SOUTH SHORE LIGHTNING BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

A place to play. A community to grow.

Proposed multi-use recreation facility
Community Partnership Package

OUR IMMEDIATE PRIORITY

Land opportunities and professional planning partnerships

INTRODUCTORY EDITION | NOVEMBER 2026

Concept and land exploration stage. Site, design, capital budget and construction schedule remain to be confirmed.

01 / THE ORGANIZATION

Built through community.

A grassroots vision for more opportunities to learn, play and belong on Nova Scotia's South Shore.

Who we are

South Shore Lightning Basketball Association is a community nonprofit incorporated under the Nova Scotia Societies Act in October 2021.

Our mission

We work to provide accessible, inclusive basketball opportunities that help children and youth build skills, confidence, friendships and character through sport.

Our experience

Our activities include introductory basketball, development sessions, camps and teams for boys and girls. Programs draw on shared school and community spaces, volunteer coaches, families and local supporters.

Why explore a dedicated facility?

Shared venues remain important to our programs. A dedicated space could complement them by providing more dependable opportunities for practices, development activities and community recreation. The planning process will test local demand, affordability and operating feasibility.

The objective: a practical, financially sustainable facility that serves youth and creates wider community benefit.

02 / THE VISION

More than a basketball court.

Basketball would be the foundation of a flexible space designed around community needs.

Basketball and youth development

A full court, training opportunities, camps and space for coaches to support athletes at different stages of development.

Flexible community recreation

Explore compatible uses such as pickleball, fitness, dance and community activities, subject to consultation, space and scheduling.

Supporting spaces

Consider accessible washrooms, equipment storage, meeting space and other amenities needed for safe, practical day-to-day use.

A welcoming place

Plan for different ages and abilities, affordable participation and a balance between organized programs and broader community access.

These are proposed uses, not an approved design. Final features, size and operating arrangements will depend on site assessment, professional advice, community input and funding.

03 / IMMEDIATE PRIORITY

Help us find the right land.

We are inviting conversations with landowners, municipalities and community partners.

Opportunities we would like to explore

Potential land donations, long-term leases, shared-site arrangements and other workable land partnerships on the South Shore. Earlier concepts considered approximately 2-3 acres; the appropriate area will be determined through site and facility planning.

What we need to understand

Location and access; ownership and proposed terms; zoning and permitted use; water, wastewater and power; drainage and ground conditions; parking, accessibility and room for safe site circulation.

How to start a conversation

Share the general location, approximate size, ownership or authority to discuss the property, known servicing information and the partnership arrangement you would consider. Initial inquiries are exploratory and create no commitment.

Our next step

Review potential sites with qualified advisors and relevant municipal staff before selecting a location or committing to development.

LAND INQUIRIES: southshorelightning@gmail.com

04 / PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS

Turn a vision into a viable plan.

We welcome professional expertise, donated services and discussions about support for defined planning work.

Community needs and operating feasibility

Assess demand, potential users, affordable access, scheduling, operating expenses, revenue assumptions and a sustainable management model.

Site review and concept design

Support site comparisons, surveys, servicing reviews, accessibility planning, preliminary architectural concepts and engineering advice.

Cost planning and funding strategy

Prepare credible capital estimates, identify project phases and develop a funding approach supported by documented assumptions.

Clear arrangements for every contribution

Discuss a defined scope, deliverables, timing and any recognition before work begins. Naming opportunities and sponsorship benefits would require separate review and agreement.

Progression: land review > feasibility and consultation > concept and costs > funding and approvals > delivery. Each stage depends on the findings and resources secured.

05 / JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The next step starts with a conversation.

You do not need to fund an entire building to help move this project forward.

Landowners and municipal partners

Introduce a potential property or discuss a long-term site arrangement.

Planning and construction professionals

Offer an initial discussion, a proposal for a defined study or a contribution of professional services.

Businesses and community organizations

Discuss planning support, potential shared uses, equipment contributions or future partnership interest.

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When contacting us, please include your name, organization, preferred contact details and the type of partnership you would like to discuss.

Project status: land and planning stage as of November 2026. No site, final design, construction budget, opening date or funding commitment is announced in this package. Partnership inquiries are expressions of interest. Any financial support would require a defined purpose and agreed terms; this package makes no promise of ownership, financial return or charitable tax receipts.