



Canada Community building fund project highlight Town of Port Hawkesbury Macquarrie Community Park Improvements

Project category: Recreational infrastructure

National objective: Strong communities

Canada Community-Building Fund contribution
to project: \$81,474

Total project cost: \$81,474

Year: 2019

The Town of Port Hawkesbury is committed to building and improving its main recreation area – the MacQuarrie Community Park - through incremental investments supported by the Canada Community-Building Fund. Centrally located near community facilities, such as a high school, seniors' residence and the Civic Centre (a multi-purpose, state-of-the-art event and sport facility), the Town is strategically creating a hub for physical activity to encourage outdoor play, exploration and active living.

One of the latest additions to the Town's community recreational park is a pump track, which provides a continuous undulating loop that users can ride by pumping their upper and lower bodies to move around the track without peddling. It provides a fun and safe environment for those of all skill levels to be active on their bikes, in-line skates and scooters. The pump track is located near a trailhead, so it and the other park amenities can be accessed by foot and other active transportation modes.

Through its continued investment in recreational infrastructure, the Town of Port Hawkesbury is demonstrating its commitment to supporting healthy, active living and providing diverse opportunities for residents to connect with others and be outdoors. The availability of the federal Canada Community-Building Fund has been instrumental in creating these amenities that contribute to the Town of Port Hawkesbury's vibrancy and sustainability, while enriching the quality of life in the community.

There's more great work happening at the Middleton Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College where we have installed the first bidirectional charging station. This pilot is the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada and among the first in the country. This cutting-edge technology will allow customers to charge their electric vehicles and use their EV battery to power their home or business during an outage. The pilot will help demonstrate the potential to reduce the overall electricity demand of the building and leverage the vehicles battery to power certain loads of the building.

The results from these types of pilot projects help us better understand and quantify the benefits the technology can provide both customers and the grid. The learnings will help inform future programs and how we make these technologies more accessible to customers across Nova Scotia, providing opportunities to save money and reduce emissions.

These projects would not be possible without partners like you. As the utility, we see ourselves as an enabler and accelerator for a clean energy future. However, we can't do it alone. Your partnership, whether through a municipality or First Nation, is key to our success. As we look around the province, we see innovative ideas taking shape. Together we are leading the way and creating a path toward an innovative, green economy.

