

# COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB

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MEMORIAL ARENA  
RE-PURPOSING PRESENTATION

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# Indoor Facility for Lawn Bowls



# Rationale

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- Lawn Bowling has been played in Cobourg from 1907
- Season only lasts from May to September
- There is no facility for indoor lawn bowling between Toronto and Ottawa
- Such a facility would have a wide catchment area outside Cobourg



# Short Mat

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- Currently lawn bowlers can only play short mat bowling
- Same principle as lawn bowling – played on a mat 45' x 6'
- It is played at the CCC twice a week



# Indoor lawn bowling

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- Indoor lawn bowls is played on a specialised surface with pile that is low enough to allow a bowl to run freely
- A suitable lawn bowling surface should be good for other indoor sports
- Further discussion would be required with specialist suppliers



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- Dimensions of the arena would support 4 full size rinks
  - If corners taken out maybe 5 rinks
  - Approx cost would be \$90,000 for a suitable surface
  - Downside is the heating



# Benefits to the Community

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- Facility for Cobourg lawn bowlers to play throughout the year
- Provides another sport alternative during the winter
- Provides a facility for disabled people to lawn bowl (no facility at present)



# Benefits to the community

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Opportunity for people with  
learning disabilities to bowl

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Could start a school program for  
lawn bowling

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A venue for social lawn bowling/  
party/family



# Users outside the immediate community

- Provides a facility for Ontario Lawn Bowling Association (OLBA) to provide winter coaching courses
- Possible venue for OLBA indoor championships
- Possible venue for Canadian indoor championships (if 5 rinks)
- Venue for Bowls Canada winter training camps
- Venue for indoor lawn bowling tournaments during the winter

# Income from indoor lawn bowling

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Very difficult to predict what the income would be from lawn bowling

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Could be a basic club membership fee for regular lawn bowlers

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Pay to play for non club members

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Tournament/ sponsors income

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User fees for OLBA (Ontario Lawn Bowls Association) and BCB (Bowls Canada)

# Summary

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Proposal to re-purpose the Memorial Arena to a facility which can be used for indoor lawn bowling as part of a cost sharing multi-sport facility

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Requires a suitable carpeted surface

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A source of heat for the building

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Garner support from local club, district clubs, provincial and national lawn bowling groups if proposal is acceptable on a preliminary basis