

## Curling

The Beaver Valley Curling Club (Thornbury) Inc. is a group of local people which has been working on plans for a local curling club since 2007. Many of the group were also involved with the building of the Community Centre Hall and the Arena in the mid 80's and early 90's.

The group has appeared before council several times previously but based on the 2014 Beaver Valley Rocks event success the group needed to make a new request to council for a \$2,000,000.00 grant and a \$1,000,000.00 loan for the project in addition to council's previous commitment to land and services. Initially we thought that there would be grants available to help with our project as there had been previously.

The group has based the request on the designed plans for a four sheet facility which would be at the corner of Alma and Alfred Streets.

The recent Beaver Valley Rocks event would indicate that the group is capable of operating such a facility. The response from the community would indicate that there are volunteers willing to be involved and that there is an interest in the community for a curling facility by people of all ages – public school students to senior citizens.

The demographics of the community indicate that there is a growing number of people who would take advantage of such a facility in the community. The response from the Beaver Valley Rocks event indicated that people would curl if the facility was here but they did not want to travel to Meaford or Collingwood. The Club has an approved constitution and bylaws and an executive in place. And there is a membership of 40 people interested without having done a membership drive.

The 2006 Leisure Study Plan did suggest that there is a need for an indoor recreation facility. This is the only suggestion that has come forward for such a facility since the Multi Use Facility Feasibility Study was put forth. The Multi Use Facility Study was received by Council in 2008. Such a facility would offer many non-curling season opportunities for recreation and leisure use.

The planned ice making system would also provide a source of heat for the existing community centre.

We now know that Beaver Valley Rocks event has determined that there is a need and a desire for a curling rink. What is needed now is a monetary "kick-start".

What we are asking is for a \$2,000,00.00 grant and a \$1,000,000.00 loan payable over 25 years.

Therefore we are requesting a motion from council directing staff to work with the group to develop a financial strategy for future council's consideration in the 2015 budget process.