

Carleton Heights Curling Club – Donations and Charitable Tax Receipting
Questions and Answers
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2017-2019 Fundraising Project
Purchase of an Ice Monitoring and Curling Rink Control System

When did the idea of using charitable donations to raise funds for club capital purchases first arise?

The idea has periodically been discussed during Club Board meetings over the past several years.

Why was the Charitable Tax Receipting Program offered by Curl ON (the new name of the Ontario Curling Association) chosen?

Curl ON only recently initiated a Charitable Tax Receipting Program for curling clubs wishing to raise funds for special projects and have donors receive charitable tax receipts. This is done via registration of projects through the National Sport Trust Fund – Ontario (NSTF-O).

Curling Canada has also offered a Charitable Tax Receipting Program for many years.

A comparison of the two programs was undertaken. There was a significant difference between the two in the percentage of funds donated which a club would receive. After discussion at the Club Board, the program offered by Curl ON was chosen, as administrative fees levied by the NSTF-O are very low. They are \$2 for each receipt issued plus 4% of the donated amount (for 2017 donations, the fee was \$2 for each receipt issued plus 3% of the donated amount).

How can I make a charitable donation?

Donations can be made in two ways:

- Go to the web-page created for our fund-raising program by the NSTF-O:
<http://www.sport4ontario.ca/imm.html>
 - Indicate that you want to donate, provide the dollar amount you wish to contribute, and select Carleton Heights Curling Club as the organization you wish to support.
 - Provide your name, address, and e-mail address, and use your mouse to provide an e-signature: this will allow the charitable donation receipt you can use on your tax return to be properly prepared.
 - Select how you would like to contribute – credit card or cheque – hit ‘submit’, and follow the instructions provided for each of these payment methods.
- Make your donation at the bar, either by cash or debit. We will collect all donations made and send a single remittance each month to the NSTF-O, who will then issue charitable donation receipts directly to all donors. Your support will truly help the Club.

Why was the purchase of an ice monitoring and curling rink control system chosen as the Club’s fund-raising project?

As with the Club’s September 2017 investment in new LED lighting, this ice monitoring system has a proven track record allowing clubs to save on energy costs and optimize control over ice conditions. Combining the expected energy savings with the hydro rebates, OVCA grants, and charitable donations we expect to receive, there will be a payback period of 1.3 to 1.4 years.

What does the ice monitoring and curling rink control system cost?

The final cost of the system was \$21,096.94 (\$23,839.54 with HST). It was installed in late June 2018. The club has already received the following amounts to help offset our capital outlay:

- a \$3,916.30 Hydro Rebate,
- a \$979.08 OVCA grant, and
- \$4,500 redeemed from the NSTF-O in July 2018 from the charitable donations which had been made by club members under this fundraising initiative so far.

Going forward, estimated annual energy savings of \$7,467 will contribute directly and positively to the Club's bottom-line and should allow the Club greater financial flexibility when considering future capital projects.

What does the ice monitoring and curling rink control system include?

Fifty curling clubs use this technology. It includes:

- a brine temperature probe and 4 ice temperature probes,
- a brine pump control,
- control of the compressor to maintain brine or ice temperature (operator-selectable),
- hour meters (lifetime and resettable meters),
- programmable alarms with dry contact output,
- an automatic setback with programmable scheduler for all arena parameters (ice/brine temp, air temp, humidity, brine pump) with 12 sets of user defined parameters and up to 12 changes per day which can be set up one week in advance,
- a graphic trend display and history,
- an alarm history,
- a local area network and internet access to all control capabilities from on-site computers or smartphone,
- e-mail and text message alarm notifications (requires internet connection that is always on at the control panel),
- a compressor and brine pump current sensing alarm,
- a brine level sensing and low-level alarm,
- one air temperature measurement and control of heater, and
- one humidity measurement (0%-100% RH) and control of the dehumidifier.

Will this system be compatible when the Club needs to purchase a new ice plant in the future?

Yes.

How much has been raised so far?

The home page of the Club web-site is updated each week with the newest running total as donations are received by the NSTF-O.

When will this fundraising project end?

The fundraising window for this project has been extended to December 31, 2019. The Club will request payout of the total amount being held in trust for us - we've already redeemed \$4,500 - and those funds will be sent to the Club.