

Multi-purpose beach facility

The project is a multi-purpose beach facility with a washroom nearby to be used for various recreational activities including but not limited to volleyball, sand soccer, football and Ultimate Frisbee. The nearest facility that is able to meet the needs of these organized sport communities is at Parlee Beach in Shediac, NB. This project is necessary because of the limitations currently in place as a result of having only one such facility and having said facility inconveniently located. Many members of these communities are dissuaded from participation due to the additional time and money required by the commute. It will also provide an additional venue to expand the number and variety of programs currently being offered.

In addition to the health benefits accrued from raising participation levels in these physical activity programs, this project would benefit the community economically and environmentally. By keeping the program within Dieppe local businesses will reap the benefits of the members frequenting their locales as opposed to filtering money into Shediac. By reducing the commute, members will have more time and money in order to visit local establishments before and after their participation. The pollution associated with travelling to and from the venue will be reduced by decreasing the distance travelled in addition to it being a friendlier venue for green methods of transportation.

The existing facility is currently used at near capacity during prime-time evening hours during the summer months. Providing an additional facility will provide the opportunity for higher participation levels due to both the convenience of the new facility and the expansion of programs that could be offered by having more courts available. The existing facility is also moving towards a state of disrepair as there do not appear to be significant resources allocated to upkeep.

The project is sustainable due to the continuing growth of the sports communities involved. One example of which is the growth of youth beach volleyball. This is the first summer that a youth program has been offered. Despite the aforementioned limitations of the existing facility more than 30 youth players have become involved. Providing a local facility with more court time would increase the participation level leading to more involvement by the adults of tomorrow. Athletes using the facility will pay a league fee which will be used in part for any future maintenance required.

Location: to be determined

Cost: \$120,000