

A community ice rink for Salt Spring Island.

A presentation to the LCC by Jesse Giddings

WHO WE ARE

Neighbors building what the island has been missing.

The Salt Spring Island Healthy Living Society is a registered nonprofit with one purpose — helping islanders get active, stay connected, and build a healthier community together.

We've been working on bringing a rink to Salt Spring for over a year. We started by exploring a full-size traditional facility — built a team, opened conversations with the BC Sport Fund, and did the homework on what it would take. So when this opportunity came across our desk a few months ago, we weren't starting from zero.

We had the team, the legal structure, and the relationships ready to move on it quickly.

ADVISOR & CO-CHAIR

Luc Robitaille

President, Los Angeles Kings
Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee
Co-Chair, SSIHL

*With personal ties to Salt Spring and a real
commitment to seeing this happen.*

THE OPPORTUNITY

A \$175,000 rink. Zero cost to the island.



Fully funded. Gently used. Ready to ship.

The Victoria Hockey Legacy Society purchased this premium 80' x 40' CAN-ICE rink for ~\$175,000 and used it for events including Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada. KidSport Greater Victoria connected us, an anonymous donor is covering the \$100,000 acquisition, and KSGV is covering ~\$10,000 in transport and setup. Salt Spring's cost to acquire: zero.

SIZE

80' × 40'

Full-size recreational surface

MANUFACTURER

CAN-ICE

Canada's premier synthetic ice

LIFESPAN

~10 yrs

Built for long-term community use

INSTALLATION

1 day

Sets up in roughly seven hours

WHAT IT BECOMES

Something for everyone on the island.

■ *Youth & after-school*

Kids and teens — especially Friday and Saturday evenings, when the island has the least to offer them.

■ *Family open skate*

Affordable drop-in sessions, skate rentals included. No equipment required.

■ *Learn-to-skate*

Beginner-friendly sessions for adults and seniors getting on the ice for the first time.

■ *School & community*

School programs, holiday skates, charity nights — a venue the whole island can activate.



The actual rink in use — Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada, Victoria.



And here's the unlock: the rink sets up in seven hours. It's modular. Imagine relocating it to Centennial Park each winter — a gathering point in the heart of the village.

THE TECHNOLOGY

Nothing like the plastic of the past.

This is the official synthetic surface of the NHL.

Sidney Crosby has one at his home. NHL players who've used CAN-ICE report **85% skating response** and **95–100% puck response** versus fresh ice. It doesn't dull skate blades any faster than real ice. And it skips everything that makes a refrigerated rink impossible here:

- ✓ No refrigeration. No utility overhead.
- ✓ No microplastic shedding. No zamboni.
- ✓ Tiles are double-sided — flip after ~10 yrs for a fresh decade.
- ✓ Sets up in seven hours with a rubber mallet.
- ✓ Maintenance: keep it clean, squeegee water after rain.



SEE IT IN MOTION

Scan for video of the actual rink in use.

Currently in storage at Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre, Victoria.



THE NUMBERS

Self-sustaining from day one.

Modeled against comparable rinks across Canada.

PROPOSED PRICING (CAD)

All prices include skate rental and helmet. 30–50% below comparable Vancouver-area rinks.

Open Skate — Adult	\$7
Open Skate — Child (under 12)	\$5
Family Pass (2 adults + children)	\$20
After-School Program (8 weeks)	\$60–80
Season Pass — Individual	\$75
Season Pass — Family	\$150
Private Rental (1 hour)	\$75–125
Birthday Party (2 hours)	\$150–250
KidSport-Subsidized Skate	Free

YEAR-ONE REVENUE

\$41K – \$102K

from 7+ diversified revenue streams

ROOM TO REINVEST

\$17K – \$58K

over operating costs — funds free skates and community programs.

No capital cost to recover. No ongoing CRD funding required. Every dollar above costs goes back into the community.

THE ASK

What we're asking the LCC to do.



Time-sensitive opportunity. The rink is currently parked in Victoria awaiting a permanent home. The donor and host organization have asked for a commitment from Salt Spring Island as soon as possible — ideally within the next month.

1

Signal interest

Confirm the LCC supports exploring this opportunity, and refer the project to Dan Ovington for formal evaluation.

2

Site analysis

Dan's team reviews available CRD properties on Salt Spring Island to identify the best fit for size, access, and community use.

3

Operational structure

Determine the right operating model — through SSIHL, the CRD, or a partnership — and develop the necessary agreements.

SSIHL is prepared to operate the rink at no ongoing cost to the CRD — funded through programming, sponsorship, and grants. We've already built the operational model.

LET'S DO THIS

Let's bring ice to Salt Spring Island

This is a rare, fully-funded opportunity that asks nothing of the CRD or LCC to acquire — only your support to explore it. Together, we can give Salt Spring Island what every community deserves.