

TOWN OF BRIDGETOWN - POLICY #10

RECREATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN

The following "Statement of Policy" be adopted by Council and incorporated in the minutes as follows:

Statement of Policy re the Recreational Property owned by the Town of Bridgetown situate on the West side of Chipman Avenue, in the Town of Bridgetown

The land in question was deeded by Walter W. Chipman to the Town of Bridgetown on January 6th, 1947 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Annapolis on January 10th, 1947 in Book 206 at Page 286.

The Deed of conveyance restricted the use to which the land could be put as a result of the inclusion in the Deed of words "in trust for use as a Tennis and/or Quoit Club forever."

At the time of the Deed of Conveyance, the land in question was probably still used for quoits and tennis. These activities ceased either about the time of the conveyance or shortly thereafter. A few years later, the Bridgetown Lawn Bowling club commenced to use the land for lawn bowling. Lawn bowling then faded somewhat as a sporting activity in the Town. However, in the late 1960's, lawn bowling revived as a sporting activity and the Bridgetown Lawn Bowling Club has achieved remarkable success both Provincially and nationally. The Club membership has increased appreciably and a considerable amount of money has been expended on the greens and clubhouse situate on the lands. Most of the property is used for this activity.

The restriction contained in the Deed came to light very recently. The Town Council, being conscious of its obligations regarding the restriction contained in the Deed, requested the Town Solicitor to make application to the Court in the hope and expectation of obtaining a Court Order which might allow or permit more varied or a wider number of recreational activities on the property in question. The Town Solicitor has advised the Town that the chances of obtaining such an Order were minimal at the best and he advised against making this approach to the Courts.

New tennis courts have recently been donated to the Town and constructed on land situate near the High School on Granville Street East.

Quoits as a recreational activity has ceased to exist. It ceased to exist as a recreational activity in the late 1940's or early 1950's. It should be added at this point that the Town Council did not become aware of the restrictive use to which the land could be put until the latter part of 1977.

This Council after considering all the circumstances has decided to permit the Bridgetown Lawn Bowling Club to use this Land or Property in question for Lawn Bowling. /2

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The Town Council, with reluctance, because of the restriction contained in the Deed, nevertheless strongly urges that all future Councils of this Town, continue to allow and permit the Lawn Bowling Club to use the land in question for lawn bowling so long as such activity shall remain strong and organized.

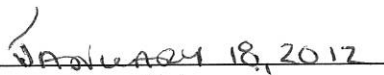
The Council further recommends to all subsequent Councils that they shall make available a portion or portions of park lands now owned or which in the future may be owned by the Town, to any group of citizens of this Town who may be interested in playing the game of quoits and who are prepared to organize a Club for this purpose and to install quoit beds for the enjoyment of this recreational activity.

**APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ON SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1978.**

RECONFIRMED BY TOWN COUNCIL AT REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 18,
2012.



Darrell Hiltz
Chief Administrative Officer



Date