Lots of diners for Canada Day supper

 The North Dufferin Recreation Centre's Canada Day fundraising ?boot sale? fizzled Monday morning, but Honeywood United Church ladies had a successful strawberry supper later in the day.

Mulmur Township councillor Heather Hayes, who organized the boot sale along with other members of the arena board, said only a few showed for the sale, and those were mostly board members.

It might have been a disappointment for the board as the proceeds from the lease of spaces for vendors would have been used for a number of ambitious improvements to the 48-year-old community-financed area but the members will continue their efforts.

Ms. Hayes didn't say it, but Canada Day might not have been ideal for what would have been a giant yard sale from the trunks (British boots) of vehicles. There was a lot happening that day.

The annual beef barbecue event, a major fundraiser that virtually packs the tables on the ice surface year after year, is set for July 27.

Mary Lynne Armstrong of the United Church ladies said in a phone interview that about 50 volunteers fed at least 400 people the strawberry supper at 5 p.m. Monday.

The turnout for the supper would have been no surprise for anyone who knows how the women of the area know how to cook and bake, and how the people generally love to eat well.

And, apparently, they enjoy serving the good food they have prepared. Ms. Armstrong said it's not just the ladies who do the work for the annual strawberry event. ?Some of the men come along to help.? She said it appears there are more workers at the supper than there are worshippers at the regular Sunday church services.

Similarly, if you look closely at the beef barbecue servers on July 27, you'll see just about all the municipal council members from Melancthon and Mulmur, and you'll notice that the people dishing out the beef, potatoes and veggies as well as those making sure the displays of pies and cakes are kept full, keep rotating a bit to keep everything moving well.

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