

**Carleton Heights Curling Club – Donations and Charitable Tax Receipting**  
**Questions and Answers**  
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2017-2018 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).

**What information will I need to provide when I make my donation?**

All donations need to start by going 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, PayPal, or cheque – hit ‘submit’, and follow the instructions provided for each of these payment methods. That’s it.

**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 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 and OVCA grants that are currently available, there will be a payback period of as little as one year. Thereafter,

annual energy savings of \$6,000-\$12,000 will contribute directly and positively to the Club's bottom-line and should allow the Club greater financial flexibility when considering future capital projects.

**The fund-raising project goal is shown as \$12,000, but the anticipated cost of the purchase is shown as \$16,000-\$18,000. What accounts for the difference?**

It has been estimated that hydro rebates and OVCA grants will contribute between \$3,750 and \$7,500 towards the purchase price.

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

Yes.

**If the annual energy savings are as much as estimated, why not install the system immediately?**

The system is normally installed in curling clubs in the off-season, when there is no ice, so it is the Club's plan to purchase the system and have it installed and operational for the 2018-2019 curling season.

**What happens to the donations if we are unable to raise sufficient funds for the project?**

The fundraising window for this project has been extended by the NSTF-O from October 2018 to December 31, 2018, which gives club members and friends until the end of 2018 in which to make charitable donations. We will use club capital to make our purchase of the ice monitoring and curling rink control system. In January 2019, we'll request payout of the total amount being held in trust for CHCC for this project, and those funds will be sent to the Club.

**How much has been raised so far?**

As of December 31, 2017, charitable donations of \$4385 were made. As additional donations are made throughout 2018, the home page of the Club web-site will be updated with the newest running total.