced practicing in a proper lacrosse court or arena.
- Facility Options - Our only option is the Rogers Rink arena(s) for practicing. When this is not available, we are forced to use school gymnasiums which is not the right environment for our sport. We've had parent feedback that they were disappointed to find out that so much of the season was stuck in school gyms, and other parent feedback that they wish an outdoor practice environment was available to get the kids getting fresh air.
- Facility Fees - We understand Shuswap Recreation Society is doing everything they can to keep rental rates affordable - but the truth is the current rates are very steep for a non-profit association trying to keep registration rates affordable for young families. If we had an alternative practice facility, we could better balance the use of that premium indoor space and keep facility fees more in-line with our neighbouring associations (Vernon, Kelowna, Kamloops).

### Proposal to Construct a Multi-Use Sports Court

#### Benefits

- It is multi-use! - This is a combination facility that would include a lacrosse/hockey rink but can be used for lacrosse, ball hockey, basketball, roller hockey, pickleball, badminton. A multifunctional sheltered area can be used for much more than lacrosse to support our community:
  - This will also provide a shaded area for other activities such as summer sports camps, fitness classes, yoga, spin classes, etc.
  - A sheltered area can also host a variety of community events such as a local summer and winter farmer's market, expos, shows, etc.
- Cost-Effective - Substantially more cost effective than the full indoor sports complex that was being considered to replace the shutdown SASCU Sports Center.
- Operating costs would also be lower - electric, HVAC, building management, etc.
- Hosting of Events - This facility would allow our community to host more tournaments and events with teams visiting from outside of the Okanagan, including the lower mainland where lacrosse is prominent. These events give a boost to our local businesses - hotels, restaurants, attractions, etc.
- Covered Space - Having the multi-use sports court keeps the playing surface safe for kids during inclement weather, allows access to the facility earlier than a non-covered space, and the roof protects the investment by lower maintenance fees for upkeep and replacement of components worn by weather.

#### Layout & Footprint

- Dimensions - Standard dimensions would be 200' by 85' rink size, with effective roof overhangs given the overall structure can expect to have ~220' x 120' footprint.
- Applications - Multi-function to include:
  - Lateral Use - would include ball hockey, roller hockey, lacrosse, and more.
  - Horizontal Use - would include basketball, pickleball, badminton, and more.

Possible Locations: SASCU Sports Complex (351 3rd St SW) - Replace Existing Damaged Structure, Blackburn Park (480 5th Ave SW), SASCU Recreation Centre (2600 10th Ave NE), Klahani Park (6391 10th Ave SE)

Examples & Comparisons: Delta, BC (Ladner Leisure Centre) - 2.1 million, Langley, BC (McLeod Park) - 2.2 million, Nanaimo, BC (Harewood Park) - 2.4 million

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#### Alternatives - Non-Covered Multi-Use Sports Court (Example - Merritt, BC)

- A more cost effective alternative would be a non-covered court/rink. The advantages of this are not as wide-reaching and dynamic, but many of the benefits of the covered style court are applicable.
- Approximate Cost To Build: \$500,000

10. Is your request operational or capital in nature?

- Operational (i.e. covers day-to-day activities required to deliver services)  
 Capital (i.e. long-term investments in infrastructure and facilitates)

11. Have you submitted this request before?

- No  
 Yes - If Yes, please indicate when:

## D. AUTHORIZATION

Signature:

Date: 09-Oct-2025

Printed Name: CONNOR MALTAIS

Position (if applicable): PRESIDENT

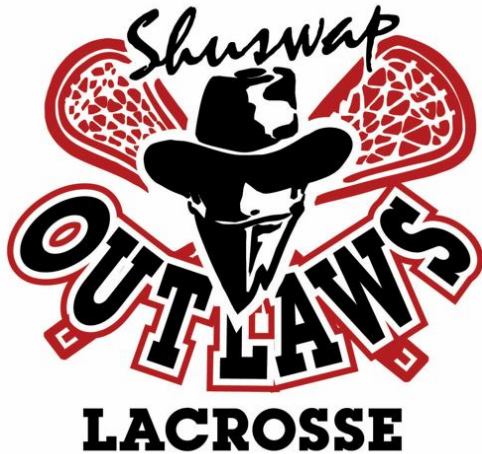
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**Submitted By:**

- **Shuswap Minor Lacrosse Association**



## About Us

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(hockey, ringette, soccer, basketball, etc)



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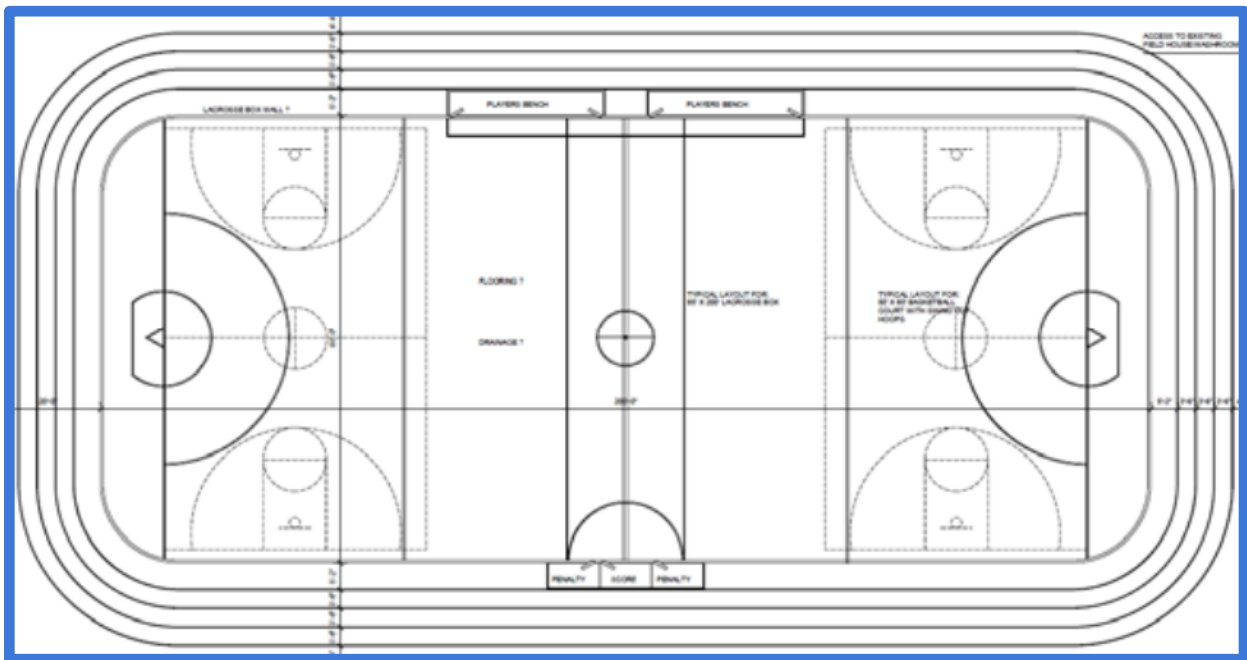
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- **Sample Layout:**



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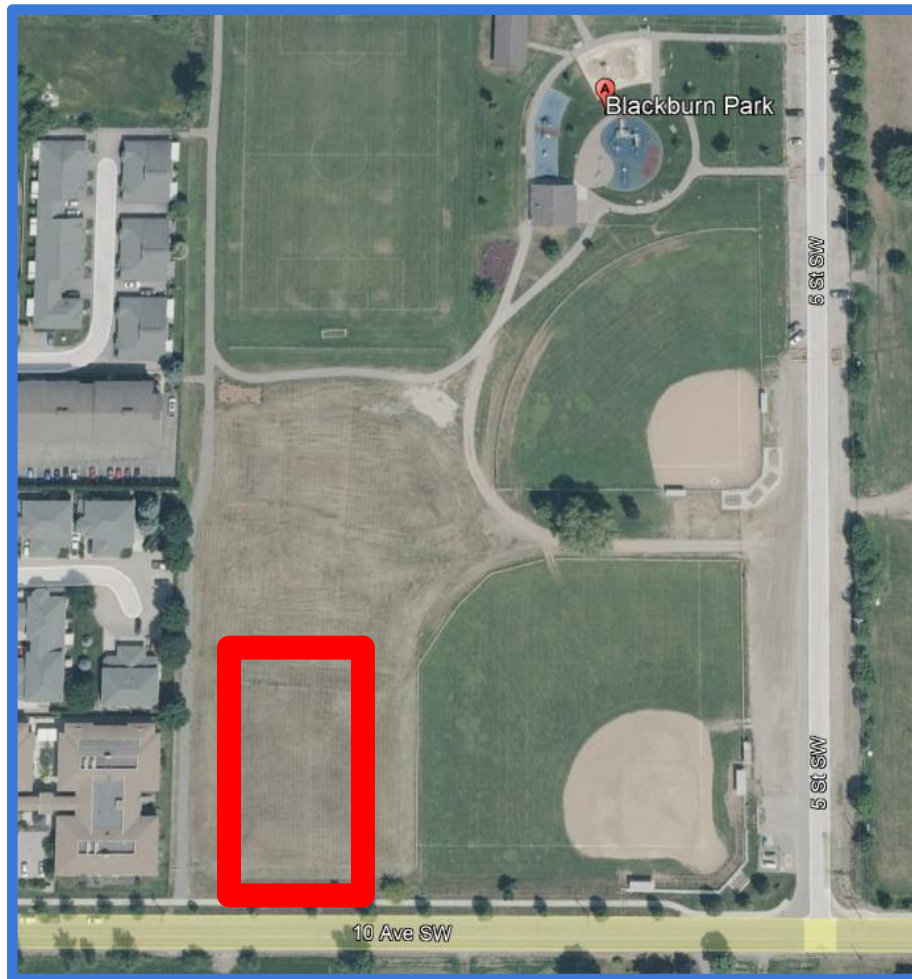
### SASCU Sports Complex (351 3rd St SW) - Replace Existing Damaged Structure

- **Similar Footprint** - Very comparable footprint to existing structure
- **Good Location** - Near other sports fields, and also near fairgrounds which makes it an ideal sport for community events
- **Parking** - Already has a parking lot and other street parking available
- **Expansion** - Potential to expand this area further for more recreational infrastructure



## Blackburn Park (480 5th Ave SW)

- **Good Location** - Near other recreational services and sports fields
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## SASCU Recreation Centre (2600 10th Ave NE)

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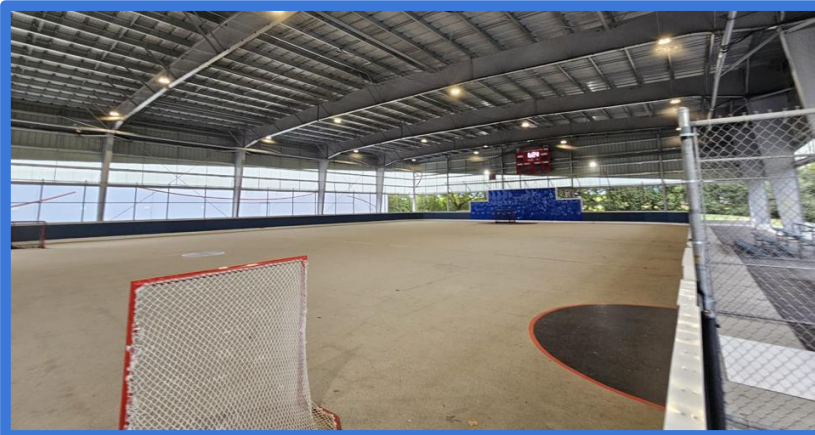
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# Examples & Comparisons

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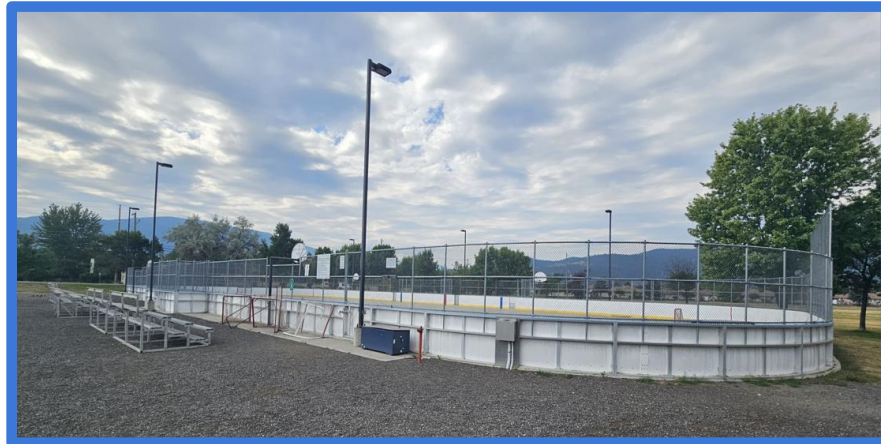


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- **Example** - Merritt, BC



## Closing Remarks

The demographics in the city of Salmon Arm are changing. More young families want to see the city start investing in recreation. This is an excellent opportunity to show the community that recreation is being taken seriously. The well established soccer, hockey, and baseball programs have access to a wide range of facilities already. This facility would help out a lot of the smaller organizations in town. Lacrosse is a true national sport of Canada, and we would love to see the sport grow here in Salmon Arm.

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

**Shuswap Minor Lacrosse**