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Community run rink gets Council?s full support

A delegation proposing a community ice pad in the KTH Park received the full support of Council October 20th. The delegation presented by Shelburne resident Tony Quesnelle came from discussions he had with Andrew Kirkham to create and maintain the surface.

Kirkham and Quesnelle plan on approaching the Shelburne and District Fire Department (SDFD) to inquire if they can use one of the fire trucks to assist in the mammoth task of flooding of the surface. Both men are active members of SDFD. They are proposing the ice pad be located at the end of Homestead Drive in the ball diamond area.

Deputy Mayor Ken Bennington said, ?Council should embrace community spirit?if it is well supported we can look at throwing some money at it.?

Councillor Cavey said she loved ?grass roots spirit? and that her only concern would be any liability issues.

Councillor Benotto suggested night time lighting be looked into for safety reasons.

Councillor Dunlop called the notion a ?great idea? and said Council's only question should be ?how can we help??

Quesnelle replied that extending Town ?ploughing to clear a path to make it more accessible for children would be helpful.?

Mayor Crewson assured Quesnelle that Council would work with him on his ?generous plan.? John van Teunenbroek of No Frills grocery store in Shelburne was in the gallery to receive a Community Excellence Award Monday night; he received a heartfelt handshake from Quesnelle when he pledged to donate a snow blower to help maintain the new community run rink.

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