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## Valley Credit Union Sponsors the Hantsport Memorial Community Centre

**May 9, 2019, Waterville, NS** - Valley Credit Union announced a significant donation of \$22,000.00 in support of Hantsport Memorial Community Centre (HMCC) last night at an Open House at their Hantsport Branch.

The HMCC is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the maintenance and provision of facilities for recreational, cultural, athletic, and educational purposes. The facilities include Nova Scotia's oldest operating outdoor public swimming pool, children's playground with splash pad, fully-enclosed leash-free dog park, modular skate park, outdoor basketball court, tennis courts with night lighting, baseball and soccer fields, full 400-metre running track, and outdoor skating rink (maintained by volunteers during the winter months). The HMCC hosts many community events, including the annual Canada Day Celebrations and summer day camps. At the heart of HMCC's 18-acre property is Churchill House, home to the HMCC and available for rent for private functions and weddings. Essentially, the HMCC is the centre of the Hantsport community.



“Chris and I both grew up here and have fond memories of spending much of our childhoods at the HMCC properties. We joined the board and over the last few years we all worked very hard to revitalize the facilities and programs. We have been able to do this due to the incredible support from the community in the form of patronage, fundraising, and donations,” says Nick Zamora, President of the Board of Hantsport Memorial Community Centre, “But these funds from Valley Credit Union will allow us to complete some big improvements we need in short order.”

“Yes, we already know how we’re spending the funds!” says Chris Cuvilier, Member of the Board of Hantsport Memorial Community Centre, “We have 7 teams using our ballfields for their competitive league games. The oldest team now needs the Med Starratt Bantam field, which is in need of significant

improvements. This sponsorship agreement allows us to add a fence and netting to the field, as well as replace the scoreboard and dugouts before their season starts in June!”

“We are very pleased to be able to assist,” says Len Ells, President and CEO of Valley Credit Union. “We feel very akin to the HMCC in that we are long standing members of the Hantsport community and desperately want to see it thrive! We are both committed to the community and dependent on it for our success. The support we receive from the people of Hantsport allows us to thrive here and we are excited to be able to give back in this meaningful way.”

### **About Valley Credit Union**

Located in the beautiful Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, Valley Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution with seven branches between Hantsport and Bridgetown, a wealth management office, over 11,000 members, and approximately \$188 million in assets; 1,500 of which are business owners. It is a cooperative which means it is owned by its members and is governed by a Board of Directors voted in by its members. Valley Credit Union has shown consistent profitability and continues to pay annual patronage dividends to its membership. It offers a full range of personal and business banking products and services and is committed to helping its members achieve their financial goals by offering solutions customized to their needs. Valley Credit Union brings value to those it serves through ownership, personal service, convenient and flexible banking options, skilled and knowledgeable staff, and a commitment to the communities in which it operates.

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