

Mayor David Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

Request for the addition of a batting cage at the Robbs Complex, Amherst

Mayor Kogon;

Today I am writing to request that Amherst Town Council consider the installation of a much-needed batting cage at the Robb Complex in the town of Amherst.

Amherst youth have taken to the baseball diamonds for generations and today over 150 youth participate in baseball in Amherst during the summer. Unfortunately, the lack of adequate facilities to practice batting is keeping them from reaching their full potential. The installation of a batting cage at the Robbs Baseball Complex would even the baseball playing field between Amherst youth and the rest of the province.

You would be hard pressed to find a top batter in the MLB that hasn't spent a considerable amount of time practicing in a batting cage. In fact, utilizing a batting cage is one of the quickest ways to develop the skills needed to become a successful batter. In a batting cage the batter has the opportunity to stand in the box as long as necessary to improve their form and perfect their swinging technique.

I have coached baseball for 10 years from little league, Bantam, Midget and AAA. The last 2 years have been with intermediate baseball in Truro. I am a baseball lifer and it would bring me great pleasure to bring intermediate ball back to my home town of Amherst, which I plan to do. However in order to do so, a batting cage is required in order to allow for the players to refine their batting technique. Without a cage, intermediate baseball cannot be brought to Amherst.

Having an intermediate team in Amherst not only keeps your players local but also brings other teams to your home. This is great news. Sport tourism; even on a small scale, can give Amherst a great economic boost. This means buying and spending money at the local hotels, restaurants and grocery stores.

The new addition of the much-needed batting cage would not only be a major benefit for the intermediate level but all levels right down to little league. Attached is a list of signatures of coaches and league representatives in support of this much needed new addition to not only the baseball field but also the town of Amherst.

Baseball has been bred into Amherst society by previous generations. To play baseball in Amherst is to be part of a deep and rich history. A history that has produced so many Amherst baseball accomplishments since the Robbs Complex has opened in 1989. It would bring great pleasure to be able to add to the growth of this for the town and in years to come for the level of baseball Amherst is to uphold.

Baseball is and can be much more than just baseball. It can be a much needed escape or a hobby at times for some.

When you strike out, it means that you get back out there and try again. The pitcher may have won the battle, but the war goes on.

When you make a fielding error, you always have a chance to redeem yourself, much like out side the game.

This is what it means to play ball in Amherst.

The potential addition of the batting cage facility would be presented to the youth who are members in our organization and we plan to present information to the schools in the town as soon as the project is approved. Since taking care of our youth in our town of Amherst is top priority we urge you to take prompt action regarding our request. It is a must for the intermediate Amherst baseball. Not only being a major asset to bring Amherst back to the next level of competitive baseball, but it is essential for the beneficial growth of our youth and town of Amherst.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely;

William Jobes;

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Amherst Intermediate Baseball  
Head Coach

Darren Collins;

X



Amherst Regional High School Baseball  
Head Coach

Andrew Skinner;

X



Amherst Bantam Baseball  
Head Coach

Jeff Hoeg;

X



Amherst Midget Baseball  
Head Coach

Darrell Cole;

X



Amherst Little League Baseball  
President