

# MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY RINGETTE PROPOSAL



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## What is MtA Ringette?

- Student-run club sports team at Mount Allison University
- Provides university students with the opportunity to continue playing ringette competitively while pursuing an education
- The team competes in the University Ringette League and participates in the University Cup Challenge in Halifax each April
- The program has a competitive team, as well as recreational club nights
- The team operates primarily through fundraising, sponsorships, and player contributions, **receiving minimal financial support from the university**

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## Issues in the Past Years

- Limited access to preferred ice times for practices and club nights
- Scheduling constraints often resulted in less desirable ice times compared to other user groups
- Difficulty getting weekend ice times to host home games, leading to travelling to host home games
- Additional travel creates high costs for athletes, including transportation, accommodation, and meal money
- This all challenges growing the sport in Sackville due to limited access to local ice, reducing engagement in our team

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# Team Objectives and Goals

**01**

BETTER WEEKLY  
PRACTICE ICE  
TIMES

**02**

SECURE ICE TIME  
BLOCKS FOR MORE  
WEEKENDS TO HOST  
HOME GAMES IN  
SACKVILLE

**03**

CONTINUE TO GROW  
AND ADVOCATE FOR  
THE SPORT OF  
RINGETTE IN  
SACKVILLE

# Thank you for your time!





# Ability NB & Our Impact

Presenter: Haley Flaro, Executive Director

# Celebrating 70 YEARS

Our mission is to empower the independence and full community participation of persons throughout New Brunswick who have a mobility disability. We can achieve this by:

Being the primary voice for New Brunswickers of all ages living with a mobility disability;

Being a leader in service delivery and an influential voice in Federal, Provincial and local public policy development for persons with a mobility disability; Knowledge, expertise and lived experience;

Being key partners in the rehabilitation, disability and research fields.

# Disability in NB

**NB has the second highest rate of disability in Canada – 35.3% (2022) of the NB population, up from 26.7% in 2017; 221,900 New Brunswickers live with a disability. Why?**

**Mobility is the MOST prevalent disability type in NB** next only to pain and flexibility disability types.

**Over 94,000** New Brunswickers over the age of 15 have a mobility disability.

**46% of New Brunswickers over 65 live with a disability;** One of the most common disability types among seniors is mobility: 45,690 seniors have a mobility disability.

**46% of Ability NB service participants make less than \$15,000 annually;** 18% earn between \$15,000-\$24,999; 44% of Ability NB service participants are not able to meet their monthly household financial needs

# Accessible NB program

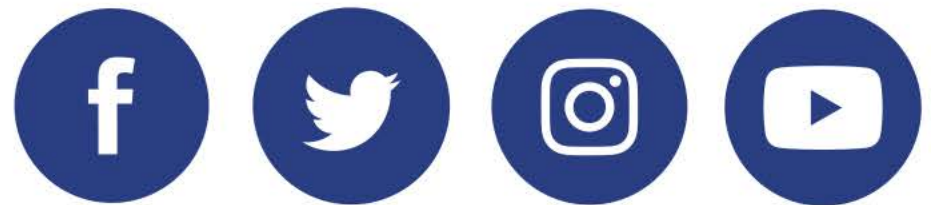
The **Accessible NB program** is a free service designed to help New Brunswick foster more accessible work environments. The program offers:

**Accessibility reviews** to review employer work sites and provide specific recommendations for new design, modifications or adaptations. Certified Ability NB staff will communicate and support review findings to employers, prepare recommendation reports of review findings, and educate on best practice standards.

**Consultations** in person or via telephone, mail, email or social media on various accessible built environment and universal design topics.



# JOIN OUR TEAM



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell  
and Councillors

**From:** Meredith Fisher  
Logan Atkinson

**Subject:** Resolution of Council  
on the Wheaton Covered Bridge

**Date:** 9 June 2026

We were very pleased that, at the regular meeting of Council on 13 January 2026, then-Deputy Mayor Wiggins-Colwell's motion on the Wheaton Covered Bridge (the "Old Bridge") passed unanimously. We write to urge all of you to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to take action on an urgent basis to implement that resolution.

The operative part of that resolution read as follows:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of Tantramar direct staff to investigate options for the preservation and long term protection of the Wheaton Covered Bridge as a municipally led initiative; and

Be it further resolved that Council support the creation of an ad hoc committee of citizens to

- Identify potential funding sources including grants, partnerships and other financial supports;
- Explore opportunities to preserve, restore and adaptively integrate the Bridge into the municipality's trail and recreational transportation systems; and
- Provide recommendations to council on feasible next steps for preservation and public use of the structure.

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- The Old Bridge was first constructed over the Tantramar River in 1916. It was last repaired in the early 1990s.
- The province closed the Old Bridge in 2024. As far as we are aware, current provincial plans are to construct a new modular bridge over the Tantramar River to serve regular vehicular and commercial traffic. There are no current provincial plans to repair and re-open the Old Bridge.
- At one point, there were over 300 covered bridges in New Brunswick, seven of which were in the Tantramar area. Now, only 56 covered bridges remain in the province, and the Old Bridge is the last one in Tantramar. A defining element of our heritage is in real danger of disappearing forever.
- The Old Bridge is a key feature of this area's distinctiveness. As Tourism New Brunswick says at its web site, there are "memories embedded in these old bones," and a visit to the Old Bridge allows us to be "whisked away to a simpler time."
- The Old Bridge is the successor to a series of covered bridges that was the key to accessing the marshlands, and the key to traveling through Sackville, the oldest township in the province.
- Built using the famous Howe Truss design, the Old Bridge has always been a key component of the shortest route across the Tantramar Marsh.
- The potential of the Old Bridge for recreational use and tourism is virtually endless. Imagine the Old Bridge integrated into the trail system that snakes its way through Tantramar, for example.

- Everyone who knows and loves Tantramar has a story about the Old Bridge. It is knit into the fabric of this community as thoroughly as any other aspect of our built heritage. It remains an attractive tourism feature for artists, photographers, bird watchers, nature lovers and other visitors to our area within the UNESCO designated Fundy Biosphere.
- The Old Bridge holds a very dear place in the hearts of everyone who calls Tantramar home.

Please take a minute to watch a short video that can be accessed at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvzAIMQldGo> Access to the video is provided with the permission of Osprey Cove Productions. And please support Council's January 2026 resolution by requiring immediate action to help save the Old Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

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Division of Family Medicine  
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Hon. Susan Holt, Premier of New Brunswick  
Hon. John Dornan, MD, Minister of Health of New Brunswick  
Hon. René Legacy, Deputy Premier of New Brunswick, Minister of Energy  
Hon. Megan Mitton, MLA for Tantramar  
Yves Léger, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick

Dear Members of Legislative Assembly and Dr Léger

We, the undersigned staff physicians of Sackville Memorial Hospital wish to register our deep concern and trepidation relating to the proposed Tantramar Gas Plant planned for the Centre Village area of Tantramar.

The proposed plant will burn diesel and natural gas to produce electricity. Inevitably this will contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, the chief known cause of climate change. The plant will also contribute to particulate and gaseous air pollution.

In addition, the plant will require tremendous amounts of water for cooling and fine mist spraying of airborne emissions, depriving the Tantramar area of water when water is already at historically low levels, with extensive drought conditions in 2025 and more expected in 2026.

The Tantramar area is a sensitive area ecologically with extensive near-sea-level marshes that are already the subject of higher risks of flooding due to more intense weather systems caused by climate change. This risk will increase dramatically with sea-level rise and the consequent potential breaching of the extensive dyke system. Recall that the marshes are a “breadbasket” region with extensive agriculture. To contemplate contributing to this developing disaster is unconscionable for NB Power and New Brunswick in general.

In terms of particulate and noxious gas emissions – these are demonstrated to worsen cardiopulmonary conditions and represent an immediate threat to the citizens of Tantramar and beyond.

The Gas Plant is being promoted as an interim, “greener” option than continuing to burn fossil fuels at the present rate. However, committing to burning natural gas and diesel for

decades, moves away from Canada's stated goals of reducing the production of greenhouse gases. It is farcical to promote a fossil fuel burning facility as somehow "green".

The gas plant will need fuel. That raises the spectre of using natural gas supplied via fracking, another harmful procedure with its own host of environmental problems.

The Gas Plant is being promoted as a means of supplying electricity solely at peak usage times and when the wind and sun fail. However, we feel this is a slippery slope – one would almost expect the Gas Plant, when built, to come online for more than just this – why would NB Power leave it idling when baseline power requirements are growing ever higher and higher?

The Gas Plant is touted as an economical source of electricity, but this ignores the present reality of fossil fuels being more expensive during global conflict and the clear downwards trend of costs related to provably sustainable electricity sources such as wind and solar. With ongoing research and development, the costs of renewable technologies are expected to drop even further.

It seems beyond comprehension that a plant of this nature is contemplated, and further ironic that recent news has also suggested the possibility of a gigantic solar energy farm in the same area.

We would like to go on record as advocating that the Tantramar Gas Plant project be terminated, and that NB Power and the Government of New Brunswick do their homework and promote sustainable options for power generation in this province.

Urgently and sincerely submitted,

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